

Crimea Campaign Shield Unknown Maker

Description

The Crimea Arm Shield was the 3rd Campaign Shield to be instituted by Adolf Hitler on 25th July 1942. It was awarded to all members of the armed forces who between 21st September 1941 – 4th July 1942, were honourably engaged in the fighting in the Crimea either on land, or in the air, or at sea. To qualify, a member of the military had to serve honourably for 3 months in the area (time adjusted if wounded). Members of the HEER, LUFTWAFFE and KRIEGSMARINE were all entitled to the shield. The difference in branches was indicated by the different colors of cloth backing material on the shield.



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Details (measurements indicate the metal front portion only)

Height	61.5 mm	Weight	22.6 gr
Width	52.4 mm	Material	Steel

Remarks

The Crimea shield (Bronze Version) was awarded by the area commander Field Marshall von Manstein. Von Manstein himself wore a GOLD version presented by Hitler himself. Another Gold shield was presented to Marshall Antonescu in Bucharest on 3rd July 1943.

