BURY THEM AND KEEP QUIET (ENTERRAR Y CALLAR)

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: DISASTERS OF WAR (PRINTS Y DRAWINGS, 1810-1815) (18/82)



DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	Ca. 1810 - 1812
DIMENSIONES	162x234 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Etching, burnished lavis, drypoint and burin
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Undisputed work
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	30 Nov 2010 / 02 Jun 2023
INVENTARIO	836 225

INSCRIPCIONES

Goya (lower left-hand corner).

HISTORIA

See *Sad presentiments of what must come to pass*.

In the first state proof we can see some touches of drypoint on the chest of the corpse on the right-hand side, as well as some use of burin on the shadows on the ground. The signature, also done with burin, is in the lower left-hand corner.

The title was handwritten by Goya on the first and only print run that we know to have been made at the

time, and which the painter gave to his friend Agustín Ceán Bermúdez. The title was engraved on to the copperplate at a later date, and no other modifications were made to the image for the first edition of the *Disasters of War*, which was printed by the Royal Academy of Fine Arts of San Fernando, Madrid, in 1863.

There is a *preparatory drawing* in the Prado Museum.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

In the image we see two figures standing out against a pale background. They are looking at the macabre spectacle left behind by the war: a group of naked corpses. Both of these witnesses are covering their faces, although it is unclear whether they are crying or if they are holding their noses, just like the figure in etching no. 62, *The deathbeds*, is doing, to keep out the stench of the decomposing bodies.

Visually, this is one of the brightest images in the *Disasters of War* series; the sky is pale and clear, and so is the group of naked bodies left to their fate. This image also has a strong feeling of silence about it, especially in comparison with the other etchings, in which we can imagine the noise, screams and violence of battle. Despite the fact that these corpses are shown with their mouths gaping wide open, they can no longer shout or moan, nor plead for a better ending for themselves. The two observers have nothing to say either. All that is left to do is Bury them and keep quiet.

This etching can be considered alongside those others which depict groups of dead bodies, such as no. 12, *This is what you were born for*, nº 16, *They avail themselves*, nº 21, *It will be the same*, nº 22, *All this and more*, nº 23, *The same elsewhere*, nº 27, *Charity*, nº 48, *A cruel shame!*, nº 62, *The deathbeds* and nº 63, *A collection of dead men*.

CONSERVACIÓN

The etching plate is conserved in the National Chalcography Museum (cat. 269)

EXPOSICIONES

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Goya and his times
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De grafiek van Goya
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cat. 76

Francisco de Goya
Museo d'Arte Moderna Lugano 1996
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cat. 18

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cat. 213

Francisco Goya. Capricci, follie e disastri della guerra
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