

Lockdales' Auction #263 Report: Medals, Militaria & Weapons: 21-22 May 2024

Total prices realised: £135,761 (incl. prem.)

There were plenty of hidden gems and surprise results in this sale, with much on offer from life-long collections fresh to market. In the Weapons we noted multiple speculative and trophy swords including Japanese WWII, well-exceeding their initial estimates. Guns were sold including an American Civil War Colt for £1700. Original holsters for classic WWI & II sidearms were sought-after, such as one for an artillery Luger which made £700. In the non-German Militaria, Day 1 we noted strong results for Victorian recruiting posters, which were selling for up £420 each against top ests. of £90.

Day 2 began with the Medals, and here was the most fierce bidding throughout. Standout lots included a WWII DSM group to T.R. Fowler, connected to action against enemy submarines, achieving £2200 – well-above its top est. of £500. A very desirable SAS pair to Clive H. “Dusty” Gray was in at £2000 to £2500, and was fought over between several phone lines and online participants reaching £5200 - his connection with the response to the Iranian Embassy Siege being a particular point of interest. Once again many curious miniatures were sold, including a group of four with British and Egyptian orders making £320. The highest price of the German section was £1700 for a 3rd Reich Cross gold division.

Our next auction of Medals, Militaria & Weapons is scheduled for 30-31 July, with consignment currently up to 28 June, but we encourage early submission to be certain.



Lot 37: Colt M1860 Army Revolver, American Civil War. Est. £1200-£1600. Hammer £1700



Lot 686: SAS, QEII Pair to Clive H. “Dusty” Gray. Est. £2000-£2500. Hammer £5200.