

Collector's items discussed 9th July 2023 meeting of the Ams and Militaria Collectors Association of NSW

Allied aircraft/aircrew survival machete

Post-WW2 USA folding machete (aircraft survival equipment), maker marked "IMPERIAL" and "PROU R1". This new model with captive blade guard (as soldiers tended to lose the separate guard on the previous model). Circa 1948



Leather case for the machete above



WW2 UK RAF folding machete (aircraft survival equipment), a copy of the USA design. Maker marked "Joseph Wesby" 1944, this model with a "lanyard ring"



Post-WW2 USA machete (aircraft survival equipment), by CASE XX, NON folding type, manufacture "Case" call this their "V44"



WW2 USA folding survival Machete (aircraft survival equipment), used by: US Army air corps & US Navy air corps. manufacture: Cattaraugus USA (this was probably the 1st version). Naval model with non-captive shield). The RAF model was copied from this pattern. This example has the sheet metal blade shield which is often lost.

