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WA - 1 Machet 15”



Significance:

This is the most commonly encountered Australian WW2 machete. This machete has bakelite handles instead of wood as used previously. It is normally found with a canvas sheath, evidently a leather sheath was issued prior to the adoption of the canvas sheath

This machete is marked D / \ D above DC 45. Examples are also found with 44. This is believed to be the year of manufacture.

The manufacturer of these machetes marked DC was Die Casters Pty Ltd a Melbourne based firm.

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WA - 2 1907 pattern bayonet with scabbard & leather frog.



Significance:

1942 dated Australian made Second World War made 1907 pattern bayonet with scabbard & leather frog.

Bayonet features a steel pommel, with working release button, with wooden grips (stamped SLAZ 42) and metal guard. The 43 cm long steel blade shows the 'blood groove' to the centre of each side of the blade and stamped XOA (Orange Arsenal), dated 9 42 (September 1942). The blade being factory sharpened only. Standard leather & metal scabbard stamped MANGROVITE 42 to rear seam stitch portion. Retains leather equipment frog, with fastening strap & stamped DENZIL DON 1942 with broad arrow DD. Overall length: 58cm long.

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WA - 3 Australian WWII-1944 Machete Bayonet with Scabbard



Significance:

This is an Australian Mk1 Machete Bayonet also known as the "Paratrooper" Bayonet. There are no makers mark apart from the SLAZ mark on the grips. There is also a 4 digit number on the pommel.

The blade has retained its original blueing.

The canvas scabbard has a brass stud on the securing strap and the back is dated 1944. These proved to be not much use as a bayonet and not too cool as a Machete.

Approximately 2,000 were made which makes this a scarce bayonet.

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WA - 4 Knife bayonet for .303 rifle & home made scabbard



Significance:

Knife bayonet for use with the .303 caliber M1888 Lee-Metford and Long Lee-Enfield rifles. This example was made in 1902 at the Royal Small Arms Factory, Enfield Lock (RSAF Enfield). The wood grips are secured by two large brass rivets. Pommel has clearance hole to accept the Lee-Metford rifle's cleaning rod and a clean-out hole in the grip, behind the aft rivet. Double-edged blade. Ricasso (L. Side): Crown over 2 99".

Ricasso (R. Side): broad arrow proofmark over "EFD" Enfield inspector's mark (crown over 58 over E) and "X" bending test mark.

Pommel: "4172"

Cut down and heavily modified, original blade length was 302 mm

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WA - 5 Five - 55 mm Drill Rounds and clips



Significance:

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WA - 6 Flare Casing



Significance:

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WA - 7 Shell Casing 3.45 inch



Significance:

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WA - 8 105mm Shell Casings x 2



Significance:

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WA - 9 Shell Casing 4.5 inch



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WA - 10 M4 Bayonet for use with the US M1 Carbine



Significance:

The **M4 bayonet** was introduced in 1944 for use with the US M1 carbine. It was built on the M3 fighting knife. Like the M3 fighting knife it was designed for rapid production using a minimum of strategic metals and machine processes, it used a relatively narrow 6.75-inch bayonet-style spear-point blade with a sharpened 3.5-inch secondary edge. The blade was made of carbon steel, and was either blued or parkerized. Production of the grooved leather handle was later simplified by forming the grip of stacked leather washers that were shaped by turning on a lathe, then polished and lacquered. The steel cross guard had a bayonet muzzle ring and the bayonet fastener is on the pommel.

Acquisition Details and Date Acquired:

Presented by Brig. WL Dunbar CSC, RFD

(Special Air Service Regiment) 2018 Deiliquin

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WA - 11 L1A2 Bayonet for use with Self Loading Rifle (SLR)



Significance:

The L1A1 and L1A2 bayonets are very similar, both featuring a protruding press stud. The L1A1 has a square fuller, while the L1A2 can have either a square or rounded fuller (pictured below). The L1A1 was used by Britain and has identifying markings on the ricasso and grip. The L1A2 bayonet was produced by Australia and Canada (where it was designated C1). The Australian bayonet is devoid of markings.

The L1A2 was produced at the Small Arms Factory, Lithgow, from 1958–1984. The earliest L1A2 bayonets, had a squared fuller like their British and Canadian counterparts. Australia changed to the unique rounded fuller in 1960.

Acquisition Details and Date Acquired:

Presented by Lt. Col. Jerry Taylor AM, MC

(Royal Australian Infantry) 1992 Kapooka

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WA - 12 Selection of Ammunition rounds and shells



Significance:

50 Calibre Round and Shell Casing
7.62 L1A1 SLR Drill Round
5.56 Blank Round Shell
5.56 Live Round Shell

Acquisition Details and Date Acquired:

Donated by Don Hughes

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WA - 13 45mm and 25mm Shells



Significance:

45mm Anti Aircraft (21-K) Soviet Shell
25 mm shell from an Australian Light Armoured Vehicle

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WA - 14 Firing Device F1A1 Demolition Combination Booby Trap



Significance:

This device is a modern Australian version of an old WWII switch. The original was developed in response to demands made by troops operating in PNG during that war. The old "Murray switch " as it was known had several drawbacks in that it was not compatible with American demolition charges and was considered to be too large. Shown here is the modified version.

The device is operated by spring actuated plate withdrawal.

The firing device is capable of operating by: Tension Release, Pressure Release, Pressure and Pull

The Coupling Base Firing device permits the switch to be used in conjunction with any munition fitted with a 9/16" UNC thread. For example: US Demolition Blocks, M26 Grenade, M34 WP Grenade, 11/4oz Primer and Charge Demolition Block 1.25lb

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WA - 15 L1A1 Self Loading Rifle Magazine



Significance:

L1A1 Self Loading Rifle Magazine

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WA - 16 Jet Pilots Survival Knife



Significance:

Jet Pilots Survival Knife.

These knives were issued to American and Australian pilots from Vietnam War onwards. The RAAF issued them to our pilots until 2005. They were also issued to some Australian Army units for survival training. This pattern knife was used by Major Peter Badcoe VC in Vietnam and is on display in the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

This Life was made in Ontario, USA and is dated June 1991

Acquisition Details and Date Acquired:

On loan from Kevin Coleman 11 Bogong Ave, Invermay Park, Ballarat 5338 8326

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