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BONE, HORN, METAL, HAIR, WOOD, GLASS, GILT PAPER, POLYCHROME

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SIZE: 46CM HIGH, 54.5CM LONG, 20.5CM WIDE (MAX) - 18 INS HIGH, 21½ INS LONG, 10 INS WIDE (MAX) / DISPLAY CASE: 50.5CM HIGH, 62CM WIDE, 26CM DEEP - 19¾ INS HIGH, 24½ INS WIDE, 10¼ INS DEEP

PROVENANCE

EX MAJOR EDWARD CROFT-MURRAY, PURCHASED ON 2ND DECEMBER 1908 FROM LISLE COURT, WOOTTON, ISLE OF WHITE FOR £4. 12D SHILLINGS AND SUBSEQUENTLY LISTED IN AN INVENTORY AS 'MODEL OF FRIGATE, IN BONE IN GLASS CASE, MADE BY FRENCH PRISONERS OF WAR AT PORCHESTER CASTLE ABOUT 1810' THENCE AT PERIVALE, RYDE, ISLE OF WHITE, WHERE LISTED IN AN INVENTORY IN 1926

EX PRIVATE COLLECTION OF EDWARD CROFT-MURRAY CBE (1907 - 1980)

CF: PORCHESTER CASTLE IS A MEDIEVAL FORTRESS LOCATED AT PORCHESTER TO THE EAST OF FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE. IT WAS USED AS A PRISON FROM THE 17TH AND IN THE EARLY 19TH CENTURY IT HOUSED OVER 7000 FRENCH PRISONERS OF THE NAPOLEONIC WARS WITHIN ITS GAOL