

WW1 Booby Traps

Staying alive was the best reason for a Soldier to listen to the old hands in the battalions on what to look out for as far as booby traps went, especially when souvinering...

Johan explains how these types of Booby Traps were used and were dropped from both British and German planes..



The first was made from hardened metal and when it was dropped from a plane it landed in such away with the spikes always in the upward position. Horses pulling the artillery wagons at high speed would get them caught in their hooves, causing so much pain, that they could not continue their journey.



These 2 were made by both the British and Germans and when dropped from a plane were more deadly than bullets, as each one was well balanced and landed with the sharp end down, piercing anything in its way.



Johan mentioned that he had a customer in the bar one day (de Dreve) who had said that his relative who served in WW1, remembered hearing a series of whiz, whiz sounds as aircraft had passed overhead, and that they were unlike bullets being fired at them...so these 2 deadly instruments of war, caused casualties in great numbers...and were very deceiving to the soldiers

Unlike the booby traps above, this one Johan had found when he was a young lad..He remembers being told not to play with fountain pens or other similar types found in the battlefields, so he did not open it and it eventually was rendered safe...



It is made of brass and when opened to expose the nib, it exploded...this one was made in the USA..
