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A VIAGEM DAS INSÍGNIAS



*The Journey of the Insignia
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comes another unpublished work of
Portuguese-Brazilian historiography*

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Catálogo das Insignias Fabricadas no Rio de Janeiro
OTE/CCJ - Medalhas para cravate de Comendador



OTE/CCJ1 - Arapá universal na torre. Legenda BRASIL

Metal: ouro de 18 k. Dimensões: 27x16 mm. Peso: 8,2 g

(foto do autor)

OTE/CCJ2 - Cobra desarmado. Dimensões: 25x15,5 mm - Peso: 41,9 g

(foto: Museu Histórico Nacional. SG4.122.496.BR.1313/Mat. Brasil. Associação n.º 46/2017)



Catálogo das Insignias Fabricadas em Londres
OTE/CC2 - Medalhas para cravate de Comendador



OTE/CC2.1 - Copiadas de insignias de Comendador de fribreza Londres, semelhante as insignias de Grã-cruz do marchoal Beresford. Legenda BRASIL. Data: 1838.

Fabricação desenhada: Placa de prata e prata dourada, dia. 30 mm.

Medalha de prata e prata dourada, com 30x27 mm (sem suspensor)



Catálogo das Insignias
OTE/COL2 - Colar de Comendador



Pertenceu ao 2.º marquês de Saldanha

OTE/COL2.2 - Colar 18 carrações - Prata
No reverso, data: maio 2011 mm com suspensor
e marca de origem de Casa Brás
(Acervo familiar marqueses)

= General Catalogue of the insignia manufactured in Rio de Janeiro, London and Lisbon

Portuguese and Brazilians can be proud to have had one of the most prestigious Military and Honorary Orders of the first half of the 19th century. It was called the Royal Order of the Tower and Sword, for Valour and Loyalty, and was founded by the Prince Regent João of Portugal in 1808, in Rio de Janeiro.

Many of the British military who came to fight the French invader in the Peninsula felt a particular fascination for this Royal Order, fruit of the prestige gained over these years as a Coin of Honor, with which the greatest services rendered to the Crown of Portugal were paid.

In the fiercest period of the Civil War of the Two Brothers, a second Military Order was created with the same name, of the Tower and Sword, but then for Valour, Loyalty and Merit. It was a “war of insignia” designed by the former Emperor of Brazil to discredit the Royal Order, that his brother the King Miguel I continued to grant to his soldiers as Grand Master of the Portuguese Military Orders.

Between August of 1832 and May of 1833, two Orders of the Tower and Sword with very different insignia and statutes co-existed in Portugal. The fate of the arms dictated the end of the first Royal Order and the continuity up to our days of the second Military Order. The Royal Order of King João VI ceased to exist and sank into oblivion.

Up to now.

This is the unpublished history of the Royal Portuguese Order of the Tower and Sword, and the journey between continents of its insignia and medals for “Valor e Lealdade”.



Medalha (Outubro de 1823, CC-169).

discurda. Comp. total 80 mm. Peso 292,7 g
Fabricada em Lisboa como armas do Reino Unido
António Gomes da Silva (1865)
de Schepssa. Foto da autora



OTE/CC3 - Adaptada com passadeira. Centro abaulado. Prata discurda com esmalte
Dimensões: 86,76 mm (sem argola) - Peso 412 g



OTE/CC3A - Adaptada com passadeira. Centro abaulado com busto recortado.
Prata discurda sem esmalte. Dimensões: 86,76 mm (sem argola) - Peso 49,9 g
(ver particular: Foto da autora)



OTE/CV4 - Ouro e esmalte. Dim. 46,00 mm. Legenda: BRASII (de 1823 a 1826)
OTE/CV4.1 - Legenda: BRASII (de 1823 a 1826)
OTE/CV4.2 - Legenda: BRASII (de 1827 a 1830)

Ministérios do Orden

OTE/CV3 (1824) - Ouro, esmalte. Dim. 36,537,2 mm

Legenda: 361 D. G. R. DE PORT. P. DO BRASII

OTE/CV4.4 (Post 1826) - Ouro, esmalte. Dim. 32,20 mm

Legenda: 361 D. G. R. DE PORT. P. DO BRASII



on. Complete List of all 964 dignitaries of the Royal Order of the Tower and Sword =

On February 6, 2018, Portugal and Brazil will be celebrating 200 years of the coronation of King João VI, the only head of state of the United Kingdom of Portugal and Brazil (1815-1822) and the sole European monarch crowned in the Americas.

This book is published in his honor, being the result of years of research in the national archives and museums of Portugal, Brazil and Great Britain, unveiling a wide range of unpublished documentation, allowing a new insight into the regency and reign of "The Good King Dom João".

Among other features, it reveals unpublished letters of Lord Wellington and Marshal Beresford; complete list of Portuguese and foreign Orders insignia manufactured in Rio de Janeiro by the goldsmith of the Court, António Gomes da Silva; complete list of insignia manufactured in Lisbon by the goldsmith Francisco dos Santos Leite; complete list of insignia of the Portuguese and foreign Orders manufactured in Lisbon by the embroiderer of the Royal House, Francisco Alves Pereira; a comprehensive list of all insignia of the Royal Order of the Tower and Sword listed in the 19th century inventories of the Royal House of Portugal, and the Ducal Houses of Cadaval and Lafões.

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Some books leave their mark on an era and became essential works of reference. With its innovative numismatic approach to the study of the insignia of the Portuguese Military Orders, we feel that this is one of those books.

Every known insignia of the Royal Order of the Tower and Sword is reproduced in color photography. Historical background is abundant, revealing the unpublished documents kept at National Archives of Brazil and Portugal.

The book ends with an exhaustive list of the primary sources and bibliography. All this combines to make it an invaluable contribution to the knowledge and international appreciation of the magnificent insignia of the Royal Order of the Tower and Sword, for “Valor e Lealdade”.

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