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**Dealers in Campaign Furniture
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Watercolour of the Uniform of the 87th Regiment in 1793

REF: 6721

Height: 33.5 cm (13.2") Width: 28.5 cm (11.2") Depth: 2 cm (0.8")

£145



A watercolour on paper of a soldier of the 87th Regiment of Foot.

The uniform shown is that used when the regiment was first raised in 1793, by General Sir John Doyle as The Prince of Wales's Irish Regiment of Foot, as the threat of a Napoleonic invasion loomed. The 87th saw plenty of action in the Napoleonic Wars and captured an Imperial Eagle at Barrosa in 1811. They also fought in the Nepal, the 1st Anglo-Burmese War and during the Indian Mutiny. The regiment went under a few name changes including the Prince of Wales's Own Irish Fusiliers and the Royal Irish Fusiliers and eventually joined the 89th Regiment to become the Princess Victoria's Royal Irish Fusiliers.

The same image was illustrated in the Historical Record of the 87th or the Royal Irish Fusiliers by Richard Cannon and published by Parker, Furnivall and Parker in 1853. This was presumably copied from the book. Although likely to be an amateur painting it is very competent and almost identical to that in the book. Mid to late 19th century.

Framed size is given.