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Title Pilot's Jacket

Date 1942

Primary Maker Rocco T. Capobianco

Medium leather, horsehair or goatskin, cotton, elastic-knit

Description Rocco Thomas Capobianco's size 42 WWII Army Air Corps uniform

type A-2 U. S. Army pilot' s flight jacket. The jacket is one of the 25,000

manufactured by I. Spiewak & Sons Co., Inc., government contract number W535

AC-28820, order number 42-18776P, contract date 18-May-42. The jacket is

constructed according to military specifications from seal brown horsehide

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leather (possibly goatskin) and features a brown cotton lining and brown knitted wristlets and waistband (skirt). There are snap-flap patch pockets on either side of the torso, a leather shirt-style snap-down collar, and leather shoulder straps (or Epaulets). The back of the jacket is constructed from a single piece of leather. The interior lining features a leather hang strap and a military spec tag attached just below the back collar. The proper left shoulder features a painted version of the Army Air Forces World War II Shoulder Sleeve Insignia. There are pick holes surrounding the painted patch indicating there was once an leather or embroidered patch of some kind in that area. Military regulations describe the insignia as "on an ultramarine disk (2-5/8" dia.) is imposed in the lower segment a White Star (1-1/8" point to point) with a red disk superimposed and covering the the entire center of the Star. Surmounting the Star are two stylized wings extending upward and outward at a 45 degree-angle." A tan leather patch with an eagle designed embossed has been affixed to the proper left chest, the name "CAPPY" has been carved into the patch. The right proper shoulder features a unit patch for the WWII 15th Air Force: a tan Incised leather patch with painted details depicting a 48 star American Flag and a sheild decorated with the air force winged star and number XV.

Dimensions Jacket (center back x shoulder span): 26 × 19in. (66 × 48.3cm)