

Cap pouch and caps

Object Card

This small leather box was designed to hold the soldier's percussion caps. Firing a rifle required ramming the powder cartridge and bullet down the barrel then placing a percussion cap on the firing pin. When the hammer struck the cap it created a spark which ignited the powder and sent the bullet out the barrel. The two loops on the back secured the pouch to the soldier's belt, and the flap is long to cover the entire pocket. The sheepskin lining kept the caps from falling out of the pouch.

