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Title Spanish-American War pins & medals

Date 1900-1934

Primary Maker Harry E. Wilcox

Medium bronze; silk

Description Two button tacks, a pin, and two medals from the Spanish-American War. (.48) Bronze button tack for the United Spanish War Veterans, 1898-1899. It is a cross with a different image at each point, clockwise starting from the top: two crossed swords, two crossed bayonets, an anchor, and two crossed cannons. In the center there is an image of a soldier holding a rifle, a sailor, and

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a woman kneeling between them. In the background is a ship on the water. (.49)

Identical button tack to (.48), except it is a darker bronze and slightly smaller. (.

50) A round pin for the Ordnance Corps with flames at the top with "U. S." on top of a bomb with flames. (.51) A Spanish-American War medal awarded to Spanish-American War veterans. The top part of the medal is an eagle with spread wings perched on a cannon that is crossed with an anchor. Below, connecting it with the middle part, is a silk ribbon of an American flag. The middle part has a shield in the center and "UNI" and "TED" on either side. Behind the shield is a crossed sword and bayonet. This part is linked to the bottom part, which is shaped like a cross with "CUBA/ PORTO RICO/ U. S. A./ PHILLIPPINE/ ISLANDS" in each of the points. In the center is an image of a soldier holding a bayonet, a sailor holding a sword, and a woman kneeling between them. In the background there is a ship on the water. On the back of the cross there are the abbreviations for the cardinal directions in each point and "UNITED" in the center surrounded by various symbols. (.52) A Spanish-American War medal awarded to Spanish-American War veterans. The top part of the medal is an eagle with spread wings perched on a shield with a wreath of laurel. This is attached to the second part by a silk ribbon of an American flag. The second part is a cannon placed horizontally, an anchor vertically, and a rifle and sword crossed diagonally. This portion is linked to the bottom portion that is a cross with "CUBA/ PORTO RICO/ U. S. A./ PHILLIPPINE/ ISLANDS" in each of the points. In the center is an image of a soldier holding a bayonet, a sailor holding a sword, and a woman kneeling between them. In the background there is a ship on the water. On the back of

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions ((.48) height x width): $3/4 \times 3/4$ in. (1.9×1.9

cm) Primary Dimensions ((.49) height x width): $5/8 \times 5/8$ in. (1.6×1.6 cm)

Primary Dimensions ((.50) height x width): $1 \times 3/4$ in. (2.5×1.9 cm) Primary

Dimensions ((.51) height x width): $3 \frac{3}{4} \times 1 \frac{1}{4}$ in. (9.5×3.2 cm) Primary

Dimensions ((.52) height x width): $4 \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \frac{3}{8}$ in. (11.4×3.5 cm)