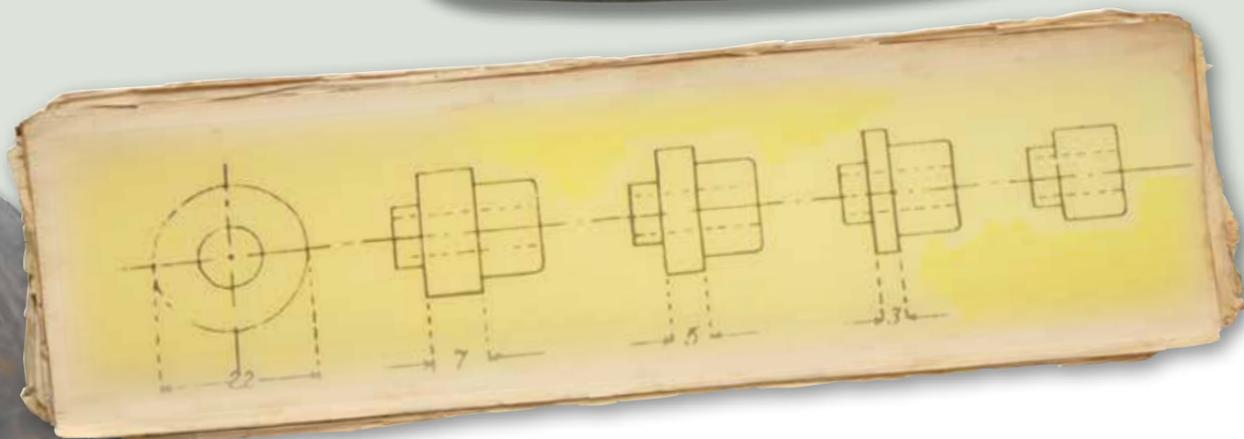




This size 62 example of a square dip shows a helmet that has seen prolonged service and clearly shows evidence of being put through a refitting process. Helmets were recovered wherever possible and, as here, would be extensively repaired and upgraded. This helmet has received a second hand applied coat of paint as well as the instalment of a later generation of liner system. The hand stencilled 62 was applied to aid sizing on reissue.



Although heavily patinated this view of the helmet opposite's interior shows the dark olive/field grey paint well. Within the lower image one can see the much deteriorated leather pockets and the size 60 marking.

The relative extreme scarcity of square dip helmets today is undoubtedly down to the low numbers produced at the time and of course the high rate of destruction of both men and their equipment. This helmet has clearly seen prolonged service up until 1918 as the camouflage pattern will attest (see later chapter) but it still retains the early liner system as issued. The lower close up shows the stepped lugs or horns. The period technical diagram shows the size decrease in these steps ranging from here, size 60 being the smallest, to the totally unstepped lugs of the larger model. These lugs or horns were to facilitate the wearing of an extra armoured plate (see appropriate later chapter).





Another long serving camouflage square dip helmet that shows evidence of being sent home as a souvenir to the USA (see later chapter). The liner image shows yet another variant/prototype liner system. This type consisting of individual fingered pockets. The variation in liner system design is thus far hard to define in terms of time frame. Numerous systems existed being of three

fingers, two fingers and one finger with varying materials used as pad pockets as well as here versions that did not use cushions. Added to this a recent examined version had a mixture of single finger and multiple finger pad holders within its configuration. It is clear from this that much experimentation was expended in achieving the best liner system.

