

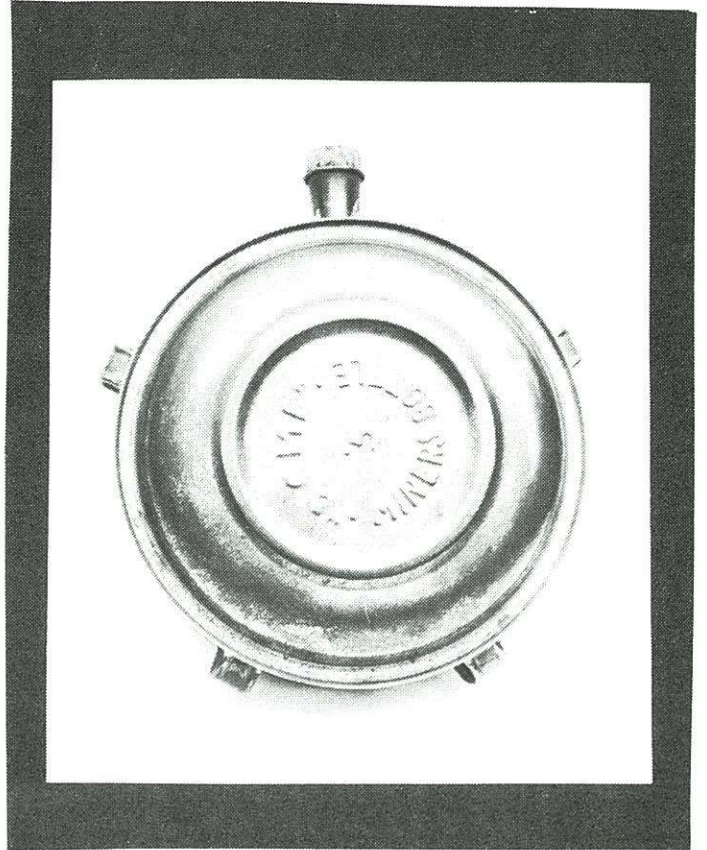
THE ACME MINERS BOTTLE


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While at the MAC Western Reunion this June, Rick Ireton, of Vista, California, picked up this great canteen stamped the "ACME MINERS BOTTLE" with the number "3" in the middle. It measures 7 inches in diameter and 3 inches wide and is made out of tin. By the way it's soldered, it appears to be quite early. There are four metal loops for holding a leather or cloth strap (which is missing). The spout on top is sealed by a cork.

Since observing this miners bottle, I have heard of two others, one is another number 3 like Rick's and the other is a number 4 that is a little larger and measures 7 1/2 inches in diameter and 3 1/2 inches wide.

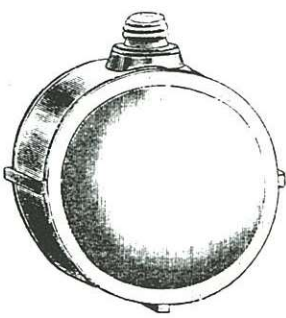
Other than the embossing, this canteen is no different than any other water canteen. By going through old mining supply catalogs, you can find a number of common tools listed and marked as mining items when actually they were made no differently than for any other trade. While exploring an abandoned underground mine, I found a standard number 2 riveted shovel stamped "Miner No. 2." I suppose that by putting the word "Mining" or "Miners" on items, the manufacturer thought that it might sell better to that specific trade, and no doubt, charged more for those items.





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