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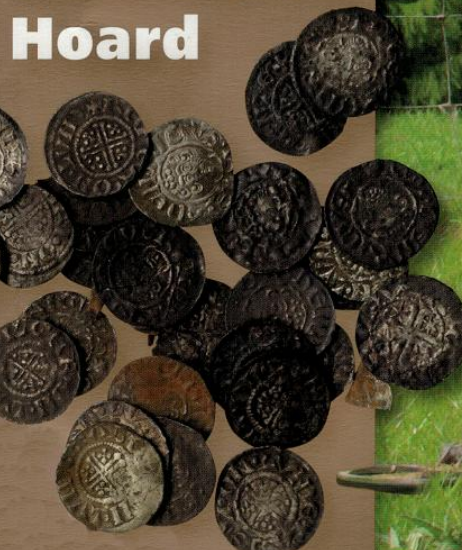


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Lead Seals Identified



Front of a lead seal showing the flaming bomb motif.

Recently on a Medway History Finders dig near Headcorn in Kent, despite a lack of anything really remarkable finds wise, we did locate a number of these small lead seals. Normally we find bag or cloth seals, but these examples looked to be a little bit different.

I am the Finds Officer at the club and did some research which identified them as originating from Second World War US Army ammunition boxes. The flaming bomb motif is very similar to the one that is more commonly seen on French infantry buttons and other military artefacts. I have further

A reverse showing the U.S. stamp.



discovered that the site is part of what was originally Lashenden (Headcorn) Airfield, then RAF Lashenden and later known as USAAF Station AAF-410. This is obviously the connection, although strangely hardly any other related artefacts were found apart from the odd .50 calibre casing. The seal measures 13mm x 14mm and weighs in at 4.41gm.

I hope this might be of interest and assistance to other detectorists, who may well have found similar artefacts close to other areas of wartime military activity.

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