

German Miner's Coin

This aluminum alloy 25 Pfennig coin is dated 1920, during the Weimar Republic following World War I. The obverse features a helmeted miner with a pick and Gluck Auf. The reverse states STADT WATTENSCHIED, 25 PFENNING, 1920. This is one of 3 different 1920 German coins featuring a miner that I have received from a German collector in trades. (DBJ)



French Mining Ashtrays

Unlike most mining related ashtrays these two brass French pieces are not advertising anything. Both are stamped FRANCE in one of the cigarette grooves in the lower right hand corner and both are stamped 1945 on the back. These brass mining motif ashtrays may have been produced at the end of World War II by the burgeoning cottage industries that found uses for the scrap metal left by the war, especially brass shell casings. (DBJ)

