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**THE FIRST REGIMENT OF
FOOT 1660 - THREE HAND
COLOURED MILITARY
ENGRAVINGS BY THOMAS
KIRK AFTER EDWARD DAYES,
LONDON, 1792**

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1203487****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 46 cm (18.1")

Width = 49 cm (19.3")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

Three very rare, beautifully finished coloured plates from a series of nine military mezzotint/etchings showing the dress of the Foot Guards and the first nine regiments of foot with two figures on each plate. Published in London by Captain Hewgill of the Coldstream Guards and sold by John & Josiah Boydell. 1792-3, after a drawings by Edward Dayes. Nevill considers these to be "the most attractive representations of English uniforms ever executed" (page XXXI). The regiment was raised at Bruges in 1656 by King Charles II whilst he was in exile in Belgium. The King, allied to the Spanish, was short of funds and so only five regiments were raised, the most loyal supporters formed 'the Royal Regiment of Guards'. Upon his restoration to England the King raised another Regiment of Foot Guards, namely the King's Regiment of Guards, for his protection. On the death of Thomas, Lord Wentworth in 1665, these two Regiments were joined to form the First Regiment of Foot Guards. this title remained from thence until 1815 when, due to the Regiment's actions at Waterloo, it was granted the present title - The Grenadier Guards. Often referred to as 'Pontius Pilate's Body Guard' the First...

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