



The War Between Russia and Turkey, WW1 lithographic poster, November 1914.

Medium size, 12 1/2" x 18 1/4". The poster depicts an almost iconic in its lack of perspective battle scene where a combination of Russian infantry and Cossacks decimate the Turkish army. Printed by the Korchak-Novitskiy Chromo-Lithography in Kiev. The notation at the bottom of the lower left-hand corner reads "Cleared by Military Censorship, 13 November 1914." The events described below, were part of the Caucasus Campaign, leading to the Battle of Sarikamish which lasted until 17 January 1915 and ended in Russian victory. The Ottoman army was not prepared for the harsh winter conditions. About 25,000 Turkish soldiers froze to death even before the battle began.

Keeping in mind that the dates are according to the Julian calendar, still used in Russia at the time, the battlefield report under the artwork reads the following [please note that the names of locations are transliterated from the original Russian text]: "From the Headquarters of the Caucasian Army, 22 October [4 Nov. by Gregorian calendar]. Our Troops have invaded Turkey, overrun the advance units of the Turkish troops, and stormed and captured Zivin, Karkilisa, Pssinskaya, Akhty, Butakh, Khorun, Mysyn and Arzap. The Turks are retreating, taking losses and leaving behind their dead. One of our columns suddenly attacked the enemy at Ardost. The Turks fled, abandoning their wounded. Upon kicking the Turks out of the village of Id, we captured large stores of their provisions. We captured Alikidisa, Khorosan, and the Karaderbent Pass. Our mounted Cossacks valiantly attacked their trenches and cut down the Turkish infantry. Our column traversed 80 versts via difficult mountain roads in 30 hours and then fell upon the Turks near Mysun and Diadin, scattering a significant number of the enemy troops from Kurdish regiments, and then occupied the Diadin, capturing prisoners, weapons and war supplies. On 21 October, we captured Bayazet whereupon a large number of the Turkish defenders were dispersed."

In excellent condition, showing virtually no fraying to the edges, and only three minor closed rips contained to the margins and repaired with library tape on the verso.

Please note that the 1-ft ruler in our last photo is for size reference.

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