

# 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

##### Goya

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Burdeos 1951  
organized by the Bordeaux City  
Hall, consultant editor Gilberte  
Martin-Méry. From May 16th to  
June 30th 1951

cat. 7

##### Goya. Das Zeitalter der Revolutionen. Kunst um 1800 (1980 - 1981)

Hamburger Kunsthalle Hamburg 1980

cat. 76

##### Francisco Goya. Capricci, follie e disastri della guerra

San Donato Milanese 2000

Opere grafiche della Fondazione  
Antonio Mazzotta

cat. 98

##### Goya et la modernité

Pinacothèque de Paris Paris 2013

from October 11st 2013 to March  
16th 2014

cat. 57

##### Goya and his times

The Royal Academy of Arts London 1963

cat. 66

cat. 235

##### Francisco de Goya

Museo d'Arte Moderna Lugano 1996

exhibition celebrated from  
September 22nd to November  
17th.

cat. 18

##### Goya. Opera grafica

Pinacoteca del Castello di San Giorgio Legnano  
2006

exhibition celebrated from  
December 16th 2006 to April 1st  
2007

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##### De grafiek van Goya

Rijksmuseum Rijksprentenkabinet Amsterdam  
1970

from November 13th 1970 to  
January 17th 1971

cat. 66

##### Ydioma universal: Goya en la Biblioteca Nacional

Biblioteca Nacional Madrid 1996

from September 19th to  
December 15th 1996

cat. 213

##### Goya en tiempos de guerra

Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 2008

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### **El Libro de los Desastres de la Guerra**

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### **Goya. In the Norton Simon Museum**

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2016  
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2022  
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## ENLACES EXTERNOS