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Pershing's Own War Map

Stock#: 57170
Map Maker: Chicago Tribune
Date: 1918 circa
Place: Chicago
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Final Battlefield Map of the First World War -- "A Great Historical Document For the American People" (General John J. Pershing)

Detailed map of the Theater of War in Europe at the conclusion of the First World War. According to the legend at the bottom of the map, the original map had been sent to the National Museum in Washington and preserved at the urging of General Pershing as "a great historic document for the American people."

The map provides a highly elaborate color coded depiction of the War, showing the positions of the French, British, American, Belgian, Italian, German and Austrian Armies, Battle lines, Army Group Boundaries, etc. A separate key identifies the positions of the U.S. First Division and Second Division, with the commanding generals noted for each, as well as Battalion Commanders and a note if such Battalion was joined with a foreign command.

The map notes that it "shows the position of each individual division on both the allied and the German sides, as they appeared on the last day of hostilities, November 11, 1918. and "This map is a reproduction of that used by Gen. Pershing at his headquarters at Chaumont."

An exceptional image of an historically important object. The map's publication was widely mentioned in contemporary newspapers, but a very rare survival.

Rarity

The map is apparently quite rare. OCLC locates 2 examples (Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and



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Wisconsin Veterans Museum Library). This is the first example we have ever seen on the market.

Detailed Condition:

Folding map, issued as a supplement to the Chicago Times. Small area of repair at centerfold with some minor facsimile.