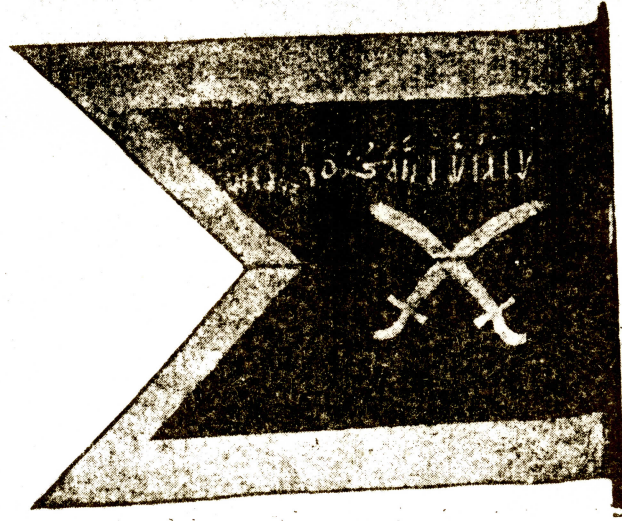


TATAR

During the war of 1655-60 the Poles made use of Tatar auxiliaries. These units appear to have lost a red swallow-tailed cavalry standard, plate 17. It has a white border and adornments. These consists of two



*Plate 17.
Tatar cavalry standard, probably captured during the
Polish war of 1655-60.
Royal Army Museum, Trophy Collection*

crossed sabres and the Arabic text of the creed of Islam: "There is no
god but Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful, the Prophet of God".⁵²

⁵² Royal Army Museum: Trophy Collection of the Swedish State, 27:275a. The standard is to be found in the inventory of 1685 and among Hoffman's reproductions. The text, written in "naskhi", is interpreted by J. Lamm.