



Military Dress Sword with Whistle

Date
1872–1900

Primary Maker
Kirschbaum & Bremskey

Medium
nickel-plated steel, gilt brass, fish-skin and brass wire

Description
Steel, double edge lozenge section narrow blade tapering from long rectangular ricasso. Both faces similarly etched with arms of the Republic, martial trophies, strapwork cartouches. Gilded brass hilt with bilobated shell guard curved towards blade. Reverse lobe

folds down on a hinge, formerly secured by a now-lost catch. Face towards grip cast with eagle & flag trophies on obverse & arms of the Republic & arms trophies on reverse. Straight rear quillon formed as bos'un's pipe. Flat knuckle guard opposite, bifurcated below & linked to obverse shell, decorated at mid-height with Romanesque lightning bolts & flower. Terminal with foliate scroll, slotted for sword-knot, fitting into inverted, truncated conical pommel with eagle on obverse & shield on reverse. Slightly domed cap at tang with leaved motifs. Spiralled grip tapering to ends, wrapped in black fish-skin & twisted brass wire with brass, acanthus decorated ferrules.

Dimensions
87.6 × 71.1 cm (34 1/2 × 28 in.), 1 lb, 7 oz (weight)