

Lifetime Collection at Charterhouse

A lifetime collection of medals and militaria is going under the charterhouse hammer in their two day March Collectors Auction on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th.

“It’s a fabulous collection of militaria from the 19th and 20th centuries,” commented Richard Bromell. “There are thousands of military buttons and badges from regiments many of which have either now been amalgamated or disbanded along with numerous medals from the Victorian era onwards.”



Some of the military badges in the collection waiting to be sorted



Rifle Brigade helmet plate badge & a Gordon Highlanders cross belt plate.

The collection was amassed by a man Dorset man who lived all of his life in his just a few yards away from the home he was born in.

As a young lad during The Second World War, he took a been interest in the military operations which went on in the village between helping getting the harvest in , feeding the family chickens and helping on local farms. He even witnessed the Sherborne Air Raid on 30th September 1940.

After the war, when he was old enough he serve, he joined up with The Dorset Regiment. This sparked a lifetime of collecting militaria, with particular emphasis on anything related to his regiment.

Sadly he passed away last year and the family have now taken the difficult decision to dispose of his collection so other collectors can enjoy the items just as much as he did.



Three Victorian regimental waist belt clasps

One of his treasured medal groups is not unsurprisingly a gallantry group awarded to a Dorset man. The group of four First World War medals were awarded to 813 Private W J Chaffey who served with the Dorset Yeomanry. The group comprises a 1914-15 Star, a Victory medal, a War medal and a Military Medal, which are

estimated to sell for £600 - £1,000. Overall, the collection expected to sell for well over £10,000.



The group of four medals awarded to Private W J Chaffey MM

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for this March 14th & 15th auction of coins, medals, militaria, stamps, toys and other collectors' items and for their April auctions which include specialist sales of Asian Art, Sporting Items, Pictures and Classic Cars.

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