

Gentleman's Military Interest Club

Club Rules, Terms and Conditions of Use.

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GMIC is a privately owned online digital service that has been created to share information relating to military collectables and history. It has no political association or intention and any information published by members is strictly not the views or opinions of the owner.

It is essentially a free online service, although various levels of membership are available some of which offer extended membership benefits. It is aimed primarily at adult members and is only open to persons of good standing.

It's primary purpose is to provide a platform for researching military collectables, including medals, uniforms, badges, equipment, documents and their associated military history.

Although it is a multinational forum, GMIC was founded in the United Kingdom. Therefore it is managed and run in accordance with the democratic values, traditions and laws relating to the United Kingdom of Great Britain.

On signing up to be a member of GMIC you agree to abide by the following terms and conditions. These rules are subject to change at any time without notice:

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. There also be premium membership levels which give additional benefits and are available for purchase, to assist with the running costs of the forum.

1.2 Membership is only open to persons considered to be of 'Good Standing'. The owner/management reserve the right to ban or discontinue the membership of any member at any time. A person of 'Good Standing' is what a reasonable person would consider to be a person of good character within their respective community, this includes the international general online collecting community or if in any doubt according to the values and laws of the United Kingdom. The management explicitly 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 all membership.

1.4 Members Usernames: Joining members are asked to select an appropriate user name. Unsuitable usernames that are potentially offensive or not deemed appropriate are not permitted and membership will not be activated

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and/or deleted. Usernames that misrepresent another living person with the intent to deceive are not permissible.

1.5: Membership Age & Children: Membership at GMIC is aimed at adults. Persons under the age of 18 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 young is especially important. For that reason, we never knowingly collect or maintain information at our website from those we actually know are under 18, 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 items that carry hate symbols, such as the swastika.

1.7 Privacy: The privacy of members is very important to us. Please see our separate Privacy Policy which is located at the footer of all pages.

1.8: Cookies: Please see our separate Privacy Policy which is located at the footer of all pages.

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 report the content through the report button or 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

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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 any 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, indecent or pornographic 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, misogyny, 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

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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. This includes reporting the material to local Police/Law Enforcement agency if it is considered to be criminal or 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 factual 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.

Posting links to websites which are designed to defraud other persons or place malicious code into persons browsers or operating systems.

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 and appropriate action will be taken against the member

Some areas of GMIC are dedicated to the research and discussion of collectibles and military items from countries, which have historically been or still are brutal and oppressive regimes. GMIC does not judge members on their interests or motivations for participating in any discussions, on the assumption that such interest is purely for historical research and/or collecting purposes only. If it becomes apparent that a member's posts are politically motivated or fuelled by racial or religious hatred, their membership will be immediately terminated. The discussion and/or posting of material belonging to proscribed domestic or international terrorist organisations within the United Kingdom is forbidden. The police will be notified if such material is posted or uploaded and any members details held will be passed on to the police.

GMIC does not in any way support, promote or condone, the political, racist or anti-semitic beliefs, and actions of murderous or oppressive regimes. The German Third Reich, 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 affiliated historical organisations (or modern contemporary neo Nazi movements) or attempt to promote holocaust denial or revisionism will have their posts removed and be permanently banned from GMIC. Dependent on the circumstance relevant material may be passed to the members local police/law enforcement to investigate.

3. Private/Personal Message (PM) System

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3.1: 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.

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

3.3: Monitoring of PM's: GMIC administrators do not routinely monitor or read personal messages sent between members. However senior administrators do have the ability to monitor, read, and delete messages which are sent between members.

3.4: Inappropriate Content: Members who use GMIC's Personal Message System to correspond messages which breach any of the inappropriate content in Section 2.8 or if messages are used in the furtherance of nefarious or criminal activity, shall have their PM permissions removed, may be banned and/or reported to their local law enforcement agency.

3.5: 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 may be banned or have their PM access removed.

4. The Selling of Items through Classified Sales or Paid Advertisement

4.1 Sales: The selling of items is only permitted within the GMIC Classified Sales Area or by purchasing specific advertising space. Advertising items for sale whether privately or commercially in any other area of the forum is not permitted without express permission of the management. This includes unsolicited contact with other members by email or the Private/Personal Message System. 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 newly joining members from advertising items for sale.

4.2 Items Permitted for Sale or Advertising: Only the following items may be listed for sale in the classified section or link to third party websites through the purchase of advertising space. All collectibles, medals, orders, books, ephemera such as documentation, photographs, uniform, equipment and reference material associated with any military (including police and other similar agencies) collecting or history. No other items may be listed for sale without the specific permission of GMIC management.

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4.3 Items Prohibited for Sale or Advertising: The following items may not be sold via the classified section on GMIC and no advertising links to third party websites selling or promoting such items or material is permitted. Any breaches will result in termination of the classified sale or cancellation of advertising **without refund**: Stolen goods, replica/fantasy items being sold/traded as original historical items, all firearms (including deactivated firearms, replica and airsoft etc), live ammunition (inert/spent ammunition and ordnance is acceptable for sale), explosives, historic racist propaganda material (i.e. Der Stürmer), neo nazi and other hate organization material (i.e. KKK, National Front), items directly attributed to the holocaust (i.e. Concentration Camp material), material associated with proscribed international and domestic terror organisations as listed under UK law (i.e. DAISh, PIRA, UDA & National Action), pornographic material. Posting links to websites which are designed to defraud other persons or place malicious code into persons browsers or operating systems. Posting links to websites which are social media related or similar in design to GMIC i.e. forum related is not accepted. 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 manufactured/replica combat knives, bayonets, hunting knives, zombie knives, urban shivs and killing blades are not permitted to be sold on GMIC. **Members should be aware of appropriate country customs laws when sending historic military items and medals internationally.** As what may be legal in the country point of sale may not be legal to export or import to the country of destination.

4.3 Online Auction Sites: No links to auction sites are permitted in Classified Ads. Advertising space may be purchased to advertise specific auctions that are militaria collectible related. Only reputable recognized specific auction houses will be permitted.

4.4 Contract of Sale: The arrangement of any sale 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 classified sales 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.

4.5 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 their details will be given to local law enforcement authorities.

4.6 Fixed Price Sales: When submitting items for classified 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 being sold sale, the currency the item is advertised in, the currency(s)

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accepted for sale and give indication of postage or other administrative charges for using payment services.

4.7 Inappropriate items: Any item deemed inappropriate by the GMIC management will be removed from sale without warning. Any fee paid to advertise items for sale will be lost if the sale of advertising clearly breaches any of the guidelines above.

5. GMIC Merchandise for Sale including Membership Services

5.1 Merchandise: GMIC may offer merchandise for sale to support the continued running of the forum. Any merchandise offered for sale will be clearly marked with the total sale price and postage. All sales are final, GMIC is not a commercial enterprise but has fund raising activities to ensure that the forum is still a free resource for collectors. In the event any purchased merchandise does not arrive as ordered, please raise it through the store customer service contact page and we will endeavour to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

5.2 Members Services: GMIC may offer additional membership levels which give members additional benefits. These levels attract a payment which is again in effect a donation to support the continued running of the forum. Members who have made a donation for a specific membership level and either decide to cancel membership prior to the period of the membership ending or have had their membership terminated for breach of rules will not normally be refunded any donation they have made.