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THIS TYPE JEEP WAS DROPPED FROM A Waco Glider and Landed in the fields of Normandy on June 5, 1944. See page 33 for more information on the Waco Glider.

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The Sword That Surrendered The Philippines Back To MacArthur In 1945

Japanese General Yamashita's Sword captured from him by General MacArthur after his return to the Philippines in October, 1944.

The Surrender Sword of General Yamashita – General of the Japanese Army – surrendered to General Douglas MacArthur when he formally took back the Philippines. Yamashita was executed on February 23, 1946 for War Crimes by a Military Tribunal, also led by MacArthur, similar to the Nurenburg Trials taking place in Germany against the Nazis. General Yamashita's sword has his family's ancient samurai blade from the 19th century. It was rehilted by him prior to World War II and has an unusual custom-made scabbard with double lined leather drag on its tip. It is also accompanied by his very rare Japanese General's red sword knot with tassels.

MacArthur captured not only this, his Field and Battle sword; but also Yamashita's Dress sword, which MacArthur gave to West Point where it is currently on display. He gave this sword to General Eickelberger, his Chief of Staff, who had been assigned the formation and command of the 8th U.S. Army to be deployed against the Japanese home islands. This was acquired from General Eickelberger's family and has never been on the market before!







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we can anyone accurately describe WWII and the effect it has had on all of our lives? Our parents or our grand parents fought and died during this world wide war against terrorism of humanity itself. This world war created the world in which you and I, and our children live and prosper in today. In our high-tech world, we have forgotten the supreme sacrifices that our parents made so that we could live free, think free and be free on a worldwide basis. The National Freedom Museum Collection illustrates every aspect of this world war, during which all of our futures actually hung in the balance. These young men and women went to war around the globe and won this war against evil and tyranny; then came home and built a new way of life – for us, with the cities and suburbs that you and I enjoy today. Many did not come home, having given their Life's-Blood on the battlefields around the globe.

This truly was a time when the World came together like never seen before as one people to unite in a common good. These patriots gave us pride and an inner patriotism that still burns inside each and every one us to this day. A veteran who was a tank commander during the war explained it like this, "The American and Allied Forces were a united force of like minded peoples, who were undefeatable." The Nazi, Fascist and Axis governments had not planned on that ... this was a war that was necessary and "Good prevailed over Evil." Although millions died, millions more returned home and built the nations that we freely live in today.



Lot 2001

General Dwight D. Eisenhower Five-Star General's Headquarters Flag

The Five-Star Headquarters flag (above) belonged to General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower. During World War II "Ike" donated this flag to the Navy Relief Fund to assist them in raising funds for wounded Navy personnel in need of financial assistance. The flag is made of silk/rayon and is well documented by a signed card from General Eisenhower donating this flag to the Naval Fund. S **\$18,500** NAVY RELIEF FUND AUCTION

Item: Gen Of The Army Office Flag. Lot Number: 11A Donated By: Dwight D. Eisenhower,General Of The Army.

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"The Flying Tigers." During the three years of operations against the Japanese, the 14th Air Force destroyed 2600 enemy planes, sunk 2 million tons of enemy merchant marines, knocked out 500 bridges and killed over 60,000 Japanese troops. As Chenault's second in command of the "Flying Tiger's", General Hagenberger was promoted in the field in China by General Claire Chenault, who gave him his own personal brigadier general's stars; as they were the only U.S. General's stars available in Asia. Chenault's Stars are still on this uniform!

Mounted stories, Magazine opened to story "Smashed Jap plane and crew give A.V.G. pilots the measure of victory." The Flying Tigers. M **\$24,500**



Uniform Of Thomas Holcomb, Commandant Of The Marine Corps

In 1936, President Roosevelt appointed Holcomb as the seventeenth commandant of the Marine Corps. War in Europe was immenent and Holcomb set about preparing the Marine Corps for World War II, including modernizing the Marine Corps equipment and tremendously expanding the corps numbers. From a fleet Marine force of 3,000 in 1936, the Marine Corps, under General Holcomb, reached 66,000 by 1939 and by 1943 350,000 – including 3 extraordinary amphibious divisions (1st, 2nd, 3rd Marine Divisions, with the 4th Marine in training), 95 High Performance Aviation squadrons and 15 Defense battalions. M \$36,500



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Uniform Of Brigadier General Carl A. Baehr

A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy in 1909, Carl Baehr made Brigadier General in 1941 and won many medals in World War II, including the Bronze and Silver Stars (awards given only for valor), two air medals, the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit. He commanded the Sixth Army Artillery Corps druing the Invasion of Europe. Photograph: Brigadier General Carl A. Baehr. His General's Car Flag as well as his General's "Star" license plate along with his office desk name plate. M **\$14,500**





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Submarine Service





Lot 2005

Uniform Of Navy Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood

General MacArthur, General LeMay and Admirals Halsey, Spruance and Nimitz are justly famous for their roles in the Pacific Theater of World War II. Admiral Lockwood was the commander of submarines, Pacific Fleet, during World War II. Admiral Lockwood thus commanded one of the principal instruments of the destruction of Imperial Japan. As detailed in the text for the Baleo Class Submarine, submarines were less than 2% of the U.S. Navy, yet sank over 30% of Japan's Navy, including 8 aircraft carriers. Perhaps even more significantly, the sinking of over 60% of the Japanese Merchant Marine by American submarines brought the Japanese economy to a virtual halt and greatly hampered the Japanese war effort as a whole. M \$34,500





USS Arizona - Swallowtail Flag

The original ca. 1930 24 inch swallowtail flag from the USS Arizona. M **\$1,200**

Lot 2007

World War I Era U.S. Navy sailor's Uniform



World War II Women's Uniforms

Army, Navy and Air Corp - three women's WW II uniforms. M\$750

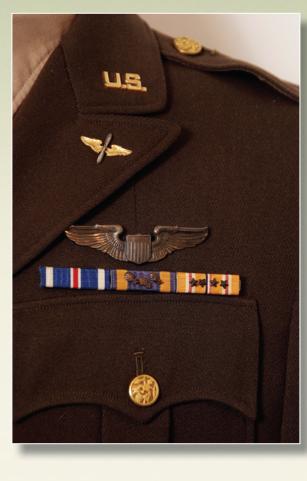
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Uniform Of Lt. Vernon C. Jenner Who Flew 50 Combat Missions As A P-38 Fighter Pilot Based Out Of New Guinea

Lt. Jenner flew P-38 fighters in the South Pacific as a member of the 5th Army Air Force, 80th Fighter Squadron, 8th Fighter Group known as "The Head Hunters." In his time as a pilot, Vernon received credit for shooting down four Japanese planes, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. Five photographs included: Unit standing in front of a sign that reads "Home of the Head Hunters;" Vernon Jenner outside the 80th Fighter Squadron, 8th Fighter Group Headquarters, 8th Fighter Group, 8th Fighter Squadron (Lt. Jenner is third row, second from left) and Lt. Jenner in front of his P-38. May 15, 1944. M\$2,850







Specially trained and equipped for operations in mountainous terrain, the 10th Mountain Division served with great distinction in Italy during World War II. After the war, veterans of the Division did much to popularize skiing as a recreational sport in America. Some of these men were the original founders of famous ski resorts, especially in Vail, Colorado were 10th Mountain Division trained.



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10th Mountain Division Equipment And Uniform

10th Mountain Division Issued Colonel's Helmet & hat's, 10th Mountain Division Skis, 10th Mountain Division Ski Goggles, Cross Country Snow Shoes, 10th Mountain Division Ski Goggle Case, 10th Mountain Division Ski Wax, Pin, Patch with red crossed swords, 10th Mountain Division Camp Shoes, 10th Mountain Division crampons, 10th Mountain Division Gaitors, Uniform Handbook for the Soldier 10th Infantry Division, 10th Mountain Division Ice Axe, 10th Mountain Division Pitons, 10th Infantry Division Book and Leather Shoe Spikes. The entire exhibit impossible to replace. M **\$16,500**

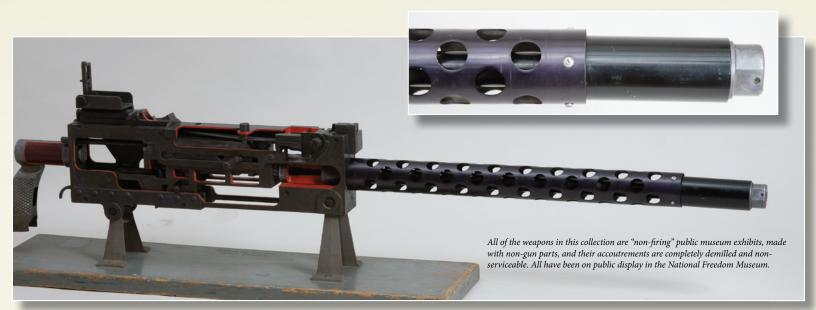
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World War II Battlefield Collection

Four World War II bayonets/fighting knives and sheaths, Nuremburg Trial MP helmet, 5th Army tank destroyer helmet worn by A. DeChello, helmet of a chaplain and medic, broken sword on wooden stand (unidentified), matchbook, razor with blades in box "BFW," study guide for Principals of Diesel Engines, U.S. pick, swagger sticks, canvas belt (unidentified), rifle grenade launcher site and case, pamphlet – Department of the Army 21-41 Personal Conduct for the Soldier, War Department Field Artillery Field Manual, canteen, ceramic flag holder and backpack with pick axe. (Some items not shown.) M \$2,900

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Lot 2013

U.S. .30 Caliber "Training Model" Machine Gun





D-Day Invasion Field Uniform

U.S. Army helmet, uniform and pack, just like what the U.S. Army used during the D-Day invasion at Normandy Beach. Photographs: 3rd Army soldiers stay low in their boat as they race across the Rhine near Oppenheim (The troops faced heavy fire from the Germans on the east of the river); soldiers going off the back of their ship into the ocean; American soldiers in route to Normandy aboard a coast guard landing craft infantry, barge, or LCI-L (The soldier's weapons are wrapped in plastic to protect them from the salty seawater on the windy ride) and, men in their bunks inside the ship. M \$2,400



U.S. Naval Pilot George H. Bush **41st President of the United States** of America and the U.S. Navy's youngest fighter pilot in World War II, he flew 58 combat mission's in the South Pacific

Fred Hoppe (20th Century). This is a Life-Size bronze bust portrait of World War II hero and former U.S. President George H. Bush as he appeared when he was the Navy's youngest pilot during World War II. The artist used 'actual'

measurements from the President and World War II photographs of him to create this historically important bronze sculpture. There were only three castings made, one of which is currently on display at the George H. Bush Presidential Library in College Station, Texas. M \$17,500







Lot 2016

World War II Aircraft Mechanic's Uniform

Aviator Crew Uniform with leather coveralls reinforced to work on aircraft on the runway, with muslin aircraft mechanics tool apron and heavy winter boots. М..... **\$1,900**



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Aircraft Carrier Crewman Uniform

U.S. Navy Aircraft carrier crewman uniform includes helmet with chin strap, goggles, radio and deck hat. Three photographs: A plane flying over an aircraft carrier deck, Navy officers on board deck and ship being fired upon; plus a cloth with U.S. Navy emblem embroidered on it. M \$1,600



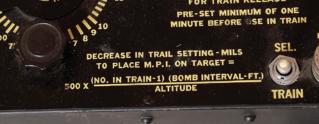


Lot 2018

Bomb Timer And "Enola Gay" Polarized Goggles

These timers were used on the B-17 and B-24 to coordinate the release of bombs for optimal effect. Relevant factors like ground speed, the desired interval between bombs and the number of bombs to be dropped were merely dialed in and the black box did the rest. Includes: two types of Aircraft First Aid kits, Air Crew mittens and a pair of "Enola Gay" Goggles. These goggles were designed for use when dropping atomic bombs. Their polarized Polaroid lenses rotate to permit just the right amount and wavelength of light to reach the eye. M \$3,400







B-23 High Altitude Heated Airman's Flight Suit

This is one of the very few complete American high-altitude cold weather flight suits remaining from World War II. It is complete with the armour-plated flak vest. Such suits were worn by U.S. Airforce B-23 bomber waist gunners and flight crew for protection against the elements. The oxygen mask was heated and the suit well insulated from head to foot. This rare display includes everything from flak armor to an emergency oxygen tank to be used in case of bailout at 30,000 feet. M **\$38,500**



High altitude air crew wore this air tank strapped to their left leg between the knee and ankle. In the event that they had to bailout of the plane at high altitudes, this device supplied the needed oxygen until the unfortunate crewman had descended to below 13,000 feet. It is often called a "bailout" tank.





Original "Flying Circus - King Of The Heavies" Uniform Worn By B24 Pilot Over China And The Philippines

A1 Leather jacket hand painted with patriotic logo "Flying Circus 380th Bomb Group" on the back. Worn by U.S. Air Force B24 pilot Captain Harry Blum who flew his B24, which he named the "Male Call," over China, New Guniea and the Philippines. The B24 was the primary Heavy Bomber in the Pacific Theatre. Photograph: Nose art of Harry Blum's B-24, "Male Call." Printed Pieces: Departure and Arrival Report and Japanese paper currency. M \$3,800



Lot 2021

World War II Air Force Bombs (reproductions)

100 pound bomb, 250 pound bomb and 500 pound bomb. All reproductions made at Fort Campbell. From 2 to 4 feet tall. M **\$14,500**







U.S. Army Air Corps World War I Officer's Uniform U.S. Army Air Corps uniform and boots. M \$7,900

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World War I Army Air Corps Officer's Uniform

This display includes the ultra-rare air-corps officer's hat, waist belt and over the shoulder belt. The insignia on the collar is of the Air Corps - Signal Corps. M \$9,500







Dispatch riders await their orders on their BSAs.



World War II British Dispatch Rider Rubberized Uniform With Helmet





Lot 2025

World War II British Army Motorcycle

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U.S. Harley-Davidson Motorcycle With Thompson .45 Machine Gun Scabbard

In 1940, with the war in the air, the U.S. Army began a massive crash program of expansion, reorganization and modernization, most of which amounted to mechanization. In short, the U.S. Army traded its horses for vehicles of one sort or another including Harley-Davidson motorcycles like this one. Harley-Davidson's motorcycles delivered in the early years of World War II were essentially civilian models (model 1937) with olive-drab paint. Later models incorporated slight modifications like a heavier engine skid plate and standard Army black-out lamps. Eventually a Harley-Davidson engineered to the rigorous requirements of military service was produced in 1942.

As initially deployed by the U.S. Army, the motorcycle was a scout, reconnaissance messenger and military police vehicle. Unlike the Germans, the Americans did not think of the motorcycle as any kind of combat vehicle. This motorcycle comes equipped with a .45 caliber machine gun scabbard. M **\$12,900**



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Homing Pigeon Communication Materials Used During World War II

German pigeon racing clock, two pigeon cases, ammo can, pigeon message book, message capsules, basic field manual, animal transport FM25-5, "In Action With the Pigeon Company," letterhead stationary and envelope, U.S. Army Signal Corps Pigeon Section, framed Certificate of Service "Army Service Forces Signal Corps Army Pigeon Service Agency War Pigeons," General Information Pigeon Communication, collapsible Airborne 8th pigeon container, parachute equipment PG-101-CB 8, bird container used with nine foot parachute (a parachute for airborne pigeon container) and gloves that were used for falconry. M **\$18,500**















Surgical Nurse Uniform (Male) – U.S. Navy World War II

Surgical Nurse Uniform (Male) – U.S. Navy World War II with three photographs: "A wounded Marine eats ice cream which patients got every afternoon," "Burn victim on a Naval hospital ship" and "The Manhattan skyline greets soldiers who were maimed in the war as their ship moves up the Hudson River to dock." M **\$900**

Lot 2028

World War I American Red Cross Nurse's Uniform And Hat

Pair of crutches, World War I White American Red Cross Nurses Uniform, First Aid Kit, Medical Department Blanket and several photographs and ads. M \$3,400

Lot 2029

U.S. Marine Baseball Uniform

This baseball uniform was worn by a member of the 8th Mountain Battalion. M \$ 600

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Mine Detector From World War II And Warning Minefield Flags

Mine detectors like this all work by detecting metal. Consequently, the general response was simple and obvious – build mines with no metal. Such mines were made entirely of wood and could be found by dogs trained to find them by the scent of the explosives. The probe was gingerly poked into the ground to confirm that a mine had indeed been found. A complete Set! Original backpack, carrying case, headphones and mine field flags. M \$3,400





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U.S. Seabee "CB" Construction Battalion Dress Uniform

The Seabee dress uniform (Crackerjack) proudly shows the Seabee Shoulder patch. The Seabees built the runways on the islands across the South Pacific which opened the way to bomb Japan. M **\$900**

Lot 2033

U.S. Navy Uniform Of A Petty Officer

U.S. Navy double-breasted uniform of Petty Officer (3rd Class) includes hat. M **\$900**



Lot 2034 World War II U.S. Army Officer's Dress Mess Uniform

This army officer's dress mess uniform is in rare condition. M **\$450**



World War II Chaplain's "Holy Communion" Kit

This complete Holy Communion kit was used in the field. Contains two common cup goblets, individual communion wine sets, wine decanter, Holy Water tube, wafer trays and holder, as well as postmortem canvas case with label. M \$2,800.



Lot 2036

World War II Chaplain's Field Organ

This field organ could be collapsed into a self-contained portable case to be taken from Army camp to camp. M \$3,900



World War II Chaplain's Podium This podium was used for all branches of the allied forces. M \$600



Captured German Propeller

Lot 2041

German "Tiger" Tank 88 Round

A very rare German tank 88mm, demilled round, used in the cannon of a Tiger tank. War date stenciled markings from 1942. Approximately 3 feet tall. M **\$6,800**



Rare World War I Propeller

A rare propeller from a World War I "Spad" fighter similar to what Eddie Rickenbacker flew in World War I. 8' feet tall. M **\$5,000**



Lot 2038

Nazi Tank Flag.

This large tank flag (below) with Black Cross used to denote tanks in the field so they would not be bombed by friendly fire. Grommets on all for corners were used to lashed down the banners on top of their Panzers. M**\$1,800**



Lot 2042

Prop and Siren from a German 'Stuka' Dive-Bomber that was shot to pieces over London

Nazi "Stuka" dive bomber propeller blade and a "Stuka" dive siren that terrorized the citizens of London during the Battle of Britain. Both the Siren and this propeller are non-existent in today's market as very few survived being shot-down. 4 feet tall. M \$4,800

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Computerized B-29 Gun Site – The Only One Known To Exist

This site was a closely held secret in World War II and was believed to be a key element in the self defense capability of the B-29 Bomber. Essentially the site allowed a gunner to point all the available anti-aircraft guns on the B-29 at the same spot in space from a single remote location. This is the only one known to exist. M \$40,000







P-51 Mustang Fighter Aircraft

P-51 Mustang fighter aircraft full-size reproduction with some original World War II parts and painted with invasion stripes. The plane is set up on a 20 foot tall pole-mounting bracket on the underside and was used as the sign for the Museum which drew over a million visitors. The P-51 is the most recognized aircraft of World War II. American Heritage voted it the most artistic item created during the twentieth century. Full size with no engine. M **\$175,000**



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Veter



The CG-15 glider's wingspan was 62 feet 2 inches and its overall length was 48 feet 10 inches. The floor was made of honeycombed plywood, a construction technique that provided strength with minimal weight. The load-bearing capacity of the floor enabled the glider to carry 4,035 pounds; which was 35 more pounds than the glider's own empty weight. The entire nose section (including the pilot's compartment) swung upward creating a 70 x 60 inch opening into its cargo compartment. This made it possible to quickly load and unload the glider. Types of cargo were fighting men, a jeep with radio equipment and driver, radio and operator plus one other soldier, two soldiers and a jeep trailer loaded with combat supplies, a 75mm pack howitzer with 25 rounds of ammunition and two artillerymen or a small bulldozer and its operator. The CG-15 could be towed at a maximum safe speed of 180 miles per hour with a gross weight load of 8,035 pounds. It was often towed at a slower speed of 110 to 130 m.p.h. The gliders were usually towed behind a C-47 tow plane on a 300 foot nylon rope, 1" in diameter. Two-way radio systems allowed communication between the gliders and their tugs. This glider has "No Wings" as it was crash landed - we only have the cockpit and fuselage which is 48 feet long. M \$38,500



World War II Armored Half-Track Made By White Truck Company In Michigan In 1943

Originally carried Quad .50 caliber Anti-Aircraft machine guns mounted in the back. Was in running condition seven years ago, dashboard has missing instruments. M \$18,500



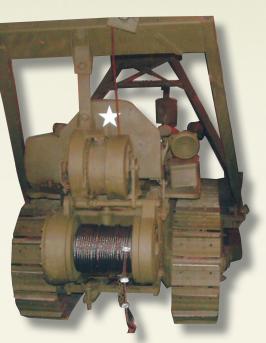




Lot 2048 World War II Trench G.I. Equipment

The entire display, including tanker goggles, grenade launcher for a rifle, mess kit, sewing kit, trenching shovel and other items. M \$1,200

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Caterpillar D-4 Diesel Tractor Used By Seabee "CB" Construction Units To Build Runways In The South Pacific Islands

Caterpillar D-4 Diesel Tractor made in 1940 with 00 military serial number was used by Seabee units in the South Pacific. The caterpillar is restored and is in running condition. As per deal between Caterpillar and U.S. Government, none of these were to be brought back to America as it would flood the market for future sales of Caterpillars. They can all be found rusting in the South Pacific, except for this one! M \$34,500







Army Officer's Second Lieutenant Uniform

This officer is dressed for riding in 1930's vintage gear. Before World War II virtually all officers were expected to ride. General Patton trained the last cavalry troopers at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas before he developed tank warfare. It is interesting to note that in 1939 America had only the 14th largest army in the world and by 1945 it had the largest! M \$2,900



Lot 2051

McClellan Saddle



Lot 2052 World War I U.S. Marine Corps Uniform

World War I USMC mint condition and complete uniform. M **\$9,500**



Lot 2053

"The White Fleet" Japan Rememberance Embroidered Picture

The four squadrons of warships, dubbed the "Great White Fleet," were manned by 14,000 sailors and marines under the command of Rear Admiral Robley "Fighting Bob" Evans. It is hand embroidered in Japan eagle, flags and flowers on a blue fabric background with the marine's photograh mounted at center. 14 inches tall. M **\$150**







Lot 2054

World War I U.S. Navy Sailor's Uniform

World War I Navy sailor's uniform. M **\$1,200**



World War I "Dough Boys"

Lot 2056

U.S. Army Sergeant's Combat Uniform From World War I

World War I Trench warfare uniform – most of these were thrown away in Europe as the Dough Boys wore their dress uniforms home. These combat uniforms were dirty, worn out and readily discarded after battle. M \$3,500

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Many soldiers would have their very uniform copied by a local tailor in what ever country that they were occupying and send it home to their sons to wear like "Daddy." Three Children's Uniforms, Pair of Children's Boots, two Toy .45 caliber pistols with Holsters and Official G.I. Junior Para Stationary. M \$2,500



Lot 2059

World War I Child's Jacket

U.S. Army child's uniform double breasted jacket with child's metal army helmet. M **\$ 950**

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Lot 2060 **Canadian Uniform** Dress Uniform with belts and insignias. M **\$4,450**







Canadian Uniform

Royal Canadian Army officer's uniform exhibit includes belt, insignia and medals. M $\$4,\!450$

Royal Air Force "The Battle Of Britain" Uniform of 'Spitfire' Fighter Pilot During The Air Battle Over England

Uniform of Royal Air Force "Spitfire" Fighter Pilot Johnston killed in the Battle of Britain, pair of leather gloves, his dog tag's, his air corps life vest, and a "Spitfire" tail wheel plus two photographs. M **\$19,500**



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Lot 2063

1941 Parachute Welbike

British made and used by both British and American paratroopers during the D-Day Invasion. These welbikes were dropped by parachute behind enemy lines and rode into battle zones by Allied Forces. M **\$12,500**







Russian "Maxim 1944" Machine Gun

This Russian Maxim machine gun made in 1944 and used against the Nazis on the Russian Front. It is a non-firing museum display with non-gun parts. The M1910 was mounted on a cumbersome wheeled mount with a gun shield. Comes with original complete set of oil and water and ammo cans along with a Russian Artillery hat. M \$3,500

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Adolph Hitler's Gold Inlaid Presentation Pistol From The Walther Gun Factory Made In 1939

The Walther PPK Pistol: Model 9, Serial number 647 565 (second variation) was made in 1939 by the Carl Walther company in Zella-Mehlis (Thuringia) Germany for Adolph Hitler. "AH" inlaid in gold is original to the blueing of the gun on the rear grip strap and on the top of the barrel. Excellent, lightly used condition. This is one of only a few fully authenicated Hitler guns in private hands. See full Appraisal of the Authenticity prepared by Dieter H. Marschall on the following pages. (FFL required)....... **\$175,000**



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Appraisal of the authenticity of Walther pistol Mod. 9 serial number 647 565 allegedly belonging to Adolf Hitler

A few introductory notes about the author of this appraisal:

- I am the author of two books and co-author of one book, mainly about Walther pistols.
- I work as a freelance author for the German gun magazine "Deutsches Waffen Journal".
- I was in charge of the historical research during the construction of the new Walther factory museum in Ulm/Germany.
- My appraisal of this Walther Mod. 9 is based on a database containing about 4,500 Walther Mod. 1 through 9 (Zella Mehlis production).
- My expertise does not only rely on my own observations, but, as far as pre-1945 engravings are concerned, I also rely on the expertise of two engravers from the Zella-Mehlis/Suhl area in Thuringia/Germany. I have worked with them for many years. They specialize in prewar Thuringia engravings. One of them is even able to identify the "handwriting" of old Thuringia engravers and tell who did the engravings and in what time frame. He is able to identify postwar engravings, too.

The Walther pistol mod. 9 serial number 647 565 (second variation) was made in 1939 by the company Carl Walther in Zella-Mehlis (Thuringia).

Features

- serial number coincides with a block of other engraved Walther Mod. 9s
- frame and slide fully engraved (oak leaves with acorns on a punch-dot background)
- blued finish
- black grips plates held by blued metal dishes
- magazine safety
- Walther banner on slide (lhs.), grips and mag bottom
- serial number "647 565" rollstamped vertically on lhs. of frame
- digits "871" handstamped (height about 2 mm) on the inner front side of the slide
- proof stamps (crown/N) on the rhs. of the frame and slide run-over by engraving
- monogramme "AH" (as designed by Albert Speer for Adolf Hitler) on the rear grip strap and on the top of the barrel. Both monogrammes are tilted in an angle of about 20° and show a gold inlay finish
- light corrosive pitting around the muzzle area
- light signs of wear on the safety lever and on the rear of the grip strap
- inside of barrel is blank and shining
- overall condition of this pistol: lightly used, but all in all 99%.

Appraisal

This style of engraving, the way it was performed and its quality are typical of the engravers Spörer or Zöller (Zella-Mehlis) in the late 1930s. They both worked as subcontractors for the Walther company. Especially the way the muzzle area and the trigger guard are engraved with great care and in a very detailed manner, the depth of the engraving, the distribution and arrangement of the oak leaves and acorns add to the impression that this engraving is authentic. The fact that some of the oak leaves, especially on the sides of the slide, partially resemble thistle and not oak leaves, is not detrimental here, as this is more often the case with other engravings of that period, too.

There are three details, however, which at first sight make an expert wonder whether this engraving might be authentic

a) the tilted arrangement of the monogramme "AH" :

At a second look this arrangement becomes evident though. Due to the shape of the letters "A" and "H" the wide basis of this monogramme in an upright position would have forced the engraver to make the two initials much smaller and thus less significant both on the grip strap and on the barrel.

b) serial numbers on frame and slide non-matching:

Normally there should be the last three digits of the serial number (here: "565") hand-stamped on the inside of the slide. The position and the size of these three digits are such, however, that a non-expert would hardly find them. So there are two scenarios conceivable for the fact that the frame and the slide of this pistol are not matching:

scenario 1: Engraving has always been a very time-consuming work. Thus assuming that the engraver was under time pressure, especially when working for a high-ranking member of the Nazi regime, he might have taken refuge as follows: He took the slide from an other already engraved Walther Mod. 9, which was sitting in his shelf, but did not have any monogramme. He "married" that slide with a frame, which was still to be engraved with the same type of engraving adding the golden monogramme "AH".

scenario 2: The engraver made a mistake when engraving the slide and then had to use the slide of an other Mod. 9 to finish his work on. Besides: If a postwar engraver had done this work, he would certainly have used a pistol with matching slide and frame in order to be on the safe side.

So the feature of non-matching serial numbers, which at first sight seems to be detrimental to the authenticity of this pistol, is insignificant at second sight – the more so as the emphasis on matching serial numbers seems far more important for gun collectors today than it was for gun users of that 1930s period.

c) proof stamps run over by the engraving:

When regarding the fact that the areas around the proof stamps were not excepted from the engraving, we must bear in mind that most engraved Walther pistols were not made in the Walther factory but given to subcontractors like Schilling, Spörer or Zöller in the Zella-Mehlis/ Suhl area. Each of those engravers (and their employees) had his own style and "handwriting". Thus he handled e.g. the proof mark areas differently: Most excepted these areas from engraving – some did not.

Even today there is still a rather close-knit community of engravers in that Thuringia area who mostly come from old engravers' families. After having thoroughly inspected close-up photos of this Walther Mod. 9 two of those engravers came to the conclusion that this a typical 1930s engraving and even ascribed it directly to one of the two engravers, Spörer or Zöller, mentioned above. It must be said here that those experts are so experienced in their field of interest that they can date and recognize any postwar engraving.

The final question of course is, whether the initials "AH" really stand for the "Führer" of the Nazi regime, Adolf Hitler. The following facts speak for themselves:

- The production date 1939 of this pistol coincides with the height of Adolf Hitler's political career. So it is very likely that he was given such a presentation gun in those days.
- As mentioned before there is evidence that this engraving is authentic and from the late 1930s. It is hardly imaginable, however, that any subject of the Nazi regime would have dared to make use of a monogramme, which was designed exclusively for the political leader.

Conclusion

As discussed above we have good reasons to believe that this Walther Mod. 9 was in fact engraved for Adolf Hitler himself – presumably as a presentation gun. It is true that Hitler was renowned for not being very fond of fancy, engraved weapons, but especially at the height of his political career there were many subjects, who were only too happy to give their "Führer" a valuable present and thus make him favourably disposed to them.

I have based my appraisal on 30 years of experience and the expertise of the specialists mentioned above as a second opinion.

(Dieter H. Marschall)



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Eva Braun's Silver

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Goering's Silver



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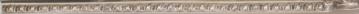


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Lot 2076

Goering's Wedding Silver Relish Dish





Lot 2077

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Goering's Personal Jewelry





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Goering's "Star Ruby" Gold Ring Solid gold wearing ring custom made for Goering with a 20 carat star ruby. **\$16,500**



Lot 2079

Goering's Cased Pocket Watch



Albert Speer's Silver





Lot 2080

Speer's Family Silver Service Pieces

He was appointed Hitler's architect and built the New Reich Chancellery with the idea to rebuild Berlin. As armaments minister, he raised the index of arms production. Later in the war Hitler authorized him to oversee all economics of the Nazi Government. This pattern has an ornate floral treatment. The monogram is the intertwined pattern seen on most of Speer's silverware. **\$150 per piece**

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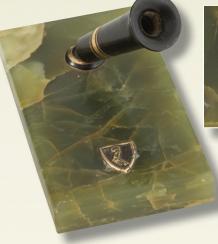




Lot 2083

Goering's Granite Desk Top

Goering's granite desk top with ink well measures approximately 10" x 14." **\$1,750**





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Lot 2086

Nazi U-Boat Submariner's Deck Suit and Hat



Lot 2087 Nazi Prisoner Of War Tunic

This POW camp tunic was worn by a German POW in England. It has his name inside the coat pocket. Included is a wanted poster, "Wanted escaped prisoners of war – Nikolaus Porht and Heinz Perau." M **\$6,800**













Deutsches Rote Kreuz

Lot 2088

Uniform And Coat Worn By German Red Cross Nurse Kate Schurmann-Reinert – Nazi Secret "Lebensborn" SS – Breeding Houses In 1941

Uniform and coat, SS "Lebensborn" Arm Bands, her discharge papers dated 1945, I.D. dated 1936 when she enrolled, Red Cross Membership Card dated 1936, Red Cross Booklet, her nursing hat, medals and a small flag. The Breeding Houses were an SS program to propagate Ayrian Traits, many of these children were sired by SS officers to establish future generations of an elite race. (See recent article in the New York Times.) M **\$14,500**





German "SS" Soldier's Helmet Shown on left. M \$1,800

> Lot 2090 German "Paratrooper's" Helmet Shown on right. M \$3,800



U.S. Bicycle Used During World War II

This U.S. bicycle was used to travel around bases during the occupation of Europe. The saddlebags are original U.S. Army Infantry. M \$3,400



Lot 2092

German Infantry Bicycle Used During World War II

This German Infantry bicycle was captured in North Africa. Entire infantry squads traveled on bicycles. This includes the canvas bag and original tires. M **\$11,900**

Lot 2093

Nazi Funeral Flag

Captured Nazi funeral flag with markings. These flags were used to cover the caskets of fallen German soldiers during military funerals. Includes two framed death certificates from the German Army. 10 feet long. M \$1,200

Lot 2094

Vichy Government Nazi-French Corps Flag

This flag was captured by the General De Gaulle's Free French at the close of the war in 1945. The Vichy troops carrying this flag attempted to surrender to the Free-French who executed them on the spot in May 1945 outside of Paris. A U.S. Soldier nearby saved this flag of the Franzofischen Freiwilligen-Legion established by the German Army when Paris originally fell in 1941. 4 x 4 feet on original broken staff. (Photograph not available at press time.) M \$15,000



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Rommel's AfricaKorps German BMW Motorcycle

German BMW motorcycle captured from Rommel's division in North Africa, with his corps-logo. After being captured in North Africa, this motorcycle was taken back to England as a war souvenir by a British officer. It remained in his possession until he died in the 1950's. His widow donated it to the British War Museum, which refused to display it due to an AfricaKorps swastika displayed on division marking on the fuel tank. It remained protected under a tarp from the 1950's until it was swapped for a tank engine in the 1980's by a Canadian war museum, where it remained until acquired in 2002. It still has the original paint, seats, military markings and desert-dried leather saddle bags. The museum cleaned North African sand off of it before display. This is the only Rommel AfrikaKorps motorcycle known to exist that was actually captured in North Africa. M **\$38,500**



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World War I Japanese Navy Officer's uniform and leather map case. This dynamic display also contains a sake bowl, five yen note and stamp found in the uniform pocket. The Japanese were proud of their Navy, which increased in size after the Russo-Japanese War and their Navy was recognized a world power; enough so that Japan was confident enough to attack America and bomb Pearl Harbor in 1941.M \$2,900





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Japanese Blood-Stained Battle Flag ca. 1943

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"D-Day Normandy Beach" The Worlds Largest World War II Bronze Sculpture - 70 feet in length and weighing 15 tons

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Lot 2107

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North Korean Officer's uniform with canteen, gun case and hat. M **\$4,950**

Lot 2108

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