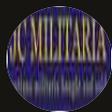
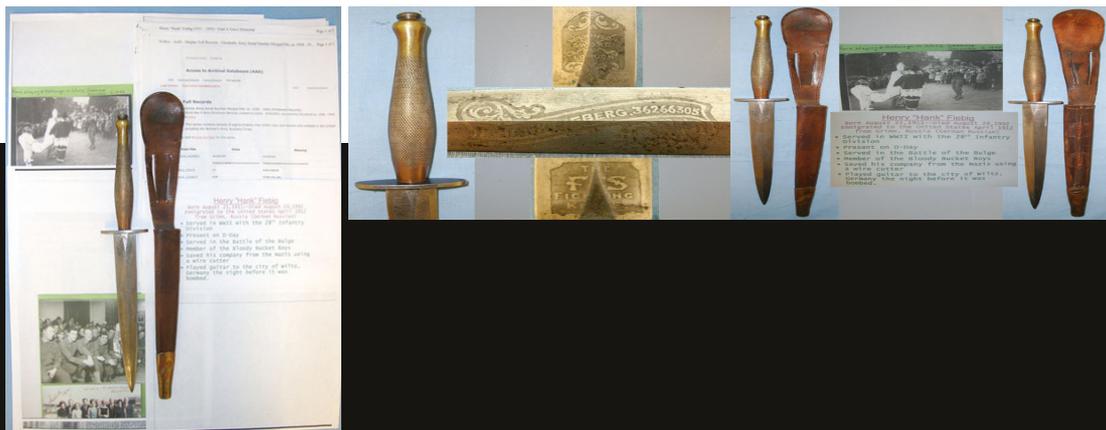


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2nd Pattern Fairbairn Sykes 'FS' Fighting Knives were introduced in 1941. Examples with etched blades are illustrated in Chapter 7 of *The Fairbairn Sykes Fighting Knife & Other Commando Knives* By Flook. American & Canadian special forces soldiers & Officers bought FS fighting knives as private purchase weapons. Examples of named, etched blades are illustrated on pages 96 & 97 of Flook's book. This example has an undamaged knurled and blackened 2nd pattern hilt and blued oval cross guard. It has an undamaged 176mm blade with medial ridge & etched panels. One side 'Wilkinson Sword London' with crossed swords legend. The reverse 'The FS Fighting Knife'. One side of the blade has a crisp etched & blued scrolling banner with name & service number 'Hank Fieberg 36266305' (correspondence with the dagger indicates that Sgt is also referred to as Fiebig in some documents relating to him). A Dossier of documents accompanying the dagger describe the interesting career of this WW2 Soldier. A Synopsis of the documents states 'he served with WW2 28th infantry Division nicknamed The bloody Bucket Boys by the Germans due to the casualties they received in action. He was present on D-Day and served in the Battle of The Bulge. He saved his company & captured 4 Nazi troops using just wire cutters (a copy of a period newspaper article with this collection outlines the Sgt's actions when unarmed he cut through wire allowing he and his colleagues to approach the enemy and pretending the cutters were a side arm capture 4 enemy troops). He was a Bronze Star recipient. An image with the collection shows 'Hank' playing a guitar in uniform at an orphanage in Wiltz Germany 5th December 1944. The night before the town was bombed. The dossier also includes copies of the Sgt's service record / antecedents and some paper copy photos of both he and his

family. The dagger is complete with original leather scabbard with external chape and single belt loop. As is common its 4 sewn on leather tabs and elasticated retaining strap are absent. All leather & stitching are intact. The price for this rare item to a named American Soldier who saw much action includes UK delivery. Sn 17704
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