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Title Demitasse and Saucer

Date 1905-1907

Primary Maker United States Navy

Medium Mechanically-molded porcelain with underglaze cobalt blue decoration and overglaze gilding

Description Round, heavy, white, porcelain demitasse and saucer with underglaze cobalt blue and overglaze gilded decoration. The demitasse (.1) has a plain rim, tapered sides, and a round bottom. A wide line of gilding with a thin line of blue circles the outside of the rim. There is an additional thin line of gilding at the foot. The demitasse has a molded and applied handle, with a circular opening, that is gilded along the outside edges and circular opening. The seal of the United States Navy, applied with gilding, is located opposite the handle. The circular seal consists of the words, "DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY" in a border, surrounding an eagle with outstretched wings, a shield-shaped body, and an anchor in its claws. Some of the gilding is worn off the handle. There is a hairline crack running from the rim down the body of the demitasse, to the left of the seal. There is a slight discoloration around the crack. Inside, a light blue powdery substance has adhered to the bottom of the demitasse, possibly beneath the glaze. The saucer (.2) has a similar series of decorations, with a wide line of gilding and a thin line of blue inside, both circling the rim. There is an

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additional thin line of gilding at the inside of the rim, where the rim dips down to form the bottom of the saucer. The gilded seal of the United States Navy is applied on the rim. A hairline crack is visible to the left of the seal.

Dimensions Component (height x width including handle x depth of demitasse):

$2 \frac{7}{8} \times 3 \frac{1}{4} \times 2 \frac{1}{2}$ in. (7.3 x 8.3 x 6.4cm) Component (diameter of saucer): $4 \frac{3}{4}$ in. (12.1cm)