

Gentleman's Military Interest Club

Club Rules, Terms and Conditions of Use.

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GMIC is an Internet based service, membership of which is free & open to all persons of good standing. Its primary purpose is to provide a platform to discuss and assist members with the research of Military Collectables, including Medals, Uniforms, Badges and their associated Military History.

The Internet operates globally, and has membership from countries the breadth of the world. Although international boundaries are almost meaningless in an electronic age, GMIC was founded in the United Kingdom of Great Britain, therefore it is managed and run in accordance with values, traditions and laws of British 21st Century Society.

On joining the forum you agreed to abide by the following terms and conditions

1. Membership

1.1 Basic Membership of this forum is free. There are opportunities to reach advanced membership levels, which attract benefits over time, by being a contributing and participating member of the forum.

1.2 Membership is only open to Members of 'Good Standing'. The management reserves the right to ban or discontinue the membership of any member who may not be considered to be a person of 'Good Standing' by any reasonable person in their own country of residence, the general online collecting community or according to the values and laws of the United Kingdom of Great Britain. The management reserves the right to terminate any membership without explanation.

1.3 Single Membership: Only one user account is generally permitted per individual. Multiple membership accounts are not permitted. In the case of genuine reasons for duplication of membership, please contact the Chairman or an Administrator who can merge the two accounts. The deliberate opening of multiple membership accounts will result in termination of membership.

1.4 Members User Names: Joining members are asked to select an appropriate user name, use of their real name or incorporating their first given first name into the user name being the preferable choice. This allows other members a suitable form of address if responding to posts. Unsuitable user names that are potentially offensive or not deemed appropriate are not permitted and will not be activated or removed. User names that misrepresent another living person with the intent to deceive are not permissible.

1.5: Membership Age & Children: Membership to GMIC is open to anyone of 16 years of age or over. Persons under the age of 16 are able to join GMIC, but should only do so with clear parental consent and it is parental responsibility to ensure that such persons are supervised in an appropriate manner when engaging with other members of GMIC. Protecting the privacy of the very young is especially important. For that reason, we never knowingly collect or maintain information at our website from those we actually know are under 13, and no part of our website is structured to attract anyone under 13.

1.6 Members Avatars & Signatures: Members are asked to select an appropriate avatar on joining. When choosing avatars or creating users signatures members should use images that are of a non commercial nature and ensure the copyright for the image is owned by the member or is being used with express permission of the copyright holder. Commercial advertising by the use of images or the use of URLs within avatars or signatures is generally not acceptable, but there may be exceptions to this if deemed appropriate by the management. Inappropriate, scandalous and offensive images or signatures will also be removed, this includes the inappropriate use of symbols such as the swastika.

1.7 Privacy: The privacy of members is important to us. GMIC will never divulge personal details of any of its members unless required to do so by law. We do not share or sell any personal information or email addresses with third parties. Names and addresses are NOT a requirement of the registration process. Names and addresses are only required where payment is made for goods or services provided by GMIC. Names and addresses that are supplied to GMIC are only retained for the purposes of sale of goods or services. No banking or account details are stored or retained by GMIC. To better protect your privacy we provide a notice explaining our online information practices and the choices you can make about the way your information is collected and used. To make this notice easy to find, we make it available in our footer and at every point where personally identifiable information may be requested.

1.8: Cookies: When someone visits gmic.co.uk we collect standard internet log information and details of visitor behaviour patterns. We do this to find out things such as the number of visitors to the various parts of the site. We collect this information in a way, which does not identify anyone. Log files are maintained and analysed of all requests for files on this website's web servers. Log files do not capture personal information but do capture the user's IP address, which is automatically recognised by our web servers. We will not associate any data gathered from this site with any personally identifying information from any source. If we do want to collect personally identifiable information through our website, we will be up front about this. We will make it clear when we collect personal information and will explain what we intend to do with it.

GMIC uses cookies to enhance your online experience with us. As from the 17th May 2012 part of your membership agreement with GMIC is that you will have to consent to using GMIC cookies when you sign in. This is necessary in

order to enhance your membership log in and browsing experience. Cookies facilitate certain features that can make the surfing experience more convenient and valuable for web users. A "cookie" is a small piece of information, which a web server can store on your web browser. It is useful for having your browser remember some specific information, which the web server can later retrieve. As you browse the web, some cookies are "set" on your web browser. When you quit your browser, some cookies are stored in your computer's memory in a cookie file, while some expire, or disappear. All cookies have expiration dates.

This website does not store any information that would, on its own, allow us to identify individual users of this service without their permission. Any cookies that may be used by this website are used either solely on a per session basis or to maintain user preferences. The cookie is set on a particular browser on a particular computer, so when you use a different computer, the cookie will not exist. Cookies are used, for example, when a browser stores your membership password to GMIC so that you do not have to input it every time you visit. Cookies are also used to store preferences you express for information that is then aggregated and presented to you.

Tracking allows website owners to find out what pages visitors link to, and interpret or infer what is interesting to them. This helps the owners of sites to keep their content fresh and relevant.

Cookies cannot be used to obtain data from your hard drive, get your e-mail address or steal sensitive or personal information about you. Note also that computer viruses are not passed through the setting or use of cookies.

2. Posting Topics

2.1 Responsibility for Topics & Posts: GMIC is not responsible for any messages or communications posted by its members. GMIC do not vouch for, or warrant the accuracy, completeness or usefulness of any message, and are not responsible for the content of any message posted. Posted messages express the views of the author of the message, and are not necessarily the views of GMIC or the Management Board.

2.2 Removal of Topics or Posts: Any member or guest who feels that a posted message has inappropriate or objectionable content, or clearly breaches copyright is encouraged to contact the Chairman or an administrator immediately by email. GMIC administrators have the ability to remove objectionable or inaccurate messages. All requests will be dealt with in a reasonable time frame, and if it is determined that removal of a message is a necessary, proportionate or justified response to a complaint, it will be dealt with expeditiously as possible.

2.3 Use of Members Information and Images: By posting any written information or images (where the intellectual property rights or copyright to any work or image is owned by the member posting), the member gives express and implied permission for GMIC to use, copy, retain, dispose, alter

or edit that information or images as the management board sees fit or use the said information or image within any pages under the domain control of GMIC. This management of information will include any future changes in domain or website name change from GMIC or gmic.co.uk. However the copyright for any information still remains the property of the original holder.

2.4 Use of Copyright Images & Plagiarism: Copyright is a complex area of law, further complicated by the global, borderless nature of the internet. In general members should not post any material or images unless they own the copyright, or they have the owners implied or express permission. Many international copyright laws have a fair usage clause for educational or non-profit making reasons. This is an ambiguous clause, which often has to be tested in a court of law. If members do post copyright images then full reference to the source, and copyright owner should be attributed to that image, including a link if taken from an internet source. If there are doubts as to the validity of using material then do not use it as it may be removed. The use of words or research material that has not been properly referenced or cited can be considered to be plagiaristic. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.

2.5 Use of UPPER CASE: Members are asked to NOT USE UPPER CASE LETTERS WHEN POSTING, this is because it is considered to be SHOUTING and can be construed by other members as being rude.

2.6: Personal Information: Do not post in the public forums your own, or anyone else's personal or confidential details, such as email addresses, banking details, personal residential addresses, or telephone numbers.

2.7: Moderation and Editing of posts: GMIC will not as a general rule interfere or edit any topic or communication posted on the forum. However content may be subject to (temporary or permanent) editing or censorship if an Administrator or Moderator feels it contravenes any of the reasons above or as set out below:

The Administrator and Moderators reserve the right to delete any or all forums, sub-forums, albums, threads, posts, images, or advertisements, either manually or via automated processes from anywhere within this forum domain, without warning or explanation.

2.8: Inappropriate Content is deemed to be:

Obscene material, profane oaths, threatening behaviour, swearing, cursing, execrations, or other scandalous actions, in derogation of God's honour or the corruption of good manners. Displaying words, audio and/or visible representations which: express racism, sexism, homophobia, holocaust revisionism, religious hatred, or words generally conceived to be detrimental to the well being of another member, unnecessary invasion of a person's privacy, or otherwise violative of any law in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, may have their posting removed or altered and incur punishment as the Executive Board shall think fit to impose, including

reporting the material to the members local Law Enforcement agency if considered to be serious enough in nature.

Overtly political or religious viewpoints are not considered to be suitable material for publication on this forum other than in a historical military context. It is understood that at times topical news stories or current world conflicts or events may need to be discussed and are relevant to the collecting world. Such subjects can be by their nature be very emotive and lead to tension and disagreement amongst members. Such topics may only be discussed on the proviso that they do not intentionally or indirectly cross such boundaries and if inappropriate may be subject to moderation.

The spamming of topics with irrelevant messages, advertisements or the sending of unsolicited emails or messages to members advertising commercial websites, other products or services whether military collectible related or not, is forbidden.

Areas of GMIC are dedicated to the research and discussion of collectibles and military items from countries, which have operated under brutal and oppressive regimes. GMC does not judge members on their interests or motivations for participating in any discussions, and an assumption is made that such interests are for a historical research and collecting purposes only. If it becomes apparent that a member's motives are political or fueled by racial or religious hatred, their membership will be terminated.

GMIC does not in any way support, promote or condone: the political, anti-semitic beliefs, and actions of a muderous regimes such as the Third Reich, which was responsible for the torture and deaths of millions of Jews and other persons between 1933 and 1945. Any persons attempting to post threads which glorify, or support the political beliefs and ideology of the NSDAP and/or Neo Nazi Movements or attempt to promote holocaust denial or revisionism will have their posts removed and be permanently banned from GMIC.

4. Private/Personal Message (PM) System

4.1: GMIC is not responsible for any messages transmitted by members through the Private/Personal Message System. GMIC do not vouch for or warrant the accuracy, completeness or usefulness of any message, and are not responsible for the contents of any message sent from one member to another.

4.2: Attachments: File and image are not enabled on the Personal Message system

4.3: Monitoring of PM's: GMIC administrators do not routinely monitor or read Personal Messages. However an administrator does have the ability (if it is deemed to be necessary) to read, delete, archive and share Personal Messages with other staff members, which are sent between members.

4.4: Inappropriate Content: Members who use GMIC's Personal Message System to correspond messages which breach any of the inappropriate content in Section 3.8 or are used in the furtherance of criminal activity, shall have their PM permissions removed, may be banned or reported to their local law enforcement agency.

4.5: Spamming: Members who send unsolicited PMs to other members offering goods, services, and/or advertising commercial websites, whether Military Collectible related or not, is not permitted. The promotion or advertising of other Military Collectible Forums by unsolicited PMs is not permitted and generally considered to be bad form. Members who abuse this will be banned or have their PM access removed.

4.5: Criminal Activity: Members who use the PM system to further criminal or other nefarious activities, will be reported to their local law enforcement agency.

5. The Selling of Items through Auction and Private Sales

5.1 Auction & Classified Sales Area: The selling of any items is only permitted within the GMIC Auction & Sales Area. Advertising items for sale whether privately or commercially in any other area of the forum is not permitted. This includes unsolicited contact with other members by email or the Private/Personal Message System. All members can post appropriate sales within the designated Members Classified Sales Area. The level of membership will indicate whether the member can list a classified sale. Restrictions are imposed on joining members from advertising items for sale.

5.2 Items Permitted for Sale: All collectibles, medals, orders, documentation, photographs, uniform, equipment and reference material associated with Military Collecting is acceptable for Sale. Stolen goods, firearms (including deactivated), ammunition, explosives, racist propaganda literature (i.e. Der Stürmer), hate organisation and neo nazi memorabilia (i.e. KKK, National Front), items directly attributed to the holocaust (i.e. Concentration Camp material), and pornography are NOT permitted to be advertised or sold through GMIC, whether through public advertisement or private sale through the Messaging system. Inert/spent ammunition and ordnance is acceptable for sale. Swords, Knives and Bayonets should STRICTLY only be sold to members over the age of 21 and are restricted to items of historical military interest only. Modern combat knives, bayonets, hunting knives, urban shivs and killing blades are not permitted to be sold on GMIC.

5.3 Online Auction Sites: Linking to other commercial online auction sites or other commercial e-sales sites such as ebay within the Auction & Sales area is NOT permitted.

5.4 Contract of Sale: The arrangement of sales and auctions is a private contract between all parties. GMIC is only a selling medium for members, it is not responsible for any items sold or advertised for sale and is not responsible

for mediating between parties if a conflict arises as a direct consequence of a sale. Members are reminded that fixed price sales and auctions are an agreement between the buyer and seller. Sellers should always try and facilitate returns within a reasonable period, especially if there is good reason which supports the buyers concern over any item sold.

5.5 Representation of Goods: If members are found to be partly or wholly misrepresenting items for sale, or are knowingly selling items which are either fraudulent or made or intended to deceive, they will be have their selling privileges removed or membership terminated. If considered serious or criminal the details will be past on to local law enforcement authorities.

5.6 Fixed Price & Auction Sales: When submitting items for sale members are asked to either upload an image or post a link to a clear detailed picture of the item(s) being sold. The advertisement should clearly indicate the price of the item if a fixed price sale, if an auction the minimum acceptable reserve price, the currency the item is advertised in, the currency(s) accepted for sale and give indication of postal or other administrative charges for using payment services.

5.7 Inappropriate items: Any item deemed inappropriate by the GMIC management will be removed from sale without warning. Any fee paid to advertise will NOT automatically be refunded.

These rules are subject to change and revision at any time.