

Basic Detail Report



Snare drum

Date

1917-1919 ca.

Description

Private Ernest Raynold Johnson (born 1895) was inducted into the Army at Fort Snelling (Minneapolis, Minnesota) in June 1917. Just four months later, he was sent to France with the 42nd Division, 151st Field Artillery of Minnesota. His unit served alongside the French during World War I, in coordination with units from 26 states and the District of Columbia. After Major Douglas MacArthur, Chief of Staff, remarked in 1917 that the Division "would stretch

over the whole country [France] like a rainbow," it was christened the Rainbow Division. Johnson and the Rainbow Division fought in the final battle of World War I before returning to the U.S. in April 1919. Johnson was promoted to Musician 2nd Class and survived the war uninjured. He returned to Minneapolis and civilian life accompanied by his U.S. Quartermaster Corps-issued snare drum. Mahogany shell. Maple rims. Single tension with eight thumb-rod screw lugs. Imitation Ludwig and Ludwig Combination model strainer.

Dimensions

Shell height (with rims): 360 mm (14-1/8 in) Head diameter: 420 mm (16-1/2 in)