

Trench art knife

£25



REF: 6341

Height: 2 cm (0.8")

Width: 19 cm (7.5")

Depth: 3 cm (1.2")

Description

A World War I trench art letter opener with a handle made from a bullet and decorated with two British Army General Service buttons.

Trench art refers to creative objects made by soldiers, prisoners, or civilians during wartime, particularly during World War I and II. Crafted from materials like shell casings, bullets, and shrapnel, these items ranged from decorative vases and rings to intricate carvings and sculptures. Trench art was a form of expression, providing soldiers with a mental escape from the brutality of war. It also served as a personal keepsake or memento, symbolising resilience, survival, and the human spirit amidst conflict.