R. A. F. Brass Side Drum.

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Height: 37 cm (14.6")

Diameter: 37 cm (14.6")

Description

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A very nice ceremonial regimental brass-shelled, rope-tuned side drum. The shell of the drum has been decorated with the Royal coat of arms, an Eagle superimposed on a circlet surmounted by a crown (this is the heraldic emblem used to represent the RAF) and written on scroll "Royal Air Force Band". The top and bottom rims are made of wood that have been painted with a castellated design with two shades of blue separated and surrounded by dark red. The drum is fitted with two skins, a set of snares (no gut) and 10 leather ears that apply tension on the ropes to tune the heads. Stamped onto the brass is 1936 1963 and an 'arrow' mark suggesting that it may have been Government Issue. The bottom skin has written in pen 'C05959/0, A/A SEARLE P.W. "A" ?? 2 Sqn RAF Hereford'.

Historically, parade drums are used to march military troops in step. They also functioned as the chief method of signalling commands for camp duties or movements during battle.

The Royal Coat of Arms of the United Kingdom features two mottos, "Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense" and "Dieu et Mon Droit", roughly translated "Shame be to him who thinks evil of it." and "God and My Right.".

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