

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Commemorative Medal - Warsaw Uprising

Date

1984

Primary Maker

Andrzej Piotr Pitynski

Medium

Metal (bronze)

Description

A bronze commemorative medal depicting the Warsaw Uprising. The image on the obverse is a man kneeling in front of a brick wall, holding a smaller human figure in his hands as he cries out. Near the man's leg is a gun. The text on the medallion states, "WARSAW UPRISING 1944-1984." On the verso of the medallion is a gold cross with text at the center stating "MONTE CASSINO MAJ 1944." Around the edge of the medal is text stating, "1944 - YALTA - 1984, TO YOU SOLDIERS - TWICE BETRAYED."

Dimensions

5/16 × 3 11/16 in. (7.76 × 93.3 mm)

Historical Note

http://www.poles.org/DB/P_names/Pitynski_A/Pitynski.html The Warsaw Uprising (Polish: powstanie warszawskie) was a major World War II operation by the Polish resistance Home Army (Polish: Armia Krajowa) to liberate Warsaw from Nazi Germany. The rebellion was timed to coincide with the Soviet Union's Red Army approaching the eastern suburbs of the city and the retreat of German forces. However, the Soviet advance stopped short, enabling the Germans to regroup and demolish the city while defeating the Polish resistance, which fought for 63 days with little outside support. About 16,000 members of the Polish resistance were killed and about 6,000 badly wounded. In addition, between 150,000 and 200,000 Polish civilians died, mostly from mass murders. 700,000 people were expelled from the city. 150,000 civilians were sent to forced labor camps in Germany. 55,000 civilians were sent to concentration camps, including 13,000 to Auschwitz.

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