



18th-century Soldier Cards



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Paper

Description

Set of miniature soldiers made of cut-out paper, painted in polychrome with traces of gilding, circa 1750-1780. These soldiers are cut from playing cards from a tarot deck. Painted on both sides. This is likely a piece created by a soldier in the king's service, either while garrisoned or on campaign, as a pastime and intended for his children. It is common to find objects made in this way, including items from the trenches of World War I. However, 18th-century figurines are extremely rare. It includes: - 22 infantrymen (Height: 7 cm); - 3 cavalrymen (Height: 7.5 cm); - a peasant scene in front of a house (Height: 6 cm - Width: 10.5 cm). Some missing pieces and creases. This is a moving and truly exceptional testament to the history of 18th-century French toys.

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