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Pair Of Navy Officer's Pistols



3 500 EUR

Signature : BALDINGER à Rouen

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Bronze

Description

A typical pair of naval officer's pistols from the Consulate/First Empire period. Double-fluted bronze barrels, with square flutes at the muzzle tapering toround flutes, reinforced with a ridge at the muzzle. Steel breech block. They are pinned together. Round brass lock frames. One signed Baldinger, the other in Rouen. Swan-neck hammers, firing mechanisms, and firing springs made of steel. Brass flash guard. Long-barreled mountings made oflight walnut. Brass cap, trigger guard, and cleaning rod loops. Cleaning rods made of steel, one serves as a bullet extractor, the other as a cleaning rod. This pair is typical of the period. It is in perfect condition, with a beautiful patina. A touching detail: the owner engraved his name on the stock of both weapons: "Morris." For the record, naval officers preferred bronze in the

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manufacture of their firearms for obvious reasons of corrosion protection. Baldinger: mentioned as an active arquebusier in Rouen in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.