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Uniform Of An Ordinance Officer Of Emperor Napoleon III, Second Empire.



25 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Description

NAPOLEON III OFFICER'S ORDONNANCE
UNIFORM, Second Empire. 33757BICORNE
HAT in black (flammand) felt, accentuated by a
wide black scalloped braid with a woven crest of
oak branches intertwined with a fruity branch.
Braid width 7 cm. Curled black ostrich feather
sewn inside the two upper edges. Gimp consisting
of three cords formed by large silver bouillon
loops doubling around a half-bell silver uniform
button with a crowned imperial eagle. Tri-color
passementerie cockade measuring 8 cm in
diameter. Inner band in ochre calf leather. Interior
cap in gold ivory silk with "E. BIDAL / 3. Rue
Richelieu / PARIS" stamp. Complete with two
mother-of-pearl buttons for the chinstrap. Hat
length 44 cm, width approximately 17 cm, height
at the front without feathers 10 cm, height at the

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back 13 cm. Good condition, usual oxidation on the gimp, some iron holes on the inner band. FROCK COAT in dark royal blue wool, closing straight at the front with nine buttonholes with half-bell silver buttons featuring a crowned imperial eagle. Collar (3 cm high) embroidered with an oak leaf motif bordered by a scalloped braid of silver threads, cannetilles, and sequins, black velvet lining. Two rows of loops for uniform decorations as well as seventeen straps for decoration clasps. Pointed cuffs in uniform fabric similarly embroidered as the collar; each cuff is adorned with a small uniform button (height of cuffs at the tip 12 cm, at the edges 5 cm). Waist knot similarly embroidered to the collar, adorned with four large uniform buttons. Tailcoat tails embroidered with a crowned imperial eagle holding Jupiter's lightning bolt in its claws made of silver threads, cannetilles, sequins, silver lamé, and scarlet silk threads (height of eagles 7.5 cm, width 4.5 cm). Shoulder loops in embroidered silver uniform fabric. Black silk inner lining with manufacturer's label in black silk woven in gold with the imperial arms bearing the inscription "REGIMENT DES GUIDES / PAULE / TAILOR TO H. IMPERIAL MAJESTY / AND HIS MILITARY HOUSE". Green waxed leather waistbelt with double hook and brass clasp. Ivory silk sleeve lining. Good condition, moth holes and damage to collar embroidery. PAIR OF EPAULETTES entirely embroidered in silver threads, cannetilles, and sequins with flexible fringed cords known as "puits cords", lined with dark royal blue velvet. AIGUILLETES in silver passementerie with royal blue fabric loops and silver aiguillettes to the General Staff model. Good condition, velvet on the epaulettes sun-damaged to sky blue, usual oxidation on the aiguillettes. STRAIGHT TROUSERS in scarlet wool, with black piping on each leg side framed by two 2 cm wide silver braid trimmings woven in a stick pattern. Trousers close at the front with five buttonholes featuring brass buttons marked "PAULE

TAILOR TO THE GUIDES PARIS". Waistband adorned with six buttons for suspenders and at the back, a martingale strap with a brass buckle. Black patent leather and scarlet wool undersides. Leg length from the waist approximately 1.17 m, inseam 83 cm, waist circumference approximately 92 cm. Good condition, some stains, minor damage, one undersole torn but complete, some moth damage and wear. SWORD BELT in black waxed leather, 3 cm wide, with round silver buckles decorated with the uncrowned imperial eagle connected by an S-shaped hook. Buckle diameter 3.5 cm. Good condition with some wear. REGULATION UNIFORM SWORD. Silver-plated brass hilt. Single-bar hilt featuring foliage. Double inverted quillon with oak and acanthus leaf motifs. Rings. Oval medallion on the hilt. Oval pommel adorned with an "N" on each face on a sandblasted background, topped with the imperial crown. Wooden handle fully filigreed in silver. Ferrules decorated with flowers. Blade with acid-etched triangular white pattern of scrolls and floral design, signed at the tang "Coulaux et Cie Klingenthal", length 76.7 cm. Black patent leather scabbard with two silver-plated brass fittings with scalloped edges engraved with foliage. Scabbard tip with silver-plated brass chape with oval medallion button for wearing on the belt. Scabbard tip with silver-plated brass drag. Good condition, scabbard fittings with abrasions and flaking leather varnish. PAIR OF BLACK LEATHER BOOTS closing on top with black lacquered iron half-bell buttons. Complete with metal spurs. Foot length 29.5 cm. Good condition, original soles, heels resoled. France. Second Empire.