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Anybody remember or hear of the "my Zippo stopped a bullet stories" from WWII where a soldier in combat would be shot and the slug would hit his Zippo (made in Bradford, or at least they were..) lighter and be slowed to the point that the damage caused by the wound was far less than it would have been otherwise?

Well, I have a "my Perrine fly box stopped a beaver spike" story. Happened in the late 70's. It was February and I was fishing a special regs area in Warren County in a section that flowed through an old beaver meadow. Their telltale spikes were sticking up through ice all over the place. I slipped and lost my footing and came down hard, chest first, on a pretty sharp spike. But I had a big 'ol Perrine aluminum fly box in my vest in a front pocket and it absorbed the force of the fall and kept the spike from penetrating. I had a rectangular purple bruise at the point of impact for at least a month.

I don't think that it is completely out of the realm of possibility that the box may have saved my life.

I still have it, dent and all.