

## Demjansk Campaign Shield Unknown Maker

### Description

The Demjansk Arm Shield was the 4<sup>th</sup> Campaign Shield to be instituted by Adolf Hitler on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1943. Awards were made to approximately 100,000 personnel of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Army Corps who honourably took part in the 14-month (8<sup>th</sup> February 1942 – 21<sup>st</sup> April 1943) defence of the small Russian town of Demjansk. To qualify, a member of the military had to serve honourably for 60 days in the area (time adjusted if wounded) or make 50 flights over the area during the course of combat or resupply missions. The Award was terminated on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1944.



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### Details (measurements indicate the metal front portion only)

Height	92.7 mm	Weight	29.0 gr
Width	50.5 mm	Material	Steel

### Remarks

This Demjansk Shield is probably best known for 4 distinctive characteristics. The “smeared” looking Swastika, the die flaw over the “9”, the missing log and the backing paper with the 4 holes. Most unusual are the holes in the backing paper. It almost appears it is attached upside down with respect to the mounting tabs sticking through the cloth. This is normal and a good indicator of a period shield.

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