



Silver Plate From The Campaign Service Of Emperor Napoleon I



13 000 EUR

Signature : Martin-Guillaume Biennais (1764-1843)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Diameter : 20,8 cm

Description

TAKEN FROM THE IMPERIAL BERLINE AT WATERLOO (1815) Silver plate, round in shape, with a slightly raised rim, engraved with the Imperial Arms. On the reverse: Biennais bar, no. 67 and three hallmarks (see photo): Rooster 1st standard, Paris 1809-1819 Medium guarantee hallmark, Paris 1809-1819 Goldsmith's mark with the monkey of Martin-Guillaume Biennais
Historical: The 4th Prussian Cavalry Corps, commanded by Prince William of Prussia, included the 2nd Brigade of Major General von Sydow, itself integrated into the 8th Prussian Hussar Regiment, engaged in the pursuit launched on the evening of June 18, 1815. A casket containing silver tableware was discovered under the seat of the Emperor's carriage; It was broken open with an axe, and its contents divided

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as war booty. Martin-Guillaume Biennais
(1764-1843): Established at 283 rue Saint-Honoré
in Paris, under the sign "Au Singe Violet"
(1790-1819). In 1804, he created the insignia for
Napoleon's coronation, then supplied the
silverware to the Emperor's household, signing:
"Goldsmith to His Majesty the Emperor and King
in Paris." He notably produced simple silver or
vermeil plates for the Emperor's personal use on
campaign. Related works: A comparable plate is
held at the Musée Napoléon Ier in Fontainebleau,
a gift from the King of the Netherlands to
Napoleon III (inv. 132.70). Compare with: Rare
silver field service plate, Lot 63 - Osenat,
Jean-Louis Noisiez Collection - L'Empire à
Fontainebleau, sale of November 19.