



Partisan (aguccia) for the bodyguard of Vittorio Amedeo II, duke of Savoy

Date

about 1700

Primary Maker

Italian

Medium

Steel, wood and brass

Description

Steel long double edged blade of flat lozenge section with triangular point. On lower half edges are decoratively recurved &

cusped. At base of blade is single acutely pointed lug curving toward blade. Both faces of blade & lug are decorated on their lower half with etched scrolled leaved tendrils. Tall conical socket with turned molding at top. Fitted with crudely repaired pair of langets. Head plugged onto wooden staff of circular section without butt cap tightly studded overall with brass capped nails. Staff is old, possibly original. Decorations are punched and chased rather than etched; they are finely executed.

Dimensions

198 × 16 cm (77 15/16 × 6 5/16 in.), 5 lb, 4 oz (weight)