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**UNIFORM PARTS AND
 SWORD OF THE LAST
 COMMANDER OF THE NOBLE
 GUARD, POPE PAUL VI PERIOD**
 State of the Vatican City, 1963-
 1970

Gold and silver braided band, with three-star tassels, kept in its original case. A pair of very tall black leather boots complete with spurs and heavy three-piece wooden supports. Leather belt with gold buckle complete with sword attachments. Holster for service pistol. A pair of blue cloth service trousers (with the commander's name). Two garments in fabric. A wool hat. Two mounts for the helmet (olive) with the monograms of Popes John XXIII and Pius XII (the commander had already served under the two previous popes, so the helmet remained the same, only the monogram was changed). A service sabre, the blade with a cylindrical back finely engraved with the monogram GNP (Papal Noble Guard), trophies and floral motifs. Golden metal hilt with a white ivory-like grip. Complete with sword knot, scabbard and green fabric case. Together with a single epaulettes of a lower rank and a document for the award of a medal 'With a grateful and affectionate heart towards those who have undertaken their apostolic pilgrimage to the Holy Places with works, prayers and commitment to piety, This medal was granted and distributed as a testimony of the happy event and of his paternal benevolence. From the Vatican, 6 January 1964'.

The Noble Guard was dissolved by Pope Paul VI in 1970. See lot no. 69 in our auction no. 127 (September 2016) which featured a uniform, also belonging to the same commander of the Noble Guard.

**PARTI DELL'UNIFORME E
 SPADA DELL'ULTIMO
 COMANDANTE DELLA
 GUARDIA NOBILE, EPOCA
 PAOLO VI**

Stato Città del Vaticano, 1963-
 1970

Una fascia in filo dorato ed argentato con nappe a tre stelle in scatola originale. Un paio di altissimi stivali in cuoio nero completi di sproni e pesanti supporti interni in legno realizzati in tre pezzi. Una cintura in cuoio con fibbia dorata completa di attacchi per la spada. Una fondina per la pistola di servizio. Un paio di pantaloni di servizio in panno blu (con nome del comandante). Due indumenti in tessuto. Un cappello di lana. Due fornimenti per l'elmo (olive) con monogramma dei papi Giovanni XXIII e Pio XII (il comandante aveva già prestato servizio per i due papi precedenti, l'elmo rimaneva sempre lo stesso, veniva sostituito soltanto il monogramma). Infine la sciabola di servizio con lama dotata di dorso a bacchetta finemente incisa con monogramma GNP (Guardia Nobile Pontificia) e con trofei e disegni floreali, fornimento in metallo dorato con impugnatura in materiale bianco a fingere l'avorio. La spada