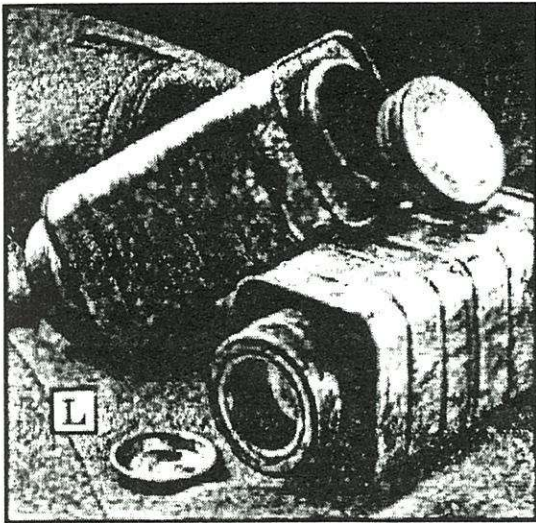




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## WWI Condiment Can

One of our correspondents recently found the item shown here in a catalog of military surplus supplies. The tin condiment can frequently turns up at Eastern U.S. flea markets and antique shows labeled as "carbide cans." Some may have been used as such - check for spent carbide before you buy!

Excerpt from catalog reads: "(L) These condiment cans date back to the WWI Era, around 1917 - 1920. They'll show some age, but they're genuine and truly a rare collectible. The two-compartment container is believed to have been issued to soldiers in trench warfare. Aluminum. Made in France. Measures 6 3/8 X 2 1/2 X 2 1/4 (16 X 6 X 6 cm). Limited quantity. "

## Key Chain Fob

We've seen the watch fobs, we've seen the commemorative letter openers and ashtrays...but here's a first. This is a genuine Hercules Powder Company Fiftieth Anniversary key chain fob. The pencil sketch shown right was submitted by Jack Ramsdell, of Carson City, NV. Actual size is 1 1/4 by 7/8 by 1/8 inches. It is made of brass.

