

# 18th Century Material Culture British Cartridge Boxes & Pouches



# Cartridge Boxes



British 18 Hole Government Cartridge Box Flap  
Recovered from the H.M.S. Invincible Wreck of 1758  
(H.M.S. Invincible - Photo Courtesy Matthew Brenckle)



British 18 Hole Government Cartridge Box  
Reign of King George II (Ruled June 1727 - 25 October 1760)  
(Morristown National Historic Park)



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British Government Cartridge Box, Bayonet Frog & Waistbelt  
Reign of King George III c. 1760 - 1780  
(Don Troiani)



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British Government Cartridge Box Carried by Colonel Edward Jessup of the King's Loyal Americans  
Reign of King George III c. 1776  
(Parks Canada)

# Cartridge Box “Strap of Leather”

"Regimental Orders Jamaica  
(Queens, New York)  
8th May 1777 ....

It is required hat the Officers of each  
Company Immeadiately have the  
Cartouch Boxes secured by a Strap of  
Leather fastned at each End to prevent  
it from Turning upside down and  
thereby loosing their Cartridges."





British Government Cartridge Box with Applied Straps of Leather  
Reign of King George III c. 1760 - 1780  
(Don Troiani)



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British Government Cartridge Box Flap - Reign of King George III  
Discarded Along the East River Waterfront in British Occupied New York City - Late 1770s - Early 1780s  
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



British Government Cartridge Box Converted to a Shoulder Box  
(Don Troiani)



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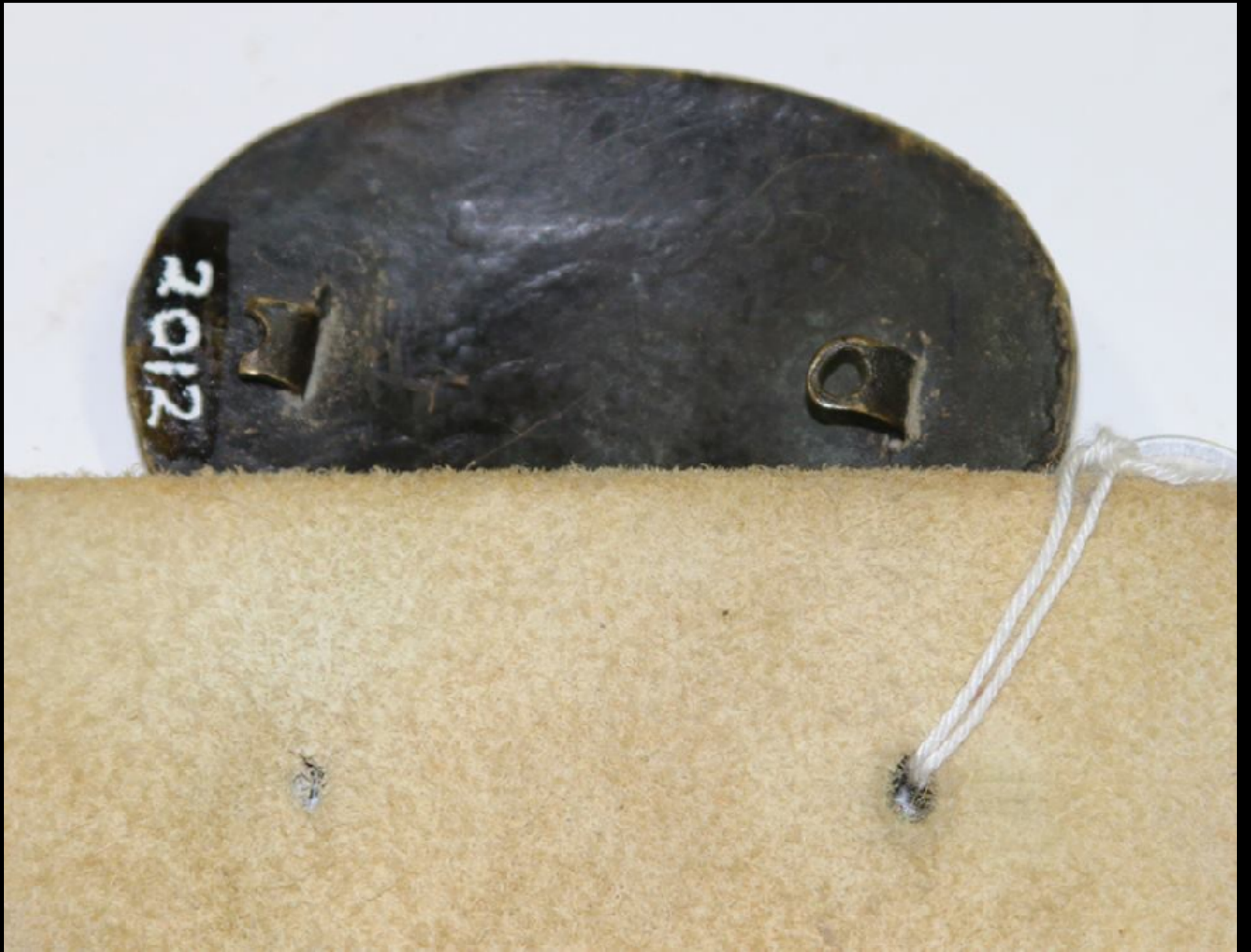
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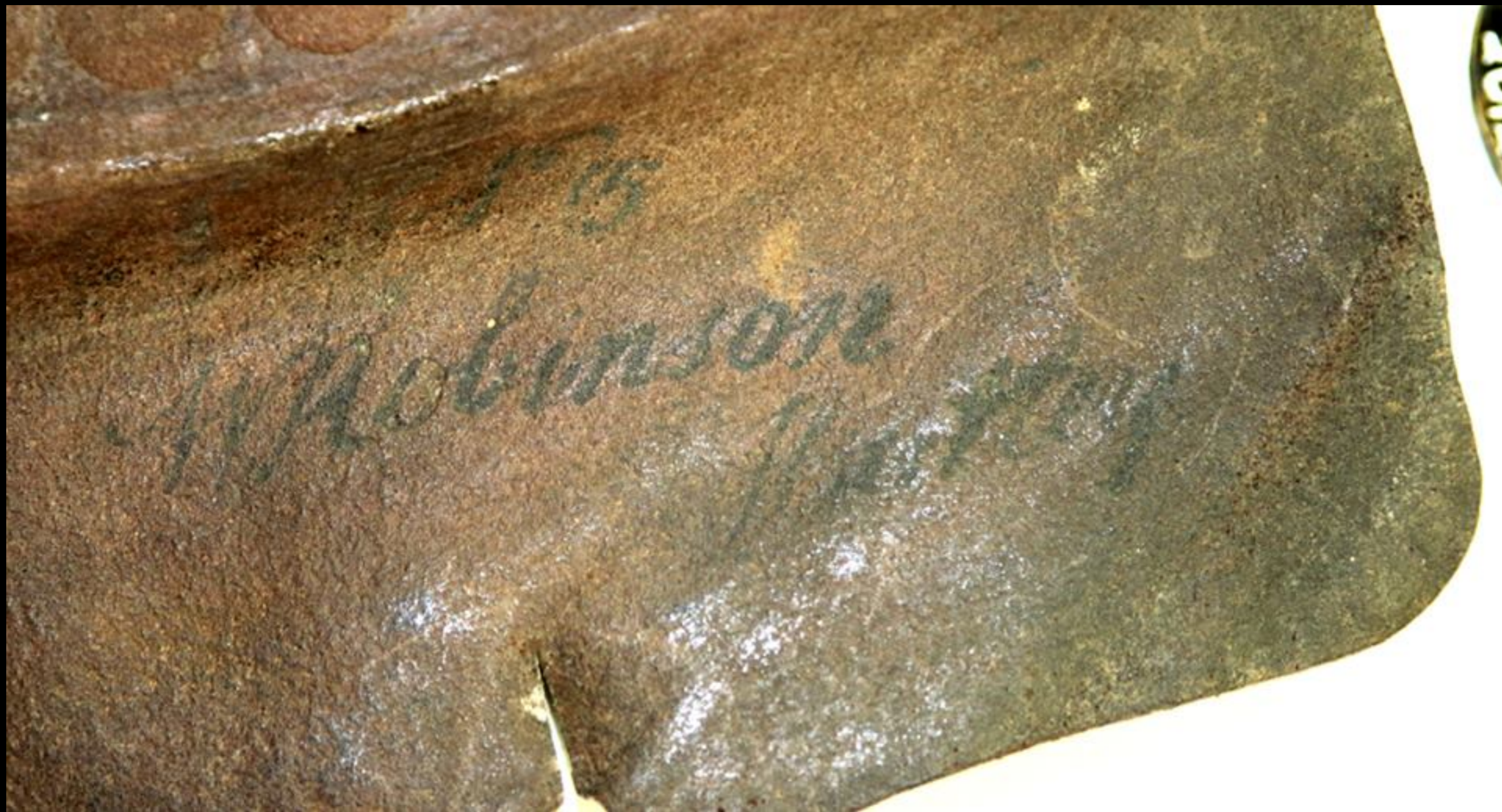
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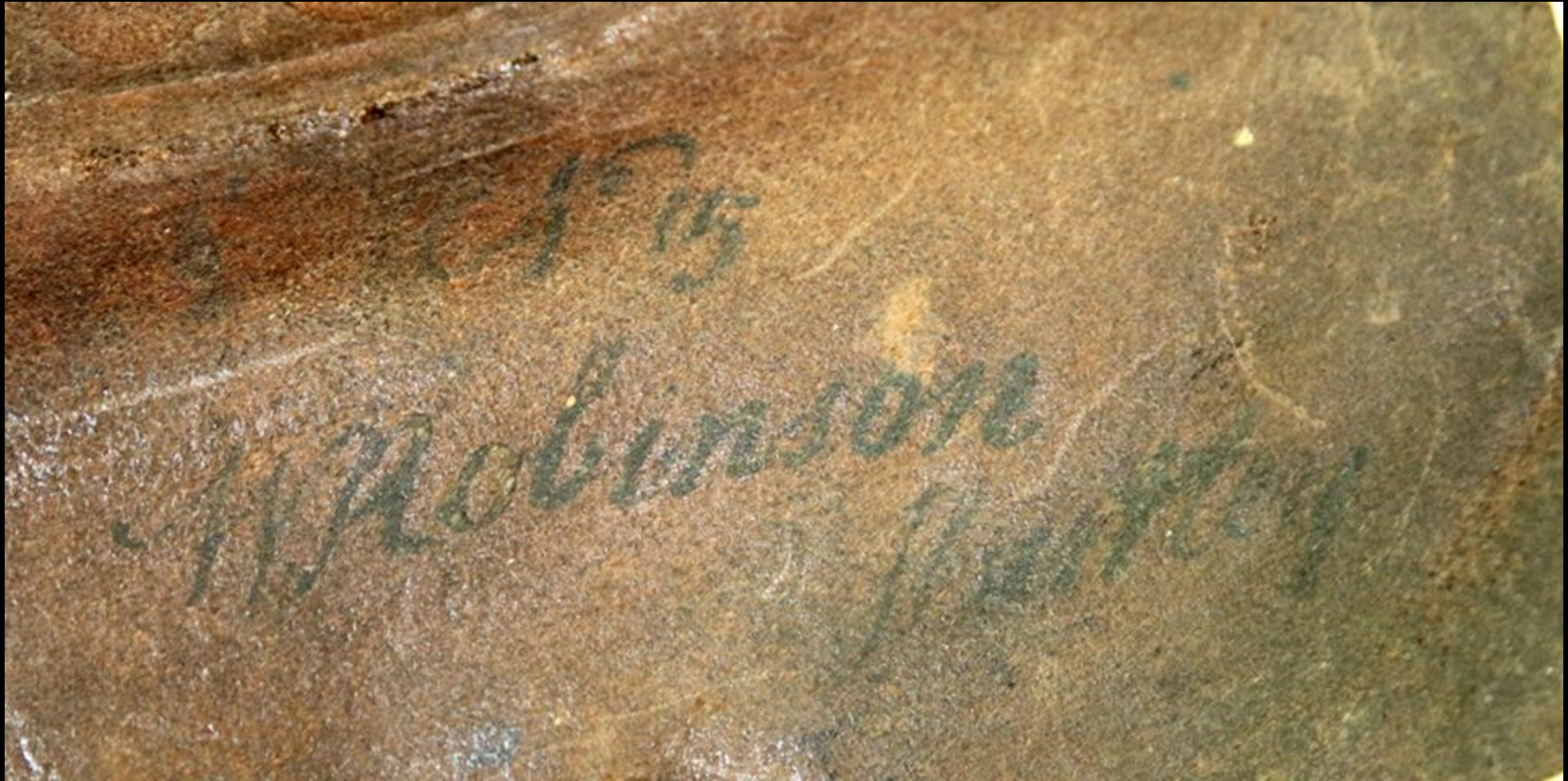
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# Regimental Orders King's American Regiment

August 1777:

“Cartouche boxes to be fastened on the straps of the pouches, thrown over the left shoulder, letting the box and pouch hang under the right arm”.



# Elizabeth Town Point

22d June, 1780

“Sir,

Agreeable to Major General Mathew’s Order I send a Return of the Deficiencies in the Seventeenth Company. We have at present one Cartridge Box for each man, but as they hold eighteen Rounds only I shall be extremely thankfull for an Order to compleat us to two per man.

I am Sir

with great Respect

Your most Obedt.

Humble Servant

George Cuppaidge

Capt. 17th Infy.”

June 13<sup>th</sup> 1778.

**R**ECEIVED from Thomas Barrow, Esquire, Deputy of the  
Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces,  $\text{P}55^{\text{--}}$   
Dollars, and  $\frac{30}{56}$  Parts of a Dollar, which, at the Rate of 4s. 8d.  
per Dollar, amounts to the Sum of *One Hundred and*  
*Ninety Nine Pounds Twelve Shillings and*  
*Six Pence Sterling* without deduction being  
DOLLARS. *in Payment for Cartridge Boxes Leather*  $\text{L}199.12.6$   
 $\text{P}55^{\frac{30}{56}}$  *Belts &c furnished the 2<sup>d</sup> Battalion of Light*  
*Infantry.*

PURSUANT to *General Clinton's Warrant.*

Dated *June 8<sup>th</sup> 1778.* for which I have given two more

Receipts of this Tenor and Date to serve but for One.

*John Maitland*

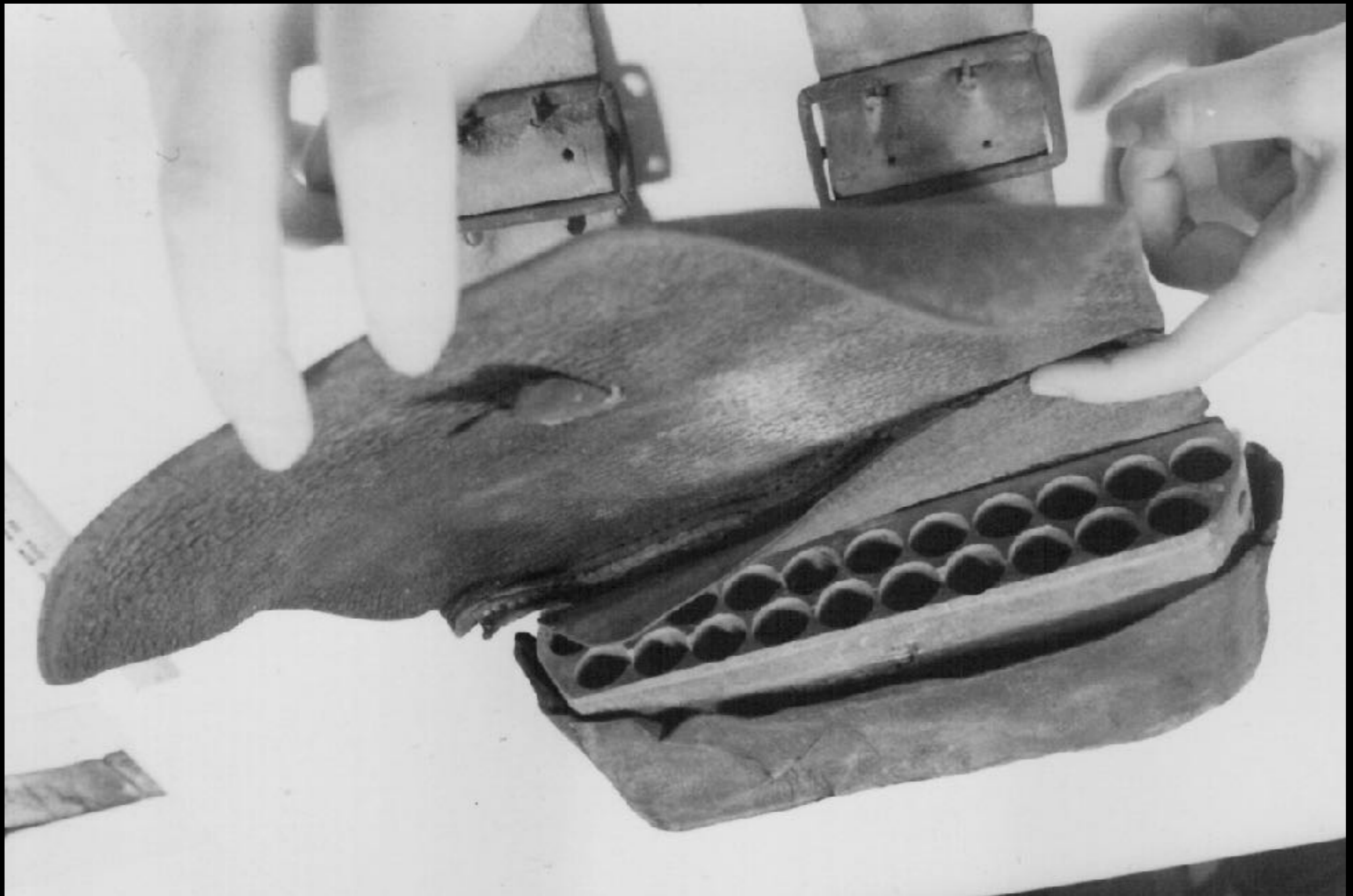
# Cartridge Pouches



British Pre-1768 Cartridge Pouch Converted to Meet 1768 Warrant Regulations  
(Don Troiani)



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# Pre-1768 Warrant Cartridge Pouch Belting Converted

Front

Back



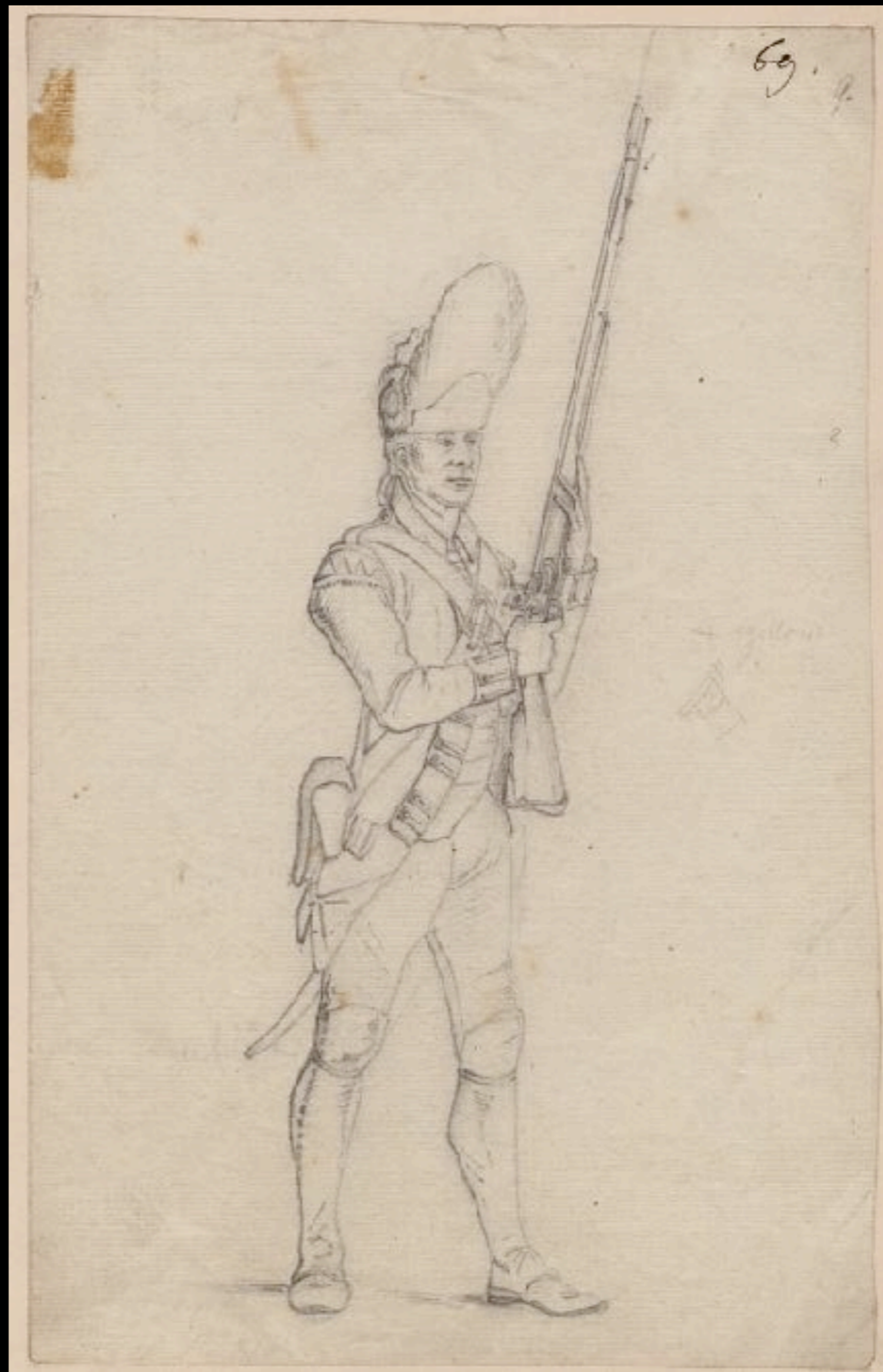
Buckle Removed  
Tongue Holes  
Closed

Buckle Removed  
Strap Sewn in Place

British Pre-1768 Cartridge Pouch Converted to Meet 1768 Warrant Regulations  
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British Grenadier of H.M. 6th Regiment of Foot  
Philippe Jacques de Louthembourg 1778  
(Ann S.K. Brown Collection, Brown University)



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British 40 Round Cartridge Pouch  
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British 29 Hole Cartridge Pouch  
(Estate of Tom Wnuck)



British 29 Hole Cartridge Pouch Attributed to the Royal Fencible Americans  
Found in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia - Signed in Ink "R. Speer / Speir"  
(Kerry DeLory Collection)



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Front Flap  
Latch

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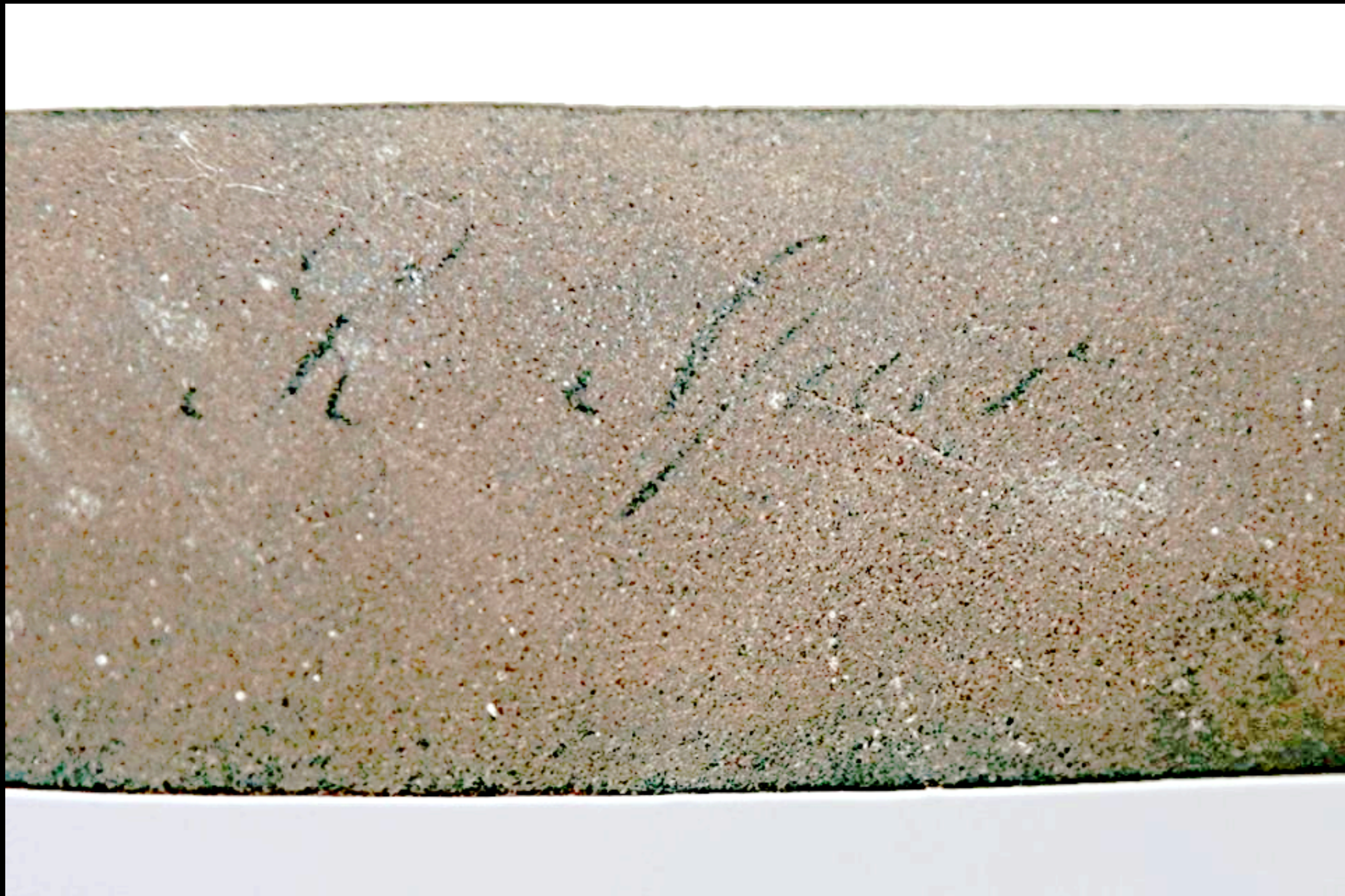
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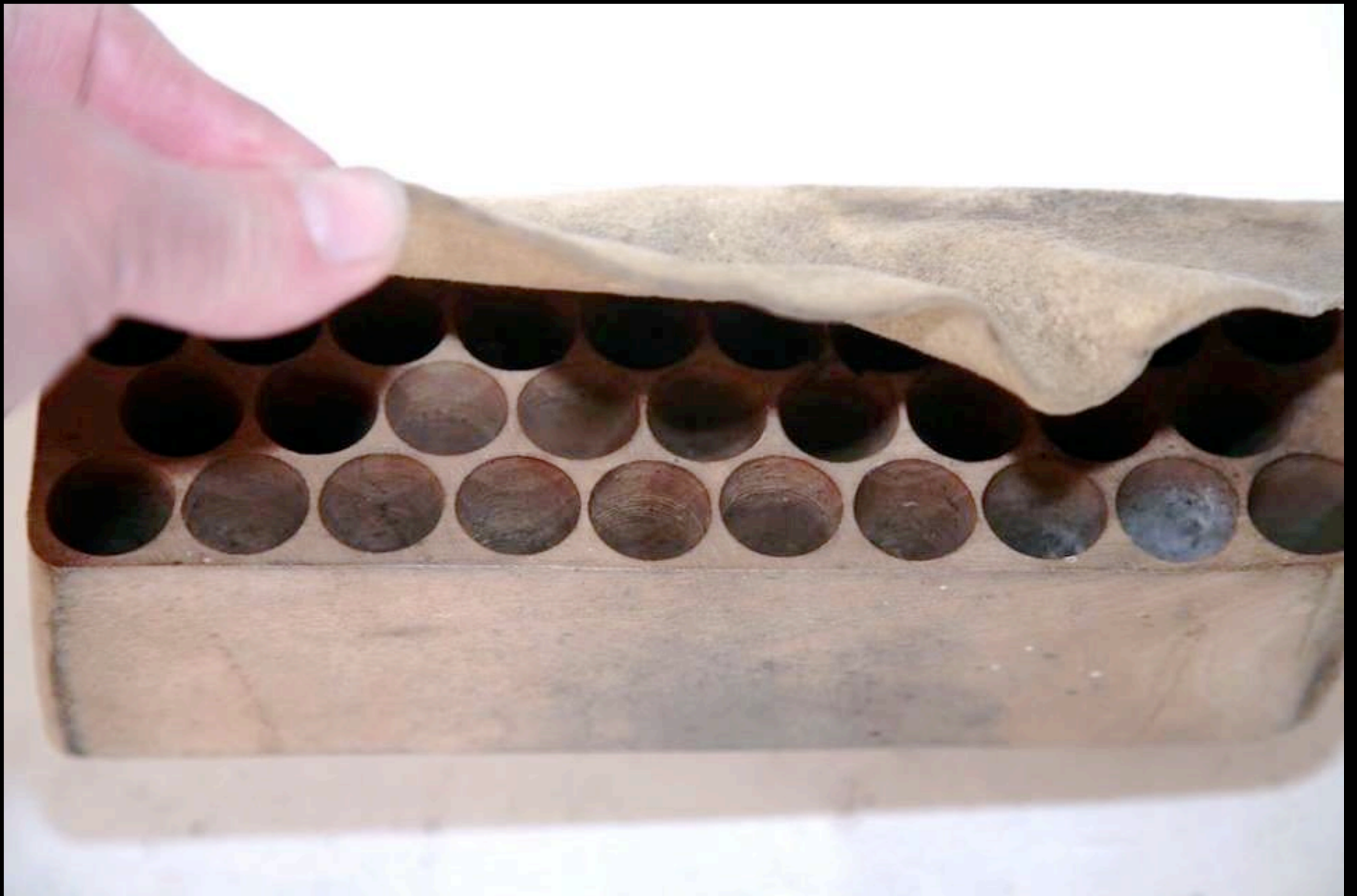
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British 18 Hole Cartridge Pouch For Either Light Infantry or a Commissioned Officer  
18th Century  
(United States Army)



American Modified British Light Infantry - Sergeants Pouch  
(Colonel J. Craig Nannos Collection - Photo Courtesy Andrew W. Kirk)



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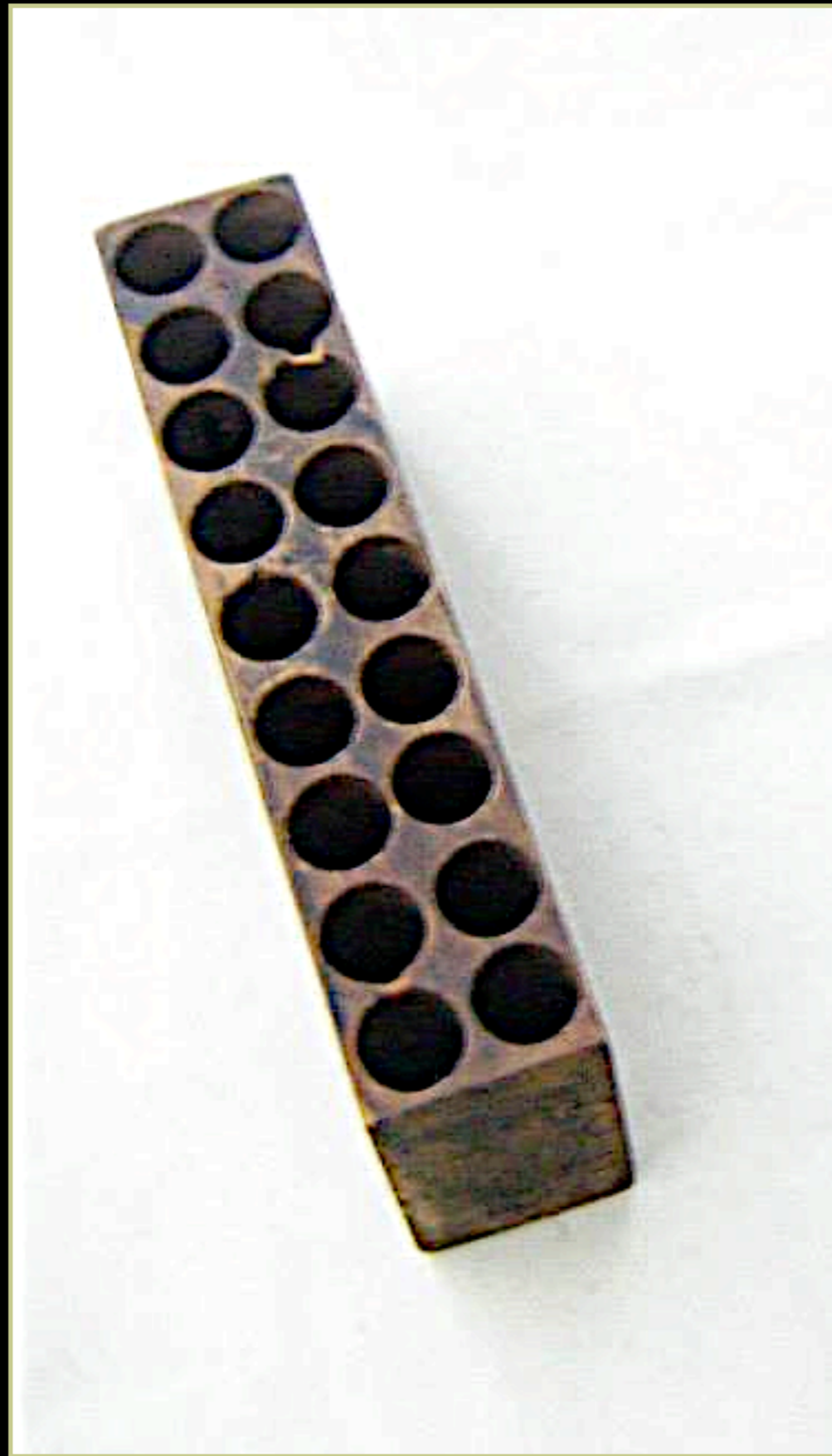
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Cartridge Pouch  
Light Infantry Company  
H.M. 43rd Regiment of Foot  
(Private Collection)



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Light Infantry Cartridge Pouch - H.M. 38th Regiment of Foot

c. 1774  
(James D. Julia)



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9 Hole Light Infantry Cartridge Box  
“..Taken from a British Soldier in 1775”  
(Stolen from the Concord Museum)



British Sergeant's Cartridge Pouch  
c. 1770 - 1790  
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



British Sergeant's Cartridge Pouch  
c. 1770 - 1790  
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



Cartridge Pouch with Silver Wire Decoration - Possibly for an Officer of Light Infantry  
c. 1780 - 1800  
(Bonhams)

# Cartridge Pouch Badges



British Brass Cartridge Pouch Plate

c. 1775 - 1776  
(Don Troiani)



British Brass Cartridge Pouch Plate Found in North Carolina

c. 1775 - 1776  
(Don Troiani)



British Brass Cartridge Pouch Plate Found at the Camp at Richmond, Staten Island, New York

c. 1775 - 1776

(New York Public Library)



British Brass Cartridge Pouch Plate of H.M. Foot Guards  
c. 1775 - 1776  
(New York Public Library)



Cartridge Pouch Badge of the 2nd Regiment Foot Guards (Coldstream Guards), Light Infantry Company  
Excavated in Williamsburg, Virginia  
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



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*Co. 2. Guards*

*Surk July 17. 1800*

Cartridge Pouch Badge of the 2nd Regiment Foot Guards (Coldstream Guards), Light Infantry Company  
Pattern Book of 1800  
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



British Brass Cartridge Pouch Plate of H.M. 4th Regiment of Foot  
c. 1775 - 1776  
(New York Public Library)



British Brass Cartridge Pouch Plate of H.M. 5th Regiment of Foot

c. 1775 - 1776  
(Old State House)



British Brass Cartridge Pouch Plate of H.M. 5th Regiment of Foot

c. 1775 - 1776

(Private Collection)



Unknown Badge - Possibly a British Cartridge Pouch Badge

c. 1775 - 1776  
(Private Collection)



British Brass Cartridge Pouch Plate of H.M. 7th Regiment of Foot - "The Royal Fuzileers"

c. 1775 - 1776

(Salerno Collection - Troiani Image Bank)



British Brass Cartridge Pouch Plate of H.M. 9th Regiment of Foot - Grenadier Company

c. 1775 - 1776  
(Don Troiani)



British Brass Cartridge Pouch Badge of H.M. 15th Regiment of Foot Found at White Plains, New York  
c. 1776  
(New York Public Library)



British Brass Cartridge Pouch Badge of H.M. 15th Regiment of Foot Found at White Plains, New York  
c. 1776  
(New York Public Library)



British Brass Grenadier Cartridge Pouch Badge of H.M. 15th Regiment of Foot - Grenadier Company

c. 1776

(Private Collection)



British Brass Grenadier Cartridge Pouch (?) Badge Found in New Bedford, Massachusetts  
H.M. 17th Regiment of Foot  
(Private Collection)



British Brass Cartridge Pouch Badge  
H.M. 23rd Regiment of Foot  
(Don Troiani)



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H.M. 23rd Regiment of Foot  
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SKINNER

British Brass Cartridge Pouch Badge  
H.M. 24th Regiment of Foot  
(Skinner Auctions - Don Troiani)



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British Brass Cartridge Pouch Badge  
H.M. 24th Regiment of Foot  
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British Brass Cartridge Pouch Badge  
H.M. 26th Regiment of Foot  
(Fort Ticonderoga)



British Brass Cartridge Pouch Badge  
H.M. 37th Regiment of Foot  
(Private Collection)



British Brass Light Infantry Company Cartridge Pouch Badge  
H.M. 43rd Regiment of Foot  
(Don Troiani)



British Brass Cartridge Pouch Badge Excavated in New York City  
H.M. 45th Regiment of Foot  
(New York Public Library)



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H.M. 45th Regiment of Foot  
(New York Public Library)



British Brass Grenadier Company Cartridge Box Badge Found in Florida  
H.M. 60th Regiment of Foot "Royal Americans"  
(Don Troiani)



British Brass Light Infantry Company Cartridge Box Plate  
H.M. 63rd Regiment of Foot  
(Don Troiani)



British Brass Cartridge Pouch Plate Dug Near Yorktown  
Scottish Motto

Likely Used by the 71st, 76th, or 80th Regiments of Foot Who Were at the Siege  
(Don Troiani)



British Cartridge Pouch Plate of the 15th Regiment of Foot Found in White Plains, New York  
c. 1776  
(New York Public Library)



British Cartridge Pouch Plate Found in White Plains, New York  
c. 1776  
(New York Public Library)



British Grenadier Brass Grenade Cartridge Pouch Plate Recovered at Gloucester Point, Virginia

c. 1781

(William & Mary - Virginia Institute of Marine Science)

# Grenadier Cartridge Pouch Belts



British Grenadier Cartridge Pouch Belt with Replaced Wires vs. Leather Thongs

c. 1765 - 1775  
(Don Troiani)



British Grenadier Cartridge Pouch Belt with Replaced Wires vs. Leather Thongs

c. 1765 - 1775  
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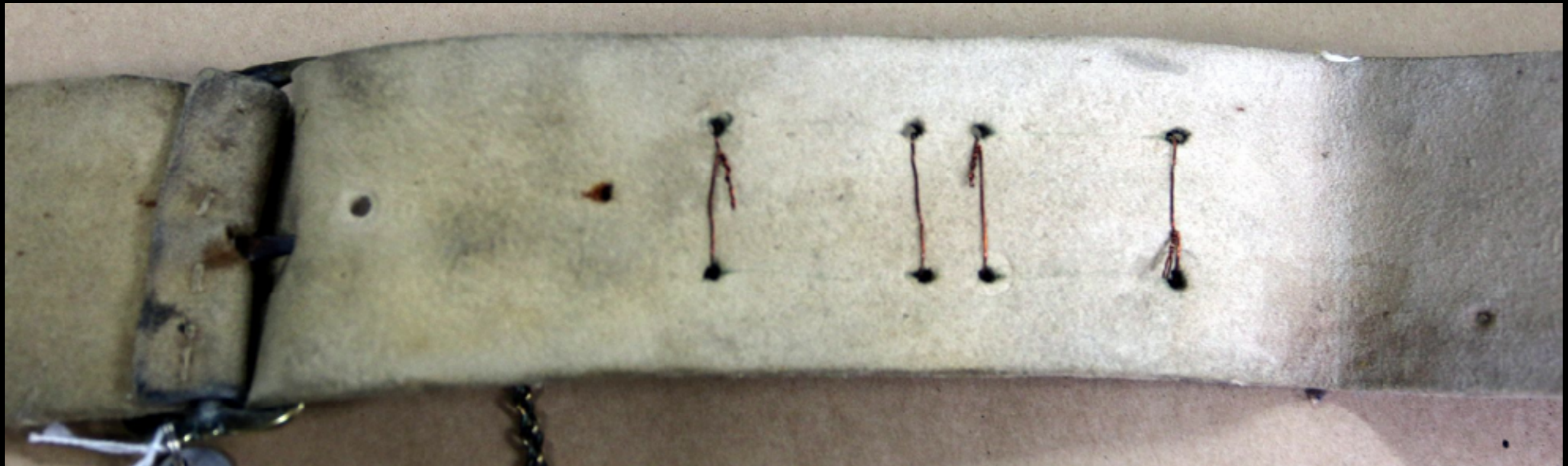
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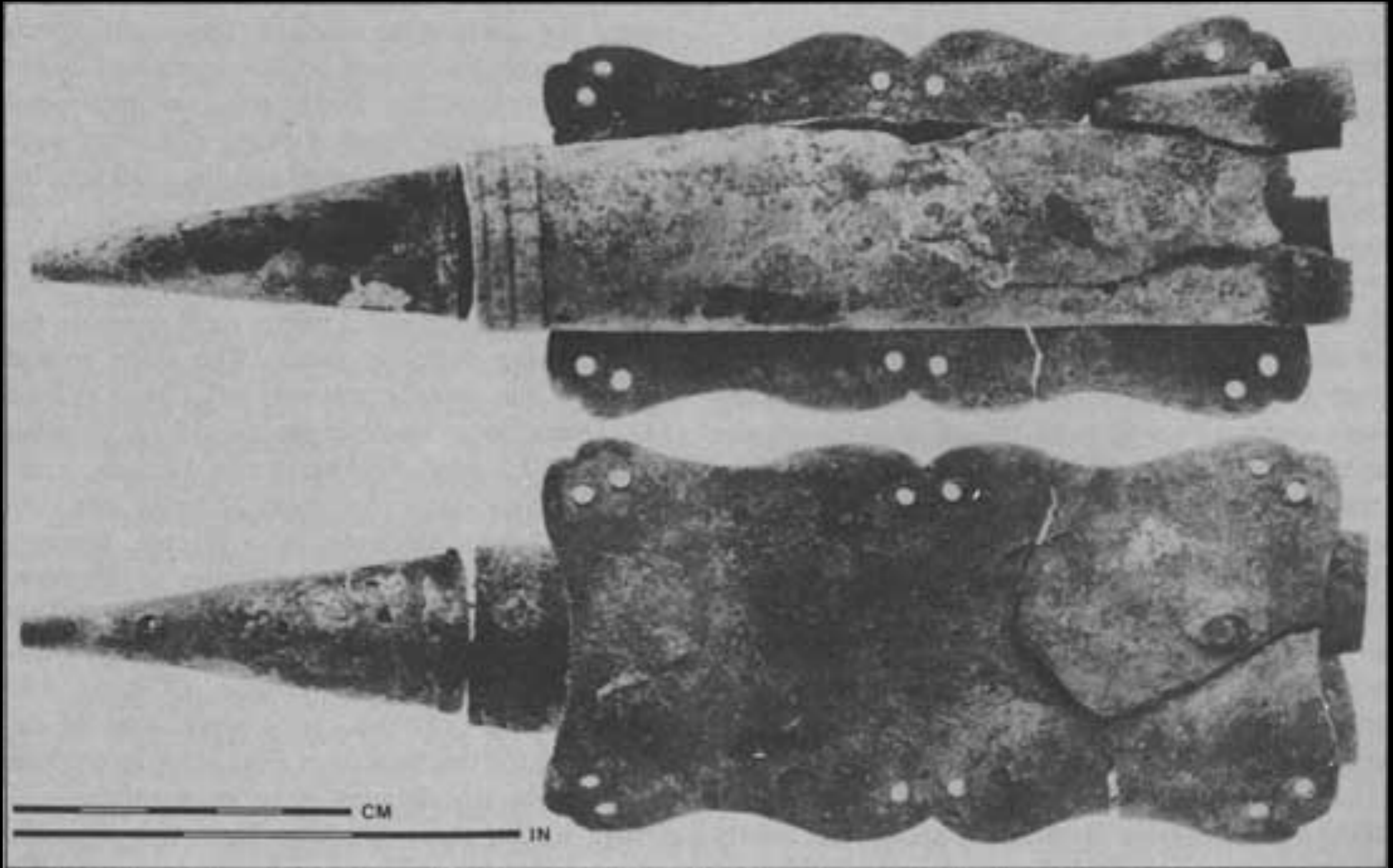


British Grenadier Cartridge Pouch Belt with Replaced Wires vs. Leather Thongs

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British Grenadier Match Case Recovered at Fort Stanwix  
c. 1765 - 1780  
(Fort Stanwix)



British Grenadier Match Case Recovered at Fort Stanwix  
c. 1765 - 1780  
(Fort Stanwix)



British Grenadier Match Case  
Mid 18th Century  
(Private Collection)



British Grenadier Match Case  
Mid 18th Century  
(Essex Detector Society)

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