



Carabinier Other Ranks Helmet And Cuirass Set, Model 1854, France, Second Empire, 1860.



7 600 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Brass

Width : 38 cm la cuisasse - 19 cm le casque

Height : 45 cm la cuirasse - 35 cm le casque

Depth : 30 cm la cuirasse - 28 cm le casque

Description

Set consisting of a troop carabiners helmet and cuirass. The cuirass, including breastplate and bib, bears the number "38" as well as the markings: "Mre Impale de Châtellerault - Juin 1860 - 1re taille, 1re largeur n° 428" on both the front and back, corresponding to Manufacture Impériale de Châtellerault. The helmet is marked "Delachaussée" and numbered "1350". Very fine, rare set, preserved with its matching numbered cuirass.

The Carabiniers: Their origins date back to the middle of the xvie century, when they were formed to be elite units of the light cavalry, armed with carbines. They then progressed to semi-autonomous status during the xviiiie century. They did not become independent units until 1788, when two carabinieri regiments were established. From the wars of the Revolution

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onwards, they became the elite heavy cavalry regiments of the French army, making their mark during the wars of the First and Second Empire, before being disbanded in 1871 after the fall of the latter..