Primary Maker:

Title: Grenadier cap

Date: 1740–1770

Medium: Wool, linen

Dimensions: Overall: 3 3/4 in. × 13 in. × 10 1/2 in. (9.5 × 33 × 26.7 cm)

Credit Line: Purchase

Object Number: 1890.3

Object Name: Grenadier cap

Classification: MILITARY TOOLS & EQUIPMENT: UNIFORM

Curatorial Remarks:
This cap, which was purchased from an antique shop in New London, Conn., was probably the headdress of some independent grenadier company formed in Connecticut prior to the Revolutionary War. It is said to have been worn at the Battle of Fort Griswold (or Groton) in 1781.

Physical Description:
Tall, roughly triangular grenadier cap; front of red wool with embroidery in light brown yarn consisting of eight-pointed star surrounded by stanchions superimposed with serpentine branches, and inscription "AUT VINCE AUT MORI"; reverse with three panels of blue wool with linen piping above a red wool band embroidered with a grenade at center and a crossed sword and musket on either side; small pompon attached to point of cap; linen lining.
Markings: Embroidered at top of front: "AUT VICE AUT MORI"
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