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Shell Fragment Letter Opener - "fort De Loncin 1914" - Trench Art



200 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Wrought iron

Length : 30 cm

Description

A unique letter opener combining a handle made from a shell fragment with a finely decorated metal blade, bearing the engraved inscription "Fort de Loncin 1914". The contrast between the jagged material of the handle and the delicacy of the floral decoration gives this commemorative piece a distinctive presence.The handle retains the jagged contours and rough surface of the fragment, with a dark brown patina and traces of oxidation. A small metal ferrule, adorned with a checkered panel, forms the transition to the blade.Wide and slightly curved, the blade features a design of scrolls, foliage, flowers, and volutes on both sides. Its scalloped tip features a semicircular notch and ends in a small scroll. The inscription "Fort de Loncin 1914" is set within this ornamental composition.The combination of

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a fragment of war material and a decorative everyday object gives this letter opener its distinctive character. The meticulous craftsmanship of the blade contrasts with the raw appearance of the handle, whose tears and irregularities have been preserved.Period: World War I.Engraved inscription: "Fort de Loncin 1914."Materials: ferrous metal shell fragment and decorated metal blade.Total length: 30 cm.Condition: signs of age and use, oxidation, and pitting, particularly pronounced on the handle. Scratches, darkened areas, and wear on the decoration and inscription on the blade. Cracks and irregular edges on the shell fragment. See the photographs for details on the condition.