

SA1224785

1914 Russian Karelian Birch Officer's Box with Silver Enamel Regimental Badge

Price

GBP 6,000

| USD \$8,104 | EUR 7,018

Item Reference: SA1224785**Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 4.7 cm (1.9")

Width = 8.8 cm (3.5")

Depth = 16.8 cm (6.6")

Description

A rare Russian Imperial officer's commemorative box, made from solid Karelian birch and mounted with a silver and enamel badge of the 193rd Sviyazhsky Infantry Regiment. The box is constructed from solid figured boards rather than veneered wood. The Karelian birch has a particularly attractive honey-golden colour with swirling grain, dark inclusions and numerous characteristic "eyes". The lid is attached by a finely constructed integral wooden hinge. The silver and enamel mount follows the design of the officer's regimental badge approved on 15 April 1911. Its elaborate composition includes the dates 1711 and 1911, the Imperial double-headed eagle, the cyphers of Peter I and Nicholas II, the number 200 on a red enamel shield and the abbreviated name of the 193rd Sviyazhsky Infantry Regiment. Although the regiment received its final designation in 1910, its inherited seniority dated from 19 February 1711 and its historical lineage was traced to a Kazan garrison formation established during the reign of Peter the Great. The dates on the badge therefore commemorate two centuries of regimental tradition rather than two centuries under the same regimental title. In 1911 a ...

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