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Capt. Greville's Despatch Box

Wickwar

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Height: 13 cm (5.1")

Width: 39 cm (15.4")

Depth: 18 cm (7.1")

Description

A black leather on softwood Dispatch or Despatch Box belonging to Captain The Hon'ble A. Greville.

The box was made by Wickwar of Poland Street and has a strong Chubb lock with replacement key. Wickwar were well known for dispatch boxes and this one is up to their usual high standard. It has a chamfered edge to the top and a large, swan neck carrying handle to one end. The interior is plain but has a high lip to ensure a good fit to the top and locating pins to one side.

Captain Alwyn Henry Fulke Greville was born in 1854, the second son of the Duke of Warwick. He joined the Kings Royal Rifle Corp and later was in both the Warwickshire and Essex Yeomanry. Between 1884 and 1888 he was an Extra Equerry to Prince Albert Victor of Wales. It is possible that he used this box in that role. Circa 1885.

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