

Lockdales' Auction #259 Report:

Medals, Militaria & Weapons: 26-27 March 2024

Total prices realised: £156,417 (inc. prem.)

An auction full of surprises, with many lots being from estate collections and therefore fresh to the market so especially desirable. Strong results throughout the Weapons included £1500 for a “broomhandle” Mauser; between £520 to £600 each for several Remington Double Derringers; £850 for a Sharps pepperbox; £1500 for a Japanese Katana, and many more. The first day's offering of Militaria included all non-German, non-medal military related items including badges, ammo crates, books, ephemera and posters.

Day 2 began with a vast assortment of Medals, mostly from estates and fiercely fought-over between all bidding platforms. Masses of research potential, and too many above-estimate results to mention. The overall picture is that the market is strong for WWI medals and groups in particular. Other standout results include the highest price of the sale: £5800 for the SAS group to C.G. Gullick. A collection of “mess dress” miniature medals was sold, and included some very rare pieces. A miniature group in at £75 top est., including a mini Iraq Order of El Rafidian, flew up to £1200 ! An unusual mini BWM with 13 bars, privately ordered, went for £600 (est. £85).

Our next auction of Medals, Militaria & Weapons takes place 21-22 May, with consignment until 19th April.



Lot 111: A “RED 9 broomhandle” Mauser C96 with current cert. of deactivation. Est. £550 - £600. Hammer £1500.



Lot 816: SAS QE2 group of three to C. G. Gullick. Est. £1500 - £2000. Hammer £5800.