

Basic Detail Report



Japanese A6M Zero Manufacturing Data Plate

Date

April 16, 1945

Primary Maker

Rudolph Frank Spacek

Medium

metal

Description

Plate, Data; Narrow rectangular metal manufacturing data plate from a Japanese A6M Zero Model 21 naval fighter aircraft. The plate has white Japanese characters on a black background and an image of a five-petal cherry blossom flower on the right edge. The ends of the plate taper inward slightly. See below for Japanese translation. The fragment would have been attached to the engine of a Japanese A6M Zero and was salvaged by the crew after the airplane crashed into USS Intrepid. showa () year () month () date Inspection stamp Sakura Rubber Company Limited produced by 24 16 *this seal shows was passed the inspection. three of the punch marks on middle of space shows three branches of naval inspections.

Dimensions

1/2 × 4 1/2 × 1/8 in. (1.3 × 11.4 × 0.3 cm)