

Germany, Saxony, Albert Order, Military Division, 1st cl. Commander's Badge with Crown & Swords, Type 2, 1876-1918.

Silver gilt, enamels, measures 88.9 mm in height incl. the cross on the crown, 55.0 mm in width, weighs 39.1 g including the jump ring. The center medallion is enameled in white with right-facing head of young Duke Albert. The medallion ring is enameled in blue with golden inner and outer borders. The golden inscription ALBERTUS ANIMOSUS ("Albert the Valiant") is accented by two arabesques at the bottom, with a star between them. The center medallion on the reverse is similarly enameled with the King of Saxony coat of arms under a crown, and the year of the order's institution. The edge of the 6 o'clock arm of the cross bears the maker's mark "R" for Gustav Alfred Roesner. The cross comes with a neck ribbon in green moiré silk with white edges.

In excellent condition; there is no wear visible to the naked eye or through a x10 loupe. The neck ribbon is very clean and appears to be original or of the period.

The Royal Saxon Order of Albrecht (Albert) was instituted on December 31, 1850 by King Frederick Augustus II of Saxony in commemoration of the 350th anniversary of the death of his predecessor Duke Albert III, also known as Albert the Bold. It was awarded to those who remained loyal to the revolution of 1848 and at the Dresden May Uprising of 1849, and served the state well for civil virtue, science, and art. The center medallion was believed to be the bust of the founder of the Albertinian family line, Albert the Stout-hearted. However, it was, by mistake, Albert the Perennial, which resulted in the modelling to be changed in 1876. In 1918, the order became obsolete.

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