

ON THE LIGHTER Side

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Welcome to the beginning of our 7th year! It is difficult to believe this has been going on so long - ...time flies, etc., etc.

If you have suggestions for additions to 1990 please write. Also please update your ads if you want them to be worded different, or let me know if you want them to remain the same?

The Officers of OTLS held an Executive Board Meeting (via long distance) to elect Officers for the 1990 term. The new Officers are as follows:

Bob Beyers	President
Lynn Baker	V. Pres.
Judith Sanders	Sec/Treas
	Editor
Jay Meddaugh	Historian

IMPORTANT! I need a tentative head count of members attending the 1990 convention! It will be June 8-10, rooms will cost around \$45 (single or double), (this is still up in the air). **PLEASE SEND POSTCARDS INDICATING IF YOU ARE COMING, FOR HOW LONG AND HOW MANY PEOPLE. THESE WILL NOT BE CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS - JUST NEED SOME IDEA OF NUMBERS.** We will still have our usual convention letter later with reservation forms. **ANOTHER IMPORTANT POINT - FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO GO TO SHOWS, SIGHTSEE & GAMBLE PLEASE PLAN ON COMING EARLY!!** The hotel I'm talking to says we can have the same rate earlier in that week - we need to get the other activities out of the way so we can have a good convention.

To clarify a point...if you have just joined the club in Nov. or Dec. you **DO NOT OWE DUES AGAIN.** If you joined in the middle of the year, & received all your '89 papers, then you do need to pay dues. Memberships run from Jan. to Dec. I try to make adjustments for those who join in the middle of

of the year. Any questions, write.

Note new Membership Roster is enclosed. Please advise of any changes or corrections.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ! As you know in 1987 & 1989 we had Zippo convention lighters. In order to have 1990 convention lighters I will have to order soon. I would like a 'show of hands' (by postcard) of how many want to purchase convention lighters, so I won't order too many and end up not selling all of them.

Regarding the book OTLS is working on - for you who have copies of the outline, have you written anything yet??? I would like to get as much information as possible **BEFORE** the convention so I can redo the outline.

If some of you have extra pictures from the 1989 convention, could you please send them to your Editor to put in the scrapbook.

WELCOME to our newest members (see page 5), especially another from 'Down Under'!

And last, but far from least -- **THANK YOU** to our 1989 Officers for a job well done!

More later....



IN THE SPOTLIGHT.....

AND THEN THERE WERE TWO!

A little late for a Christmas story, but nevertheless...on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1933, there was born...Frederick Laird...and then there appeared Wallace Laird...**TWINS** ...what a Christmas present!

Wally says "Freddy is 5 minutes older..."

Wally Laird and his wife, Beverly, live in Bethel Park, PA. Freddy is single and lives in N. Miami Beach, FL. But they both collect lighters!

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Wally said it was his idea to start collecting. He had written to a company, who sent him a lighter. Then Frederick suggested writing to some other companies, to see if they would send lighters. Then they both ran into a man who gave them 150 brand new Zippos. As Wally said, "25 or 30 years ago, companies were willing to send you complimentary lighters."

As their collections began to increase, they eventually met a retired Zippo salesman who gave them some display cases. For you who didn't see Wally's display cases at the convention, they are really great! They close up like suitcases and inside have space to display Zippos. Wally and Freddy were told that the Zippo salesman all used to carry these cases.

Now Wally has almost 2200 lighters. Although he primarily collects (Mint Condition) Zippos, he has expanded some into other areas. One of his most unusual lighters is a miniature gold coke bottle. He mentioned he has had this lighter for 25 years.

On the other hand, Frederick has around 800 lighters - all mint Zippos. Freddy said as well as the old Zippo display cases, he has some wall hanging cases.

Both the twins told your Editor they like to go to Flea Markets to look for lighters. And by the way, they even sound alike on the phone.

Those at the 1989 convention will probably never forget when Wally discovered his brother belonged to OTLS ... and hadn't told him! Since the convention, Wally asked Freddy about this and told your Editor, "Freddy said he thought he had told me, but I think he just wanted to get some lighters first!" Freddy, of course, swears he told Wally...! But now they BOTH are coming to the 1990 convention. So if you think you stayed up too late the night before and are seeing double - you're not - it's just Freddy & Wally!

- 1990 Convention will be in Las Vegas - June 8 - 10, 1990.
- Send postcard to OTLS Editor advising if you plan to go to convention and if you think you will order a convention lighter.
- If you haven't paid your 1990 dues - PLEASE DO SO ASAP!
- 1990 newsletters will be Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. & Dec., with a convention letter in March.

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COLLECTORS' CORNER

Following on the next 2 pages are photos & segments of articles submitted by Al Grosskopf (Thanks, Al). Part of these are from a 1953 catalog of E.A. Morris Ltd. of Vancouver, B.C.; and part from "Pipe Lovers" magazine, which was published from 1946 to 1950. Note a couple of these companies are new to your Editor and may warrant inclusion in our 'book'.

The following was under "What's New"

August, 1946

The new post-war Zippo lighter has recently made its appearance. Although similar to the pre-war model, it is of a silver-like metal and is a bit thinner, with corners and edges more rounded.

The new model features initials or facsimile signatures, & other designs such as fraternal insignia, bowling & other sports, and misc. engraved figures are also available.

August, 1946

Two new models have been added to the Berkeley Windproof Lighter line, according to the manufacturer, the Flashlight Company of America. One is a silvertone model...the other completely gold plated. Both are constructed on the enclosed tank principle as is the regular Berkeley Jeweltone.

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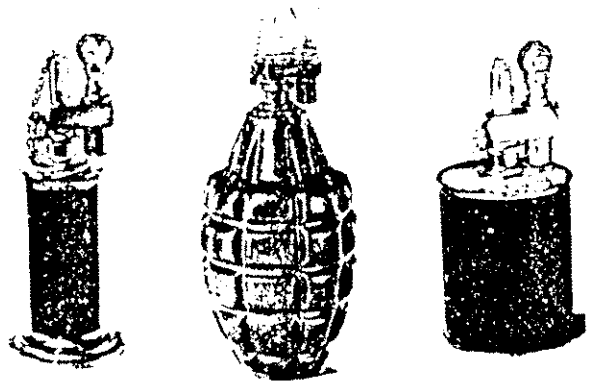
COLLECTORS' CORNER continued...

August, 1946

Table lighters in 3 new designs were recently introduced by Daltis, Inc., specialty manufacturer of New York, N.Y.

The lighters (pictured to right) are quite large & hold good supply of fluid...

No. 1, a slender, six sided model. No. 2, a new Hand Grenade Table Lighter, which is proving popular, especially with newly returned servicemen. No. 3, the Barrel Table Lighter.



August, 1946

A new type of barrel lighter has been announced by Spar Metal Products of New York City. The design was inspired by some lighters made by an American soldier while a prisoner of war in an Italian prison camp.

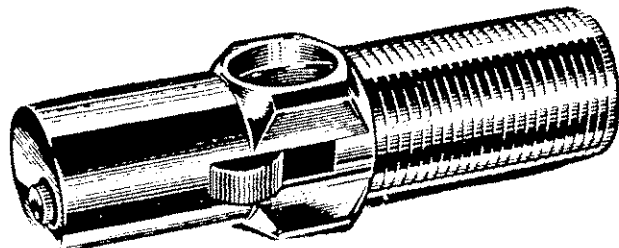
The prisoners took the frame from propeller or framework of an airplane, bored holes through it. For cotten, they used Red Cross cotton & salvaged parts from old lighters.

The present barrel design is an improvement over those made by the prisoners, but it is the same general idea. (Question: Is this like No. 3 above?)

(Editor's Note: Has anyone seen a "Spar" lighter, or picture of one?)

August, 1946

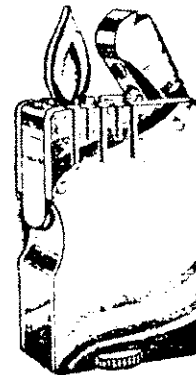
Now available is the new Nimrod pipelighter, an invention of an ex-G.I. from Cincinnati, OH. Ashley WARD, Jr. who has formed his own company to make the lighter. The new lighter is all-aluminum, & is described as compact & light. (See photo below)



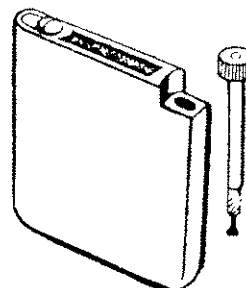
August, 1946

A new, automatic, single action lighter, known as the Duralite has recently been introduced by the Rayno Machine & Eng. Co. of Brooklyn, N.Y. It is finished with a mirror surface of dural metal, and is said to be non-tarnishable in any climate.

(See photo below)

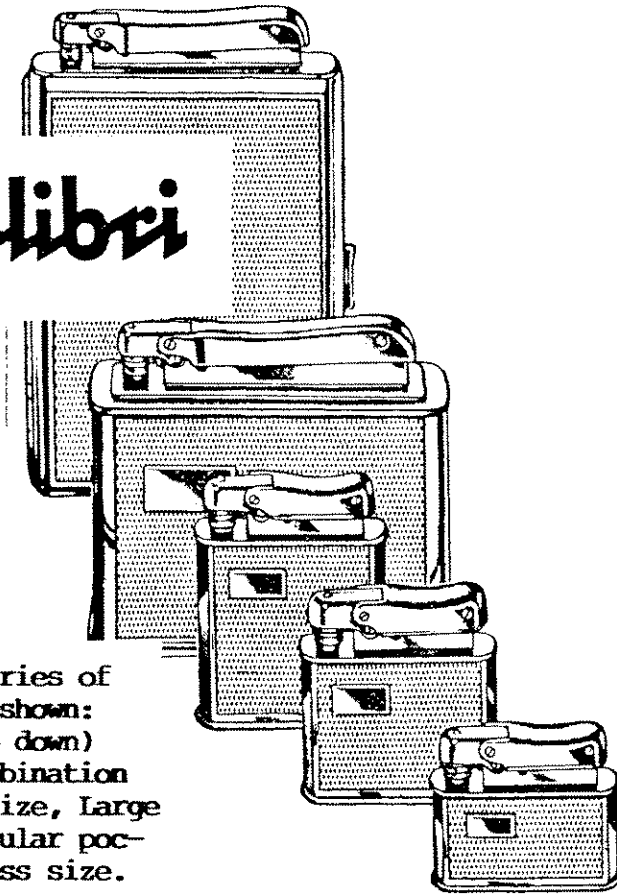


Following below & on the next page are pictures of some of the lighters (with their names) shown in the E. A. Morris Ltd. catalog.

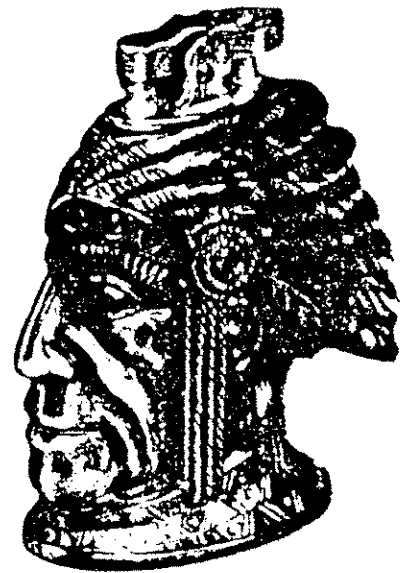


"THE STRIKE-A-LITE"
The caption to this photo says 'the illustration does not do justice to this handsome wafer-thin pipe lighter. Fits vest pocket with no bulge.' Also says the 1953 price was \$1.50 each!

Colibri



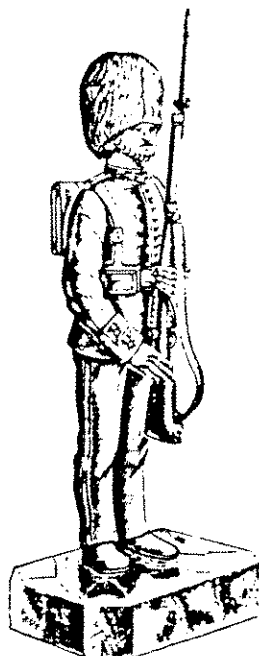
This whole series of Colibris was shown: (from the top down) Cigarette combination case, Table size, Large man size, regular pocket size, dress size.



This Indian Head Table Lighter was listed at 98¢ each.

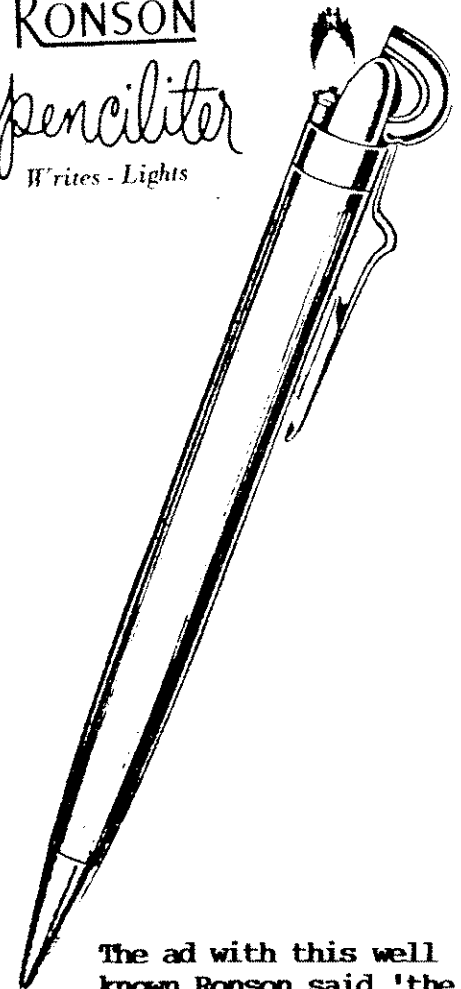


Shown below & to the left - 2 table Lighters from Vienna. (Far left - 'Lady Charming', colored, fitted w/striker. \$5.00 each. - 'Guardsmen', highly colored, fitted w/wheel lighter. \$6.00 each.

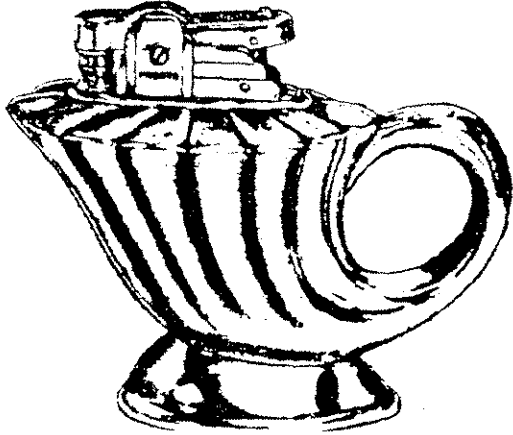
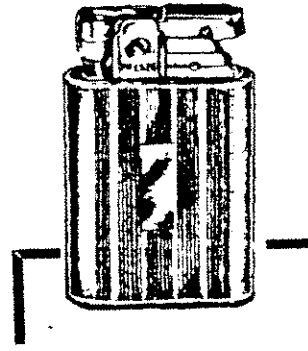
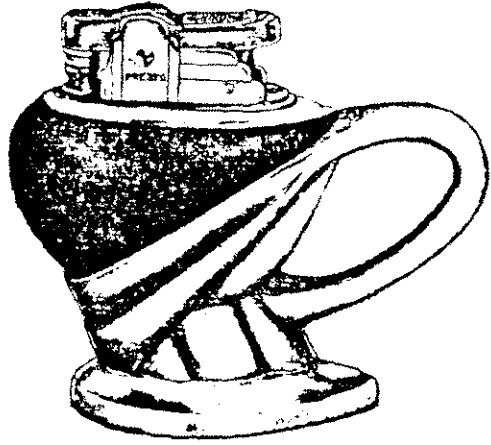


Of course, remember the prices are in Canadian dollars, at that time, according to Al Grosskopf 20% higher than U.S. \$\$.

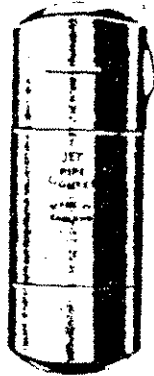
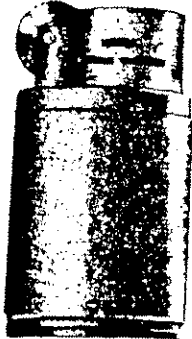
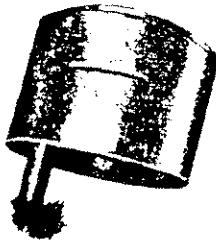
RONSON
penciliter
Writes - Lights



The ad with this well known Ronson said 'the inspired gift...for every smoker who writes and smokes..'



THE 2 TABLE LIGHTERS AND
1 POCKET LIGHTER ABOVE
WERE SHOWN BY BEING MADE
BY "PRESTO". IT ALSO
SAID AS OF THAT DATE
(IN 1953) "PRESTO MAGIC
HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED AND
NO LONGER WILL BE AVAIL-
ABLE WHEN PRESENT STOCK
IS GONE" - WONDER WHAT
HAPPENED TO THIS COMPANY?



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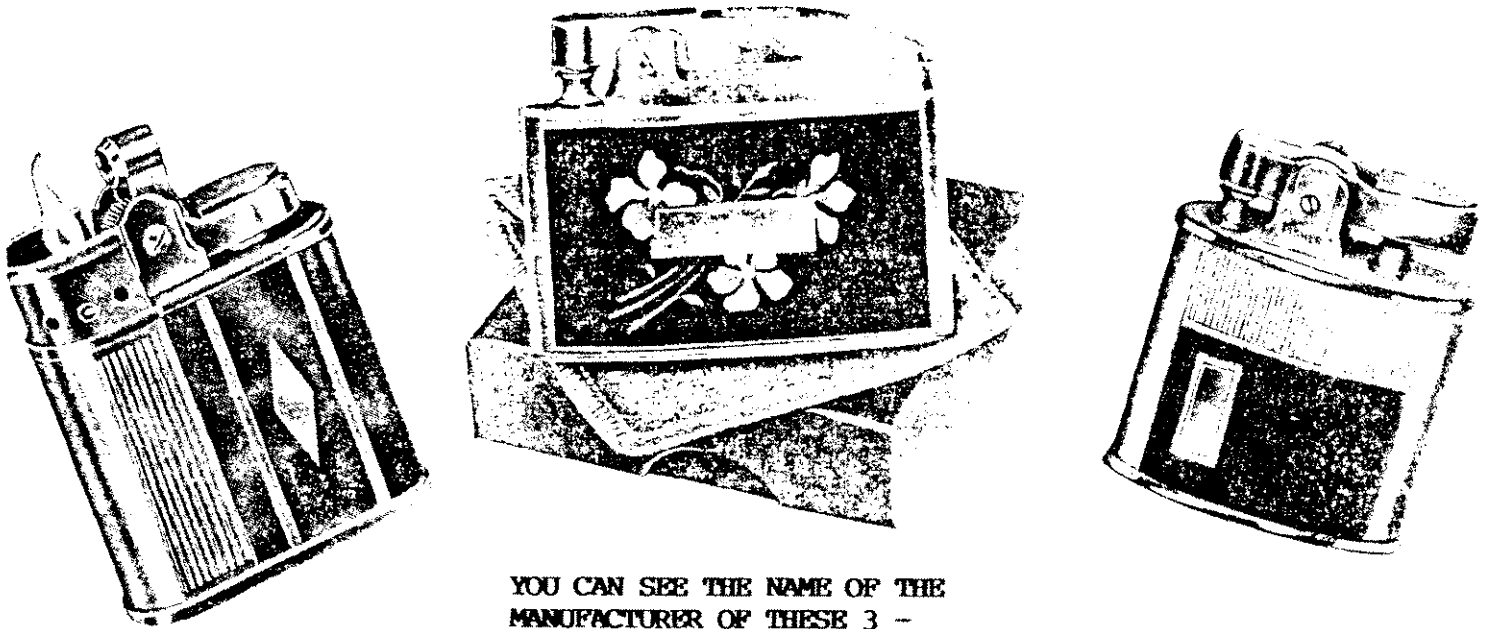
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THE TOMMY JET PIPE LIGHTER
Made in England

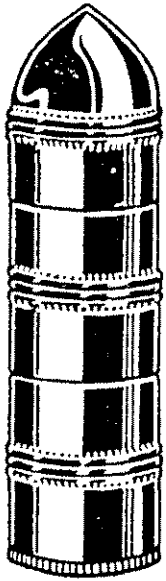
CYCLONE PIPE LIGHTER -
Metal wick stick pro-
truding from top con-
veniently lights pipe.



bd - FISHER

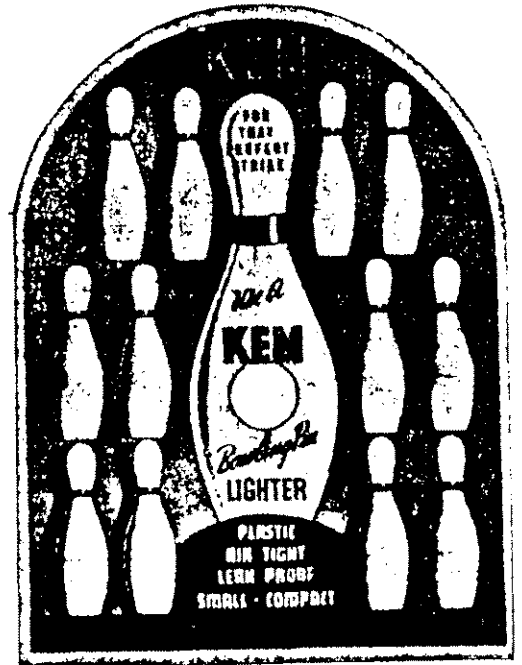


YOU CAN SEE THE NAME OF THE MANUFACTURER OF THESE 3 - 'b and d - FISHER' - DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY HISTORY OF THIS COMPANY?



KASCHIE - THE FAMOUS BULLET LIGHTER

HERE IS A WHOLE DISPLAY OF THE 'BOWLING PIN' "KEM" LIGHTERS.



CLASSIFIED ADS

!!! MAIL AUCTION !!!

Lot #101 - Bid by postcard only. Only winning bidder will be notified. Deadline for bids - 3 weeks after arrival of this newsletter. Bid odd amounts, i.e. \$5.03. THESE 3 WILL SELL AS ONE LOT - BID ON THE 3 TOGETHER. Include your return address & appropriate amount for postage in your bid.

3 pocket lighters of similar construction. All w/outside roller flint activating device.

1. 1/2" x 1" x 2-1/4" - MOSTER-Fab.Suisse - Made in Switzerland.
2. 1/2" x 1-1/8" x 1-7/8"-SWING Brev. Dem.
3. 1/2" x 1-1/8" x 1-7/8" - WALDORF - Swiss Made.

All very sturdy. #2 & #3 are almost identical. Ralph Fink.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

1. Mike Beaty
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Tulsa, OK 74145
918/665-1571
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908/526-9295
3. Chin Jen Hsu
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Foster City, CA 94404
415/572-9508
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Mashpee, MA 02699
508/477-7223
5. Bob Hedges
10249 19th Ave. S.W.
Seattle, WA 98146
6. Vid McClellan
P. O. Box 1041
Lane Cover 2066
AUSTRALIA
7. John Draper
7450 Elmwood Rd.
San Bernadino, CA 92410
8. Greg Zygai
4191 Hershey Road
Erie, PA 16506

For Sale or Trade

1. Zippo high polish chrome - slim model-3 color logo of WWII 157th Infantry Regiment on front lower panel. 2 color logo of 45th Infantry Division on back. \$10 each, including postage.

2. Zippo high polish chrome - slim model-2 color logo of WWII 158th Field Artillery Battalion on front, 2 color logo of 45th Infantry Division on back. \$10 each, including postage.

NOTE: The above lighters were produced in July, 1987 to be sold at annual reunion of the 157th Infantry Assoc. Brand new, mint condition in original plastic box. Supply very limited. Ralph Fink.

For Sale: 50th Anniversary (1932-1982) Solid Brass Zippo lighter w/engraved circle picture, complete w/pkg.

flints & can "50th Anniversary" fluid - MINT condition in original box. Asking \$50 or best offer. Robert Witzke, 324-5th Ave. North, Onalaska, WI 54650. (Non-Member Ad)

For Sale: 1. T/L, Made in Austria, 1890, leather cover & very unusual - \$95. 2. Case & lighter - unknown mfg. - \$45. 3. Typewriter lighter, made in Japan - \$125. All work & nice cond. Sid Chase. 25 Bentley Cartridge fuel cells, w/fuel valve (1/2" x 1-1/4" x 1-1/4"), new in box. Also have original display boxes. Please write or call if interested. Mike Beaty (new member-see left)

For Sale: 1. 1934 Duesenberg Model 'SJ' Town Car, electronic gas lighter - 10" x 3-1/2" x 3-1/2" - \$60. 2. Stock Ticker Tape Machine Lighter \$35.00. Ray Smizer.

Wanted to Buy or Trade

Looking for Zippo lighters - Ships, Navy & Advertising types. Trevor Orr

Wanted - Any early model Zippo - must have exterior hinge & be in good condition. For cash or trade for Australian made lighters or rare Western Australian tobacco & cigarette tins. Rex Hodgson

Wanted: Thorens lighters & parts, especially Standard Original model. Al Grosskopf
Any "true" novelty cigarette lighters & unique mechanism lighters. Greg Ryan

Wanted to buy - new or mint condition lighters with corporate logo engraved. Prefer Zippo. Write & describe. Fred Laird

Wanted: Imco Pocket Lighter, Model 2200. Also interested in other old Imcos. Greg Smith

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE! Zippos & Dunhills. Will trade from my 1200 pocket lighters. Write to me 'Down Under'. Peter Cavanagh

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