

SA941444

18th-Century Provincial German School Cavalry Battle - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA941444****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 53 cm (20.9")

Width = 74 cm (29.1")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

This late 18th-century provincial oil painting depicts a cavalry battle involving various armies. It's an unusual scene as it contains several uniforms and various weapons. The main figure is a soldier wearing a blue tunic and carrying a spear. His uniform quite possibly relates to the Ural Cossacks. We also see several troops wearing, what appears to be, British uniforms. While over on the left, a soldier wears a light blue tunic. In 1799, during the War of the Second Coalition, Ural regiments took part in the Anglo-Russian invasion of Holland. The campaign consisted of British and Russian troops and aimed to destroy the Batavian fleet while also providing a catalyst for an uprising. It was a bloody affair with initial success followed by retreat and numerous casualties. This painting was possibly created to celebrate those early successes, of which the Ural Cossacks were a part. It's particularly interesting from a historic point of view as the cossacks were known to opt for a long spear, while the British were reliant on swords. Note also the discarded flintlock pistol. Alternatively, it could relate to the Russian invasion of East Prussia in 1758. If you're a milit...

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