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LOTS TO BE SOLD

1. BOOKS - Lot of (3) of British Interest: 1. The New Zealand Medal, 1845-47 & 1860-66, The Abyssinian War Medal, 1867 to the Royal Navy & The Royal Navy, by W.H. Fevyer & J.W.Wilson, paperback; 2. Coronation and Rural Commemorative Medals, 1887-1977, by Lt. Col. Howard N. Cole, paperback; 3. The Abu Klea Medal Rolls, by J.V. Webb, hardback.
2. USA: Legion of Merit, Officer, full wrap brooch numbered "23908", A nice WW2 era award in excellent condition.
3. USA – Colorado – La Playa County World War 1 Service Medal, in folded cardboard envelope of issue, by Whitehead & Hoag Company, Newark, New Jersey. Mint condition.
4. SARAWAK – Order of the Star of Sarawak. Silver and enamels. Excellent condition in named case of issue by Grand Medals Jewellers (Pte) Ltd., Singapore.
5. USA – Spanish War Service Medal, numbered "906", reribboned (tattered) on original wrap brooch. The number traces to Adam Jon, Company "K," 8th Infantry, National Guard of New York.

Adam John was mustered into Federal service on May 19, 1898. After being discharged he lived in New York City.

6. BOOK – Honours & Awards: 1854-1914 & 1920-1939, by Michael Maton. Large format book published by Token Publishing. 673 pp, hardback.
7. USA – New York – National Guard Marksman Badge, bronze with gilt wash. Medal has 11 bars dated 1882 through 1892. The bars for 1886 through 1890 are marked on the reverse by "Richard Oliver & Bloomfield, NY."
8. USA – Lot of 3: 1. Civil War Campaign Medal, US Navy reverse with straight "FOR SERVICE". 2. 1st Nicaraguan Campaign Medal 1912, U.S. Marine Corps reverse with curved "FOR SERVICE". 3. Mexican Service Medal, 1911-1917, U.S. Navy reverse with straight "FOR SERVICE". All on proper ribbons, but none have brooches. All are unnumbered, dark, thick plancheted, Studley-type restrikes.
9. GERMANY – Third Reich – Lot of 3: 1. War Service Cross, 2nd Class, with swords, late-war type in zinc, no ribbon. 2. Eastern Front Medal, no ribbon; 3. Tinnie: May Day, 1937. Oxidized.
10. USA – The Chaplains' Medal for Heroism (Also known as The Four Chaplains Medal). Later reproduction in reduced size, on correct ribbon with ribbon bar.

This medal was established by Act of Congress in 1960 and was awarded to the next of kin of the four chaplains who were lost when the Army troop transport USS Dorchester was torpedoed off the coast of Greenland on February 3, 1943, with a loss of 681 lives. The four chaplains aided troops into lifeboats, and when there were no more life preservers to

distribute they gave their own to others. As the ship went down, they were seen, arms linked, singing a hymn. Each was also awarded a posthumous Distinguished Service Cross.

11. SOUTH VIETNAM – Cross of Gallantry. A Vietnamese-made piece on correct ribbon with no devices.
12. BOOK – Albanian Medals, Volume II, by Botimet Toena. Hardback. Interesting and scarce, well-illustrated (mostly color), 267 page reference. Missing a few pages in front of title page, but contents appear otherwise complete.
13. USA – Air Medal. WW2 era award with full-wrap copper brooch #’d “20304”, on correct original ribbon.
14. GERMANY – Third Reich – Lot of 3: 1. War Merit Cross, 2nd Class, bronze, no ribbon. 2. War Merit Cross, 2nd Class, without swords, bronze, no ribbon. 3. Metal cap eagle, complete with 3 prongs.
15. BELGIUM – R.L.S.C.A. / K.S.A.H. (Royale Ligue Sportive du Commerce d’Anvers / Koninklijk Sporterverbond Antwerpens Handel) white metal award plaque, approx. 57mm x 82mm, engraved “A. HERBOSCH / STICHTEND VOORZITTER / KON EUGENE HERBESCH V.C. / 1925-65.”
16. RED CROSS MEDALLIONS – 3. 1. NETHERLANDS, Bronze 50mm for Blood Transfusion Service with Professor Dr. Karl Landstener on obverse. 2. BELGIUM – 29mm Thank You Medallion for donating blood, with dates 1935-1985. 3. BELGIUM – 50mm Bronze rev: “RECONNAISSANCE AUX DONNEURS DE SANG”.
17. USA – U.S. Navy unattributed group of 9: Bronze Star (slot brooch), Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War 2 Victory Medal, China Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Korean War Service Medal, United Nations Korean Service Medal. Medals 2-9 mounted on two bars.
18. BOOKS – Lot of 2, British Interest. 1. Forgotten Heroes: The Charge of the Light Brigade by Roy Dutton, Hardback, 495 pages. 2. Forgotten Heroes: The Charge of the Heavy Brigade by Roy Dutton, Hardback, 374 pages.
19. USA – Set of 3 U.S. Coast Guard Pistol Shot Excellence-In-Competition Badges. Each marked “National” (as earned at National Matches): Gold, Silver and Bronze. Clutch back, modern, all appear unissued.
20. PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPH – Cabinet Photo of unidentified Civil War or Indian War era infantry officer wearing kepi with 6th Infantry cap badge, on cardboard mount by “Beatty, Milford, Mass.”
21. MONGOLIA – Honorary Combat Medal, a silver and enamel Soviet-made bravery award, Type 2, circa 1975-77 issue, with engraved number “10286”
22. MONGOLIA – Honorary Medal of Labor, Type 5, with engraved number “403”, silver plated brass and enamels. Another, earlier type with riveted, multi-piece pin-back suspension, with engraved number “36691”

23. USA – Pennsylvania – New Kensington, Arnold and Lower Burrell Township World War 2 Service Medal, 1941-1945, bronze, by Whitehead and Hoag. On replaced red, white and blue ribbon.
24. USA – Unknown Civil War-related medal. Bronze, 38mm planchet suspended from laurel bar suspension. Obverse – View of U.S. Capitol with “WASHINGTON” above. Reverse – Parade scene with inscription “GRAND REVIEW 1865.” Suspended on U.S. Civil War blue & grey ribbon, no brooch.
25. BOOK – Orders in Existence until 1917. In Russian and English (p. 135-138 only). With 42 color plates. Published by the Hermitage, 1991. Hardback, 193 pages.
26. NORWAY – King Haakon VII’s Freedom Medal, 1940-1945. A later version of the medal on correct ribbon and pin-back brooch.
27. USA – Group of 4: U.S. Navy Good Conduct Medal, officially impressed CHARLES FRANCIS FERULLO 1948; WW2 American Campaign Medal; WW2 Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal; WW2 Victory Medal.

Charles F. Ferullo was born in 1908. He last lived in Pinellas, Florida. He died on 14 May 2002.

28. MONGOLIA – Order of Motherhood Medals (2) 1. Mother’s Glory Medal, 1st Class, screwback, with engraved number “118309”. 2. Mother’s Glory Medal, 2nd Class, pin-back, with engraved number “56437.”
29. USA – Brooklyn 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg Medal, July 4, 1913. Top pin-back brooch marked: “Prospect Park, Bklyn”. Obverse has battle scene, reverse plain except for maker mark: “J. B. Whitman, 417 Fulton St., B’klyn, N.Y.”
30. USA – Two plaster models of prototype designs of the Navy Cross and Navy Distinguished Service Medal, approximately 130mm in size. Both apparently sculpted by James Earle Fraser, who also designed the final version of the Navy Cross and the first type Navy Distinguished Service Medal (which was withdrawn in favor of another design by Paul Manship). Both of these plaster design prototypes are dirty and chipped, with some plaster loss, but nevertheless a rare pair of artifacts used in the development of two of the U.S. Navy’s most significant awards.
31. USA – Lot of two named decorations: 1. Bronze Star Medal, crimp brooch, machine engraved “ALFRED G. HOOK.” 2. Army Commendation Medal, crimp brooch, machine engraved, “WYLIE CASON.”
32. USA – Lot of 2: 1. Army Commendation Medal, crimp brooch, machine engraved “BRYCE W. J. BERTRAN”. 2. Army Good Conduct Medal, WW2 numbered type on wrap brooch, numbered on edge “69220.”
33. GREAT BRITAIN – Distinguished Flying Cross, GVI issue, second type, undated. A very well-made COPY, possibly in silver, with the reverse Imperial cipher numerals “VI” being too small and set too far apart. On a correct ribbon without brooch.

34. USA – Sesquicentennial Medallion of the United States Military Academy, in bronze, 76mm, marked on edge “MEDALLIC ART CO, N.Y.” and “BRONZE.” With descriptive leaflet.
35. USA – Lot of 3 Grand Army of the Republic Encampment Delegate Badges, all with correct brooches and printed ribbons. 1. Syracuse, New York 47th Encampment, June 12-13, 1913, with bust of Department Commander Albert D. Shaw. 2. Albany, New York, 49th Encampment, June 23-24, 1915, with bust of Commander James D. Bell. 3. Saratoga Springs, New York, June 26-28, 1917, with bust of Commander Solomon W. Russell.
36. Book – Recipients of Bars to the Military Cross, 1916-1920, To which is added M.C.s to Warrant Officers 1915-1919, by J.V. Webb. Hardback, a nominal roll of 193 pages.
37. GERMANY – Third Reich – Lot of 2: 1. War Merit Medal, bronze, with correct ribbon. 2. West Wall Medal, bronze, with correct ribbon and envelope of issue marked “Carl Posilath, Schrobenhausen.”
38. USA – U.S. Navy Good Conduct Medal, officially impressed to “GEORGE / JOHN / FRANKOVICH / 1945.” On correct ribbon, no brooch.

George John Frankovich was born in 1917. He served in the U.S. Navy from March 16, 1937 to November 29, 1960. Frankovich was stationed in Tunisia, at the US Naval Air Base, Falmouth, England, with the 12th Beach Battalion, the USS Pantwer, the Waipo Amphibious Operator Base, San Pedro, CA, USS Menard, US Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, CA, and the USNTC, San Diego. He died on 27 January 1997 and is buried at El Camino Memorial Park, San Diego, CA.

39. GERMANY – Third Reich – Lot of 3 Tinnies: 1. Tag der Arbeit 1934, brass, with pin. 2. Sea Service Day, 1935, plastic, with pin. 3. Reichparteitag 1939, composition, with pin, maker marked RZM M9/238 Bruder Schneiderag, Wein.
40. USA – World War 2 Selective Service Medal, on correct ribbon with slot brooch, in named case of issue with ribbon bar and lapel button.
41. EAST GERMANY – Lot of 16 Certificates (Urkunde) for various awards. Seven of the certificates are named.
42. USA – WW2 period Army Good Conduct Medal, wrap brooch, #’d on rim 53575 and machine engraved to “SOLOMON / CAMITTA,” in matching numbered blue Medallic Art Co. box of issue with lapel button and length of ribbon.

Solomon Camitta was born in Pennsylvania in 1917 He enlisted from Camden, New Jersey into the U.S. Army, Medical Department on March 27, 1941. He worked as an occasional actor and entertainer.

43. FRANCE – Lot of 2: 1. U.N.C (Union Nationale Combatant) WW1 Veterans Medal on correct ribbon with prong pin mount; 2. Small cabinet photo of WW1-era French officer wearing kepi, with flaming bomb insignia on cap and collars, on unmarked cardboard mount.
44. USA – Spanish American War Badge, approx. 26mm x 33mm, silver. Marked Co. K, 8th New York Vol. Inf. and Spanish-American War. Also marked “A. SCHON” and “98”. Pinback.

45. FRANCE – Lot of 5 Various Regimental Badges. Some enameled, all but one maker marked. A nice lot.
46. USA – Named WW2 case (only) for Legion of Merit Legionnaire. With two lapel pins and a ribbon bar.
47. GREAT BRITAIN. Lot of 2: 1, World War 2 1939-1945 Star, on correct ribbon, with ribbon bar with Rose device (denoting ‘Battle of Britain’ or ‘Bomber Command’ bar). 2. World War 1 Victory Medal, named to “R-30363 PTE. H. GEALY, K.R.Rif. C.”
48. SOVIET UNION – Lot of 3: 1. 30th Anniversary of Victory in WW2. 2. 40th Anniversary of Victory in WW2. 3. Soviet-Sino Friendship Medal, 1951. Bronze and enamels. On dingy ribbon missing pin.
49. USA – Brooklyn Mexican Border Service Medal 1916. On light blue and white ribbon with bronze pin-back top bar / brooch.
50. JAPAN – 1908 Great White Fleet Visit Medal. 21mm x 20mm silver and enameled medal on pin-brooch with USA and Japanese flags against an anchor design with “1908” at the bottom.
51. MYSTERY BADGES – Lot of 2. Cloth and enameled.
52. USA – Lot of 3: Sons of Veterans 1. Member Medal in bronze, complete with top bar. 2. Hat Badge – “S V” within gilt wreath. 3. Cabinet portrait photo of young man wearing uniform and holding kepi, wearing Sons of Veterans Medal. On cardboard mount imprinted “Whipple Studio, 17 East Main Street, Valparaiso, Indiana” and dated “1888.”
53. USA – Public Safety Medal of Valor. On full neck cravat, with lapel pin and ribbon bar.
54. USA – World War 1 Victory Medal, with 4 bars: Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and Defensive Sector. On original ribbon with full wrap brooch.

This combination of bars was awarded to members of the 4th Infantry Division, A.E.F.
55. BELGIUM – Medal of the Order of the Crown, with award document to MARCEL LAURELLE, dated Brussels, 25 April 1977. Nicely mounted in gold colored frame.
56. USA – Membership Ribbon for the Willington Grange No. 137, West Willington, Conn. The ribbon has a celluloid, pin-back top brooch with crossed American flags and the letters “P H.” A pendant on the red, white and blue ribbon features a sheaf of wheat, agricultural tools and “P of H” (Patrons of Husbandry). The ribbon is convertible, with the reverse side a mirror image of the front, but on a black ribbon with the words “In Memoriam” at the top. With the apparently original envelope from the Fuller Regalia & Costume Company of Worcester, Massachusetts.
57. USA – Lot of 19 Lapel Pins and Buttons, consisting of enameled pins for Army DSM, Purple Heart (x3), Spanish War, Philippine Insurrection, Philippine Congressional, Spanish War Service, Mexican Border Service, WW1 Army of Occupation, Civilian Conservation Corps,

United Spanish War Veterans, Loyal Order of Moose, 4MM4, Veterans of Foreign Wars, U.S. Merchant Marine, U.S. Naval reserve, and two unknown. 8 of the enameled pins are missing their screw-backs.

58. USA – Plantagenet Society Members Medal. Miniature, on slotted brooch. With hallmark.
59. USA – Lot of 2. 1. NEW YORK – Spanish American War Service Medal, #’d “10337.” On faded ribbon with split brooch. 2. United Spanish War Veterans Membership Medal, numbered “29429” on top brooch. With original printed silk U.S. flag ribbon, faded in front.
60. USA – Lot of 3. 1. Airman’s Medal on crimp brooch, hallmarked “GI”. 2: Prisoner of War Medal, in blue Graco Industries box with ribbon bar. 3. Korean War Service Medal.
61. USA - Army Navy Union of the USA Medal . Bronze, with top brooch marked “DELEGATE” (minus pin), on original but well-worn ribbon. Marked by manufacturer Schwab S&S, Milwaukee.
62. GREAT BRITAIN – Queen’s South Africa Medal, one clasp “Transvaal”, impressed naming to to “MR. T. KERR, IMP. MIL. RLY.” (Imperial Military Railway).

Kerr was the District Traffic Inspector for the Imperial Military Railway.

63. USA – Society of the Army of the Philippines 1899 Official Badge for Officers – Early Trpe in Bronze. On distinctive original red, white and blue ribbon with sunburst device and 3 bronze stars, with blue enameled epaulette-style suspension brooch with silver eagle device. Mounted on card with matching ribbon bar and 3 Army of the Philippines lapel buttons. Medal is unnumbered, but written on reverse of card is “NO. 115 / EDW. C. DAVIS.” Nice lot.
64. USA - Lot of 2. 1. Air Medal, later WW2 strike on original ribbon with sewn brooch. 2. State of Oregon WW1 Service Medal. On original ribbon (which is starting to split) with original sewn brooch.
65. USA – Lot of 2. 1. Mexican Border Service Medal, numbered “39091” on original ribbon and wrap brooch. 2. Sons of the American Revolution Members Medal, enameled cross, a later strike with engraved number “147142” on reverse of eagle suspension.
66. CASES – USA & FRANCE (2): 1. USA WW2 named “AIR MEDAL” case. 2. WW2-period French Legion D’Honneur case. (This damaged from tape lifting off the portion of the case covering that was embossed with the class of the award.)
67. CASE – GREAT BRITAIN: Case for a Companion of the Bath, Military Division, breast badge. Unmarked. By Garrard & Co., 25 Haymarket, London, with King’s Crown cipher.
68. GREAT BRITAIN – Princess Mary’s Christmas 1914 Gift Tin. Excellent condition except that the interior has been pierced with 4 holes, apparently used to nail it to a display.

69. GREAT BRITAIN – Custom-made case for a bar-mounted medal group, with interior slot for miniature medal bar. Brown leather with initials “J.H.M.C.” in gilt on lid. Approx. 8 ½” x 5 ¼” x 1 ½”. Made by Spink & Son, 17 & 18 Picadilly W. Some scuffing, but generally good condition.
70. USA – Mixed lot with 11 place ROTC ribbon bar (with 4 oak leaf cluster, one silver star and one “COLOR GUARD” devices) plus 5 miscellaneous (4 bronze colored and one silver colored) medals: 1. Eagle and wreath clutching plaque engraved “Major James McDonald,” on yellow and blue ribbon. 2. “Degree of Rebekah Assembly of Alberta” medal on pink and green ribbon with “PNG” suspension. 3. Unknown small silver music medal on pumpkin-colored ribbon. 4. Army Seal Medal (small) on green ribbon, reverse impressed “1949 / ARMY” and “HJ CO.” 5. “Gardner Medal” with crossed cannon on red, white and blue ribbon (frayed) with top suspension “CHAIRMAN.”

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