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Six badges of the Black-yellow Cross ('schwarz-gelbes Kreuz'), an Austro-Hungarian war aid organisation during WW I

Restitution status: Dubiousness is still to be clarified

Categories: Coins and medals

Object Data

Artist

unknown

Museum

Museum of Military History

Inventory Number

N.I. 67.961

Description

Austria-Hungary, 1914

Material

Further kinds of metal

Period

20th Century

Provenance Data

Former owner according to museum / collection

Provenance unknown

Provenance

Acquisition from the VUGESTA/GESTAPO

Provenance according to museum / collection

On 20 November 1940, the Gestapo handed over eleven Black-yellow Cross medals ('Schwarz-gelbes Kreuz') from 1914, issued by an Austro-Hungarian war aid organisation in WW I, to the head of the Museum of Military History ('Heeresgeschichtliches Museum'). They were filed in the museum inventory as inventory number 'N.I. 67.961' (archival source: archive of the museum, 'HGM Zl. 514/1940' [not extant], yet this reference is listed in the book recording incoming and outgoing mail of the museum, the 'Postbuch').

Committee

Art Restitution Advisory Board

Pendency

The questionable nature of the provenance of the art or cultural object is being or has been examined by the museum/the collection/the Commission for Provenance Research. So far, the case has not been dealt with by the Art Restitution Advisory Board.

Recommendation

No recommendation has been issued yet.

Committee in charge

Federal Minister of Defence

Decision

No decision has been reached so far.

Implementation

The art or cultural object is kept in the museum/in the collection.

Annotations

By inquiry in 1999, only six of the original eleven pieces were found in the collections of the Museum of Military History ('Heeresgeschichtliches Museum'). The other five must be regarded as 'war losses' due to relocations and hiding during WW II.