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Cavalry Officer's Sword 1728 Spain For Left-handed Use, Very Good Condition.



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Parfait état

Length : 101 cm

Description

This cavalry sword is in exceptional condition. It is the so-called 1728 model, named after the royal decree of July 12, 1728. It is an officer's model, as the blade does not bear the royal mark. These swords would later be called "boca de caballo" (horse's mouth) because of their asymmetrical double-shell guard. A distinctive feature of this sword is that the larger shell is reversed compared to the regulation hilt, indicating use by a left-handed officer. The blade of our examplar differs slightly from the standard enlisted model; it has a more elegant profile, but it still features the central fuller on the first third and the six facets of the enlisted model. BLADE : After a very short ricasso, it has a six-faceted cross-section all the way to the point. On each side, there is a central fuller on the first 29 cm.

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There is no arsenal mark or hallmark, as this was a private commission from a swordsmith. Blade length = 83.3 cm, Width at the ricasso = 2.9 cm, Thickness at the ricasso = 7 mm. GUARD : This is the classic "boca de caballo" (horse mouth) with two large shell guards. As noted, the arrangement of the shell guards indicates a left-handed weapon. The quillons are straight, which is less common than counter-curved quillons, but not exceptional. The two large finger rings, or "donkey's foot" (or "arms"), join the shell guards to which they are attached by four screws. The knuckle bow ends near the pommel without being attached to it. POMMEL : It is in the shape of a flattened sphere, with a central groove. The tang of the blade ends flush with the pommel; it is impossible to determine whether it is riveted or screwed in place. GRIP : it is covered in twisted iron wire binding and reinforced with four bars that join the two ferrules, in accordance with the feature of the royal decree. In conclusion, this cavalry sword is a rare model, being for a left-handed sword, and is in remarkable condition that will satisfy even the most demanding collectors. Ref A-21-28 Shipping costs: France EUR30, Europe EUR40