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Royal - King's Cuirassiers - Light Cavalry - General Field Marshal - Montigny - 1772



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Signature : Claude-Antoine Littret de Montigny (1735-1775)

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Paper

Length : 15,5 cm

Width : 8,5 cm

Description

Claude-Antoine Littret de Montigny (1735-1775) drew and engraved these engravings, which were colored and highlighted with gouache at the time, from the book *Military Uniforms*, which features intaglio engravings of the uniforms of the Maison du Roy, all the regiments of France, the flags, standards, and pennants, along with the dates of their creation and various drill formations for both the cavalry and the infantry, Paris, 8vo, 1772.- Cuirassiers du Roy in 1666 (Plate No. 125)- Chevaux-Léger in 1695 (Plate No. 8)- Mestre de Camp Général in 1674 (Plate No. 154)In 1666, the King's Cuirassiers Regiment (which would later become the 8th Cuirassier Regiment) spent its very first years of existence under the reign of Louis XIV. Created just one year earlier, on March 24, 1665, from the

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Baltazar Cavalry Regiment, it possessed characteristics unique among the French cavalry of the time.Under the Ancien Régime, the cavalry gradually abandoned heavy armor in favor of lighter protection. However, Louis XIV decided to retain one fully armored unit: The only armored regiment: In 1666, the King's Cuirassiers Regiment was the one and only cavalry regiment in the French army to wear a full cuirass (front and back plates).The tactical role: Classified as "heavy cavalry," it was designed as a shock force intended to break through enemy lines during major battles.Command: The king himself served as its light cavalryman and owner, delegating operational command to a mestre de camp-lieutenant.Size: 15.5 cm x 8.5 cm