

## Halberd

### Date

1600–1650

### Primary Maker

Swiss

### Medium

etched and blackened steel, brass, and wood

### Description

Iron. Very long quadranglar thrusting spike, faces etched on lower 1/2 with running foliate tendrils on plain backened ground. Small crescentic axehead squared at terminals & pierced with 2 groups of 3 holes each above & below. Opposed by chisel-shaped & cusped fluke. Closed conical socket of gently faceted hexagonal section attached to modern octagonal section wooden staff with pair of modern iron langets. Head decorated with central cartouche bearing arms of Bern(?) within pelleted octagonal frame; itself bordered by brass inlay. Similar framing on both axehead & fluke whose faces are etched with foliation & grotesques on blackened stippled ground. Faces of socket similarly treated, but with 3 helmeted heads, 2 in profile.

### Dimensions

226 × 80.7 cm (89 × 31 3/4 in.), 4 lb, 10 oz (weight)



