

World War I Equipment

(labeled as “WWI – Box number – Item Number”)

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“Vor Gebrauch Sprengkapsul Einsetzen” – “Before Use, Insert Detonator” – found on the confiscated German stick grenades that would have ‘made’ the collection.

BOX 1

- 1-1 1 artillery shell, unknown origin, but it is approximately 7 inches (about 18 cm) long x 3.5 inches (about 9 cm) in diameter, it’s quite heavy – no actual measurement as I don’t have a scale, but heavy
- 1-2 Helmet with 3 pins per side with the lowest pin being located on the frilled-out bottom of helmet are WWI German Model 1916 Steel Helmets.
“When Germany entered WWI in 1914 troops still wore the leather spiked helmets known as “Pickelhauben” which proved no protection what so ever. After two years of trials, and terrible losses, the German Army adopted this M-1916 Steel STAHLHELM. Larger than its Nazi descendant of 1935, this WWI version was often referred to as the “Coal Shuttle” helmet. Offered in German WWI camo paint finish, each helmet is fitted with two Ventilation horns (studs) onto which the heavy steel brow plate for Snipers and Machine Gunners could be hung for added protection.” http://www.ima-usa.com/product_info.php/cPath/14_65/products_id/872
- 1-3 Helmet with 3 pins per side, but the lowest pin is further up on the helmet than the other 3 helmets with 3 pins appears to be an Austrian Pattern World War I helmet. Also, this helmet does not have large chin strap lugs as are located on the inside as is found in the other 3.
- 1-4 Helmet with only 2 pins per side is a German Model 1918. This is not certain but it is to the best of observations and descriptions given to me.

BOX 2

- 2-1 **SEE 1-2**
- 2-2 **SEE 1-2**
- 2-3 British Helmet appears to be a Pith style Zulu wars helmet.
- 2-4 A foot guard for cavalry, or it appears to be that at least.
- 2-5 A flare gun, it has a wooden handle with the rest being a heavy metal.

BOX 3

- 3-1 Black metal helmet is a Prussian Infantry officer’s helmet from early WWI

- 3-2 Canvas helmet is an enlisted Prussian Infantry ersatz spike helmet from WWI.
- 3-3 Leather Shin Guard
- 3-4 Pouvoirs de Marie – French book that literally translated means “Capacities of Mary.” It deals with the story of Mary and Jesus. What I believe to be the prayer “Hail Holy Queen” is found near the end of the book. It was originally sold on April 30, 1873. Then it was Souvenirs (to remember) de McSchwaar _____ Amie. It appears to have been owned or given by the Vouriore family in Philadelphia. Possibly McSchwaar _____ Amie was child that lived from 1886-1896 as that time period is indicated on the book with “AS” written in between those numbers.
- 3-5 “The Objective Teaching of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, by the sisters of St. Joseph of Philadelphia” 1918
- 3-6 Engineering banner of some sort, in rather poor condition, it does have a castle on the bottom of it which means it is most likely from Great Britain.
- 3-7 German Belt with 2 magazine holders.
- 3-8 1813-1914 Iron Cross, in pretty good condition, a little flaking around the edges and in the center, has original ribbon, “Iron Cross First Class” comes from paper found with it. Paper describes the origins of this particular iron cross, paper is torn and tattered making it very difficult to decipher what it says. Am able to come up with “Iron Cross First Class”
- 3-9 1 shoulder strap with 98 sewn into it, most likely a unit number
- 3-10 1 red and golden threaded decorative shoulder strap
- 3-11 1 cover for a pointed helmet
- 3-12 Random red/brown cylinder with 2 knobs at the top
- 3-13 circular piece of paper with German writings on it, I have no idea what it says
- 3-14 1-foot long fork
- 3-15 Cup commemorating the coronation of British King and Queen in 1902, pictures of each are on the white cup.
- 3-16 Liberty Bell miniature celebrating the sesquicentennial of the Declaration of Independence, 1776-1926
- 3-17 Ice pick, maybe?

- 3-18 Bobber, used for fishing, maybe?
- 3-19 1 Electric light, the bare wires are visible underneath the plug in, the cord is made of a cloth-like material or elastic, screws are visible, showing a basic design comparable to one done by elementary students today.

BOX 4

- 4-1 1 set of cavalry spurs
- 4-2 German telephone receiver – the writing on it says: Zum besseren Horen Knopf drucken; Beim Sprechen Knopf loslassen (Print button to the better Horen; Release button when speaking) most likely ‘push button to listen, release button when speaking.
- 4-3 Green cylindrical tin with straps attached
- 4-4 A rectangular, grey tin of some sort, rope straps attached to lid
- 4-5 Short green tin, cylinder, no straps
- 4-6 Candlestick holder
- 4-7 1 Long knife with blade broken off, 1 side of the handle is missing
- 4-8 Wire brush – it appears to be the type of wire brush used for separating wool.
- 4-9 Santa Maria wooden object.
- 4-10 German leather knife sheath with Prussian metalwork around it
- 4-11 Metal knife sheath with leather belt loop
- 4-12 Glenn J. Doran’s dog tags, all the writing is etched out except his name and USA
- 4-13 A small army recruitment patch that was associated with Dubuque.
- 4-14 U.S. Belt Buckle from WWI
- 4-15 A green pouch, it is the top flap that is buttoned to close it
- 4-16 1919 French Souvenir handkerchief.
- 4-17 2 syringes
- 4-18 “Gott Mit Uns” belt- “God is with us” German belt from World War I. They used a similar belt in WWII. It fit into their justification of the wars.

- 4-19 2 large artillery casings, 1st artillery casing is strictly stock casing made in April of 1918, it is 9 inches (23 cm) long x 3.5 inches (9 cm) in diameter
- 4-20 2nd has a decorative casing with leaf imprints on it, it is from a 75mm gun and was part of "Lot 1332 NYAB," it is 14 inches (35 cm) long x a little less than 3.5 inches (8.5 cm) in diameter
- 4-21-24 4 identical rifle casings
- 4-25-26 2 Anti-Dimming sticks for gas masks-used in general maintenance of eyes pieces of gas masks, normally after each use or every week.
- 4-27 Satchel labeled "TJH; Co "F" 2nd Engineering; 2nd Division

BOX 5

- 5-1 The gas mask with the green respirator attached to it by a hose is an American version of the British Canister Respirator, or may in fact be the British Model, which was introduced in April 1916. It was only effective against tear gases, not mustard gas, phosenge, or diphosenge gas. There are two more gas masks contained within satchels in the collection as well. They appear to be the same model of gas mask.
- 5-2 There appears to be another gas mask. I am not positive if it is, in fact a gas mask as it is in a big ball than doesn't really move so I can't investigate further. It does not have the respirator attached to it though.
- 5-3 **SEE 5-1**
- 5-4 **SEE 5-1**
- 5-5 Gas Mask with respirator directly attached to lower portion.
- 5-6 Another Satchel, no labels on this one.
- 5-7 top flap of a back pack, covers the top

BOX 1 OF SPANISH CONQUISTADOR COLLECTION

A Spanish helmet – looks comparable to 1500's

Forearm/ wrist/hand armor

Plate mail armor for foot

Armor shield to protect hands on a joust