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<b>Object ID</b>	WPN1117
<b>Description</b>	<p>Scottish broadsword believed to have belonged to Captain James Robertson-Walker (1783–1858). The hilt of the broadsword consists of a steel basket guard and a round steel pommel. The black fish-skin grip is bound with twisted gilt wire. The steel blade is a double-edged 'Claymore'. The obverse of the blade is engraved with a German wolf mark. The reverse of the blade is engraved with an orb surmounted by a cross. The obverse of the black leather scabbard is decorated with tooling. The scabbard has one steel locket, with a frog button, and chape. When the National Maritime Museum received the broadsword a label was attached to it which stated 'This sword belonged to James Robertson, who entered the Royal Navy in April 1801 as A.B. He was present at the Battle of Trafalgar in HMS Victory, and subsequently served in HMS Fawn, Hazard, Antelope, Virago and Confiance. He retired with the rank of Commander in 1815; promoted Captain 1851, died at Gilgarran on October 26th 1858'. The broadsword is a Highland Regimental sword but in the late18th -early 19C naval officers sometimes used non naval swords at sea. Captain James Robertson changed his name to Robertson-Walker in later life. An extensive account of this officer's career may be found in O'Byrne's Naval Biography.</p>
<b>Date made</b>	Mid 18th century
<b>Artist/Maker</b>	<a href="#">Unknown</a>
<b>Place made</b>	Germany
<b>Credit</b>	National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London
<b>Materials</b>	steel; fish-skin; gilt wire; leather
<b>Measurements</b>	Overall: 105 × 1015 × 115 mm
<b>Parts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broadsword (WPN1117) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Broadsword scabbard (WPN1117.1)</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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