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Ring Of The Deutsches Afrikakorps (dak)



1 950 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Description

Germany or North Africa, circa 1941-1943
900/1000 silver with niello and gold inlay
A rare and remarkable historical signet ring attributable to a member of the Deutsches Afrikakorps (DAK), crafted from hallmarked 900/1000 silver and adorned with a thick, finely engraved gold appliqué. The main face consists of a chiseled rectangular cartouche containing an oval medallion depicting a stylized view of North Africa: a palm tree towering over a mosque with a minaret on the edge of an oasis, all set against a radiating background of remarkable finesse. The quality of the niello work, still perfectly legible, highlights this Orientalist scene emblematic of the African campaign. The sides of the ring feature particularly elaborate decoration. One is adorned with a camel, while the other bears a

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palm tree accompanied by the inscription "DAK 1941," integrated into a niello composition of a quality rarely seen. The piece as a whole is a testament to jewelry craftsmanship of the very highest caliber, far superior to typical models of this type. The 900 hallmark stamped on the inside of the band confirms the use of high-quality silver. The gold inlay, of unusual thickness, gives this signet ring remarkable depth and presence. The ring features a uniform antique patina as well as slight signs of wear that are entirely consistent with prolonged use. The moderate wear on the edges and the excellent condition of the niello decoration further reinforce its authenticity and historical significance. The signet rings of the Deutsches Afrikakorps were not official decorations, but pieces of jewelry acquired privately by soldiers serving in the African campaign. Each piece is the result of artisanal craftsmanship, which explains the many variations known today. Thanks to the exceptional quality of its craftsmanship, the richness of its iconography, its solid gold inlay, the finesse of its niello work, and its remarkable state of preservation, this piece ranks among the finest examples of Deutsches Afrikakorps signet rings currently documented on the international market.

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Germany or North Africa, circa 1941-1943o
Hallmarked 900/1000 silvero Engraved gold
inlayo Niello decorationo Inner diameter: 18.5
mmo Outer diameter: 22 mmFrench / European
size: 58US size: 8½UK size: Qo Face: 16.5 × 12
mmo Weight: 14.5 go In very good
conditionSuggested retail price1,950 EUR