



1783 Marechaussée (constabulary) Saber, Royal Manufacture Of Klingenthal

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Signature : Manufacture Royale du Klingenthal

Period : 18th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Other

Length : 115 cm avec fourreau 101.5 cm sans fourreau



Description

This sabre is the 1783 regulatory model for the constabulary, troop version. Its particularity is to have been manufactured by the Manufacture Royale de Klingenthal, which stopped supplying the constabulary from 1790. It is therefore an early model, as confirmed by the marking on the back of the blade. And it is therefore not a manufacture of the revolutionary period. Very few of these sabres of the first models have kept their original scabbard, they have most often been provided with replacement scabbards. This is also the case for this weapon, which is equipped with a posterior scabbard, slightly longer than the blade. **BLADE:** this is the blade identical to that of the 1767 model. After a very short ricasso, it continues in a straight line to the point, which is an extension of the back. On the flat back, we can

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read, with some difficulty, because it is partly
erased: "Mfture Rale du Klingenthal Juin 1787"
for "Manufacture Royale du Klingenthal, Juin
1787". It is very difficult for me to photograph
this partly erased inscription, which is better seen
in reality than on the photo...Near the ricasso we
find the classic control and inspection punches:
The B of François Joseph BISCH, 1st class
controller from July 1783, easily recognizable.
Next to it, partly erased by wear, a punch which
is probably (?) the crowned K of Lefevre de
Givry, inspector from 1784 to 1787. Blade length
85 cm, width at the ricasso = 3 cm, thickness at
the ricasso 9.5 mm. MOUNTING: it is a palmette
shell guard, with a knuckle bow which is inserted
under the cap, and two secondary branches which
go from the palmette to the knuckle bow. A small
quillon in a flattened drop finishes the guard. The
cap has a short tail, it is topped with a sort of
almond-shaped "water drop" on which the tang of
the blade is riveted. This type of mounting was
supposed to make it possible to disassemble the
blade without damaging the cap (in particular to
repair the wire binding). The grip is made of
wood covered with large twisted wire binding, in
very good condition, without any loss or
breakage. SCABBARD: it is as reported before,
longer than the blade, and like the majority of
scabbards found on these weapons, it has 3 brass
fittings, which on this example are mounted on a
wooden base covered with sewn leather. The
mouth piece and the intermediate piece wear
suspension rings, and the chape ends with an
iron button, as on certain scabbards of officer's
sabers with battle guards. This saber is a
must-have in French armament, it was long worn
by the Maréchaussée, especially during the
Restoration. Shipping costs France 20EUR, Europe
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