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Dealers in Campaign Furniture
& Travel Items

The Officer's Room Catalogue

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Height: 17.5 cm (6.9")

Width: 24.5 cm (9.6")

Depth: 0.5 cm (0.2")

Description

The vast majority of the items illustrated in the Officer's Room print on the cover of this catalogue are for the young soldier's leisure as opposed to aiding them in the art of war. The perception of the officers is that their life is one long round of fun. Of course, we know that this was far from the reality.

However, there is some truth that, if their wallet would allow, many officers would kit themselves out very well indeed. A huge variety of items were available to make life more comfortable for the soldier. This catalogue has two campaign chest makers we have not shown before in Peter McCarthy and Gilham; a good pair of faux rosewood chairs and a patent iron chair by Ross with its original packing case. There is also a desk by Ramsey & Co., a Packing Case Campaign Chest by Brown Bros. and some good examples of Dispatch boxes.

There are also contains 6 different types of cooking canteens and spirit heaters illustrated. The first 2 are rare 19th century canteens, one belonging to a hero of Inkermann, the other 4 show the progression of portable cooking equipment from the battlefield to the picnic for 2 in a classic car. There is an article on Princess Mary Boxes from WW1, that were part of a box of 72 that were never issued and so remained unopened for almost 100 years.

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