

SA479614

World War One Period British Royal Artillery Officer's Sword to JE Ferrario Double MC Winner, Tank Corps

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA479614****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 103 cm (40.6")

Width = 9 cm (3.5")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

A George V British Military Pattern Royal Artillery Officer's Sword retailed by Hawksworth of Sheffield and engraved to a JE Ferrario, Tank Corps, winner of a Military Cross with bar during the First World War. The sword pattern is not an uncommon pattern but is a rare and collectible example to a notable soldier during the Great War Period who was also of the Tank Corps, a new and experimental regiment during the period. Captain John Ernest Ferrario served within two regiments during this period. He began the war attached to King Edwards Horse as a second lieutenant and on the 18th of June 1917 won his Military Cross: "for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, while on reconnaissance. He displayed great coolness and skill in withdrawing his patrol under heavy fire, covering the retirement himself. His personal example was splendid." (London Gazette). The regiment was thereafter subsumed into the Tank Corps where in 1919 Ferrario won a Bar to his Military Cross: "for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Mortho Wood, Villers-Outreaux, on 8th October 1918, when he assisted his company reconnaissance officer in successfully laying tape under heavy shell fire..."

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