



## 1914-1918, Remembering The Battle Of The Pacific



470 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

### Description

Visible in Paris. Free in Paris and its suburbs. Delivery for France 15 EUR. Contact me for Europe the world. Section of socketed submarine telegraph cable from the Fanning Island Fanning island telegraph station in the central Pacific. Steel sheath, gutta-percha, copper wire Bakelite and brass base Dimensions with base : 18 (L) x 9 (W) x 13 (H) cm Condition report: very good used condition, oxidation due to prolonged immersion. the gutta-percha having dried, the coils making up the steel sheath are mobile The island of Fanning, now Tabuaeran, was annexed by Britain Great Britain in 1888. The British communications company Cable and Wireless built a relay station for its submarine telegraph cable on the island. The station was part of the "All Red Line" linking Australia,

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New Zealand and Canada to Great Britain. At the outbreak of the First World War in August 1914, the German East Asia Squadron, commanded by Vice-Admiral Maximilian von Spee, even Spee, left its base in Tsingtao, China. His intention was to transport ships to South America, where the British merchant marine could be easily attacked. Crossing the Pacific on September 6, Von Spee detached the light cruiser SMS Nürnberg (spelled Nurnburg on the base of the object) to investigate the British installation at Fanning and destroy the telegraph station. On the morning of September 7, 1914, the German cruiser approaches Fanning under the French flag. Noticing the French flag, the crew hoist a British flag on the mast. Just as the staff noticed the deception, German soldiers have already landed on the island. The Germans have severely damaged the cable station, rendering it unusable, and cut the island's underwater communication. They also destroyed spare parts and instruments. The engine was completely destroyed by small arms fire and explosives. Documents and a cache of guns and ammunition were confiscated. The mast was also shot down. The islanders remarked on the professionalism and courtesy of the German force.