HIXENBAUGH
ANCIENT ART
NEW YORK

Integritas ~ Aestimatio ~ Peritia

235 EAST 60TH STREET
NEW YORK NY 10022
212.989.9743 / 646.326.0820
WWW.HIXENBAUGH.NET
INFO@HIXENBAUGH.NET

Egyptian Amarna Relief



An ancient Egyptian Amarna Period sandstone sunk relief talatat fragment depicting a soldier kneeling prostrate with hands and face to the ground in pose of adoration, his tear-dropped shaped shield on his back, with another crouching soldier behind, a standard between them.

Reign of Akhenaten, Amarna Period, 18th Dynasty,
Ca. 1350 - 1334 BC.
Length:16 1/2 in. (18.5 cm).

Talatat were stone blocks measuring 1?2 by 1?2 by 1 ancient Egyptian cubits. Their use was initiated under the reign of Akhenaten in the building of the Aten temples at Karnak and Akhetaten (modern Amarna). The standardized size and weight made construction more efficient. Talatat intended for a visible surface were decorated in sunk relief and paint to make up large scenes covering several blocks. They were later reused as fill in the pylons of Horemheb and Ramesses II.

cf.: R. Freed et al. eds. Pharaohs of the Sun, Akhenaten, Nefertiti, Tutankhamun, (Boston, 1999), nos. 107, 108, p. 237.

Published: J. Eisenberg, Art of the Ancient World, vol. IX, (1997), no. 171.

Formerly in the Jean-Marie Talleux (b. 1930) collection, Grand Fort Philippe, France; Drouot-Richelieu auction, Paris, December 5-6, 1995, lot 167; with Royal-Athena Galleries, New York; subsequently in a Connecticut private collection.

inventory number: 9590

Scan to view this piece online