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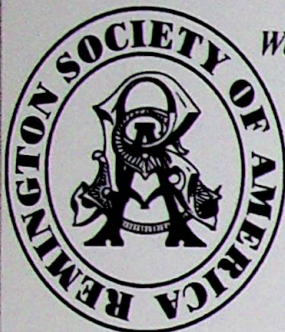
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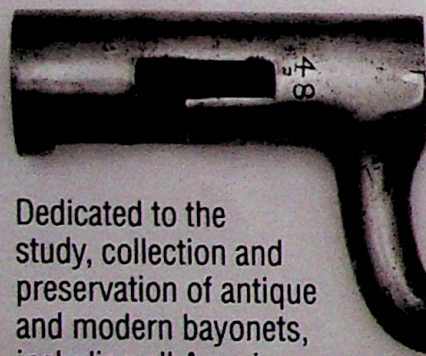
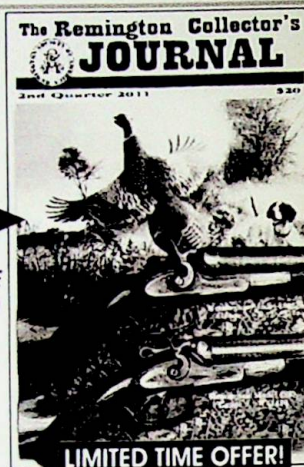
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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

The U.S. Martial Arms Collector is currently interested in World War I weapons, memorabilia, and collectibles. World War I was a period of extreme technological change as well as great historical significance. This leads to the current popularity for the history, weapons, and associated items of that era.

United States casualties during World War I were 116,708 with 53,402 battle deaths. Numbers are always subject to controversy and the data used here was developed by the Department of Defense. Other data includes the U.S. Coast Guard, Merchant Marine and shipping records. There were major numbers of casualties from the Spanish Flu and other trench warfare diseases.

Collectors are interested in many items from World War I. They are interested in the patches, insignias, bayonets, and holsters among many items which were used in the Great War. Collectors are interested in the weapons used as well as many other items from all nations involved in World War I. Current demands are for any item from this time period.

Original finish rifles are in high demand and very valuable. Collectors do not want a weapon that has been altered, refinished, overhauled or worked on by gunsmiths, including military alterations.

There is a strong desire for original work for the period of use. The most sought-after weapons will be those that have all original markings that are accurate and clearly visible.

One sought-after weapon is the Springfield Model 1903. There are very few left which

are completely correct and authentic. From 1903 to 1918 approximately 800,00 of these Springfields were made. Now, anything which has a serial number less than 800,000 is considered unsafe to shoot with modern ammunition. Rock Island Arsenal had a separate production and serial number series with numbers less than 287,000 considered unsafe to shoot.

The demand for authentic weapons is high. The weapons should be of either Springfield or Rock Island made before the first World War and before the conclusion of the War in 1918.

There are many instances where sporter rifles with low serial numbers are still used as hunting rifles in many parts of the United States.

More interesting is the fact that some USMC 1941 World War II sniper rifles are known to have been made with low numbered receivers. They were also used in Korea, special operations, and in Vietnam. This has led to many discussions. It seems that there are always exceptions to many descriptions. The rifles are still very desirable military weapons when in original condition.

Many of these rifles were used hard and badly beaten during the war, so very few are in nice condition. History has shown that a great number were used with other weapons from our allies and other U.S. manufacturers.

It is very important to be sure that components of a rifle have not been changed by modern enthusiasts and deteriorated the value of the gun.

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The Springfield Model 1903 was always issued with a bayonet and scabbard. So these accessories are valuable as well, when correct and in original condition.

It is very important that these items have the proper finish. A nice finish will make or break the value of a weapon.

1903 Springfields have blued parts that vary quite a bit according to the individual part. Bands, trigger guards, and other small assemblies were finished differently and may have differences on the receivers and barrels.

The demand for a weapon will also increase based on its history. If a weapon was used in a famous battle such as the Battle of the Marne or related to the Lost Battalion, its desirability will be increased tremendously. Any weapon which was owned or used by an important military member such as an admiral or general will have a similar desirability.

Collectors are also interested in the .45 automatic model 1911 Colt pistols which were issued during this time. These, along with the many other pistols issued, have a high interest. The holsters and other accessories are also in high demand especially battle information and unique history. Condition is again very important.

Revolvers of many types and calibers were also used and issued. The list is very long and many collectors have large collections of handguns and equipment that is supported by excellent writings, books, and data.

There are many more extensive collections being offered for sale by the major and upcoming auction houses. There have been major changes in fee structures, including no fee selling rates for prime weapons and a

buyers fee only in many cases. There are some auction houses that have a selling fee and no buyers fee.

This results in a decision requirement for the owners that are disposing of their weapons. The concern includes choosing which company to act as the disposal agent if using a company, or to forgo using a company and try to sell the item privately. Terms for the business transaction, timing of a sale, and other issues may require sending a collection off to be sold. Most companies will pick up weapons and the owners must decide on insurance, specifics on the shipment, insurance during transit, insurance at the sale, and other terms and complicated issues.

The quality, originality, and description are now major issues. Documentation is very important as well as terms of the sale and local and federal laws.

SRS Data Searching

We are finding much more data on Garands and other weapons. This effort will be expanded as we have time. The actual descriptions of manufacture and changes are large and in large volumes. They must be read and examined on a line-by-line basis.

As an example, SRS has an extensive amount of data on early Sam Colt letters from 1847 on to later years. This will take a large effort to review and determine if it is a task that will enhance our data base. All letters are hand written and will take hours to read and make a decision before they can be translated and put into a digital format.

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Collectors, auction houses, and gun dealers are eagerly searching for weapons and firearms that have a unique history. This includes ownership by famous military and civilian people as well as museums and other organizations.

We are constantly receiving letters and emails asking if we have data on specific serial numbers. Inquiries also include weapons with no serial numbers that have unique characteristics. SRS is always behind in this area as it takes a great deal of time to research our files. Many of our files have never been published and are in loose-leaf form. This will keep us busy for quite some time.

GUN SHOWS

The gun shows are still active with many people visiting and buying. Ammunition is still in demand, and there is no certified reason for the continual demand. Many rumors have been made about various government agencies having massive buys, and it seems there is a general feeling that a buying desire is present by most gun owners.

Modern military-style guns are still in demand, while antiques are slow to sell. There are a lot of visitors just looking or hoping for a bargain. It appears that this will continue until overall political issues are resolved and local laws are settled.

New and used handgun sales are still very active and there are backlogs on paperwork to meet Federal Firearms laws as well as local requirements.

In many cases there are increases in the cost of show admission, and there have been complaints about parking fees and increases

in table costs. There are many comments that some shows are now saturated with non-weapon sale items. The show managers may be using these non-weapon vendors to keep their shows filled for the public. There is no doubt that shows with gun-related items are now strongly supplemented by food concessions and non-related items that provide income in addition to admissions, to support business and to support clubs or associations.

CURRENT RESEARCH

We are continuing our efforts to find new numbers, add new data, and find more references that can be used to research specific weapons. We have found new data on many OSS personal weapons which were assigned during World War II.

These records are sought after due to the nature of the OSS. As the intelligence agency for the United States during World War II, the OSS had many classified documents. Knowing the weapons and items which were issued to each OSS official can be beneficial.

The documents include the officer's name, item they were issued, its serial number, and the place where the officer was stationed. Officers watches and typewriters were included in this data as well as weapons.

The official documents which contain this information are typically small slips of paper. They are sometimes simply torn off of a piece of paper.

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Until recently the information contained on these slips of paper was classified. Due to the sensitive nature of World War II, these documents were not previously released. Therefore, the information is not well organized and not easy to extract.

Since the documents are in simple, loose-leaf form, they are not easy to sift through to gain information. SRS is attempting to sort through the data in order to put it into a more usable form. This will take a very long time since none of the data is computerized. It needs to be organized in some way to allow an easy search.

The sensitivity of these documents leads to many regulations which must be followed. Government security increases the time it takes to access the documents. It also limits the ability to record the data in different ways such as photocopying, picture-taking, or writing the information down by hand. The combination of federal budget constraints, increased security, changing rules and a general process of finding old documents in bad condition, are a constant burden.

All of this is part of the task and changes are inevitable, but the search is still on.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

NOTE. Please send an email if you receive any subscription data that is incorrect. We still try to watch for all potential problems and any changes to post office services. We also look for mailed notes and try to send answers as soon as possible. An email concerning any issue helps us maintain an eye out for problems and gives us a heads up for readers concerns.

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Issue number 137 is current and is dated December 2013. Numbers 138, 139, 140, and 141 will be sent in 2014. The projected mailing dates are the first week of March, June, September, and December 2014.

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SPRINGFIELD RESEARCH LETTERS

We are writing more letters for our subscribers. The basic letters are \$50.00; sales letters with a document are \$65.00; and research letters run from \$175.00 and up depending on travel and extended times to work at the Archives and other facilities.

We are always behind on research letters because of long delays at government offices, government policies, and access to federal buildings. The copying of documents is always a problem and can be helped by using a camera, but it is always a time factor and government approval is required. It is now appearing that smart phones may be the answer.

There may be additional costs for most early Colts used in the Civil War and by the 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th Cavalry (Spanish American War) and other unique units.

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Some cases require us to have a guard accompany us at all times when finding the document and traveling to the area for research. The system always requires a photo ID card to be scanned at entrances and at different offices.

The OSS and United States Marine Corps letters are approximately \$175.00.

COMMENTS AND INPUTS

Please send inquiries and questions to: editor@usmartialarmscollector.com.

An inquiry can be made by mail to SRS Box 126, Cabin John, MD 20818. This may take an extended time to look up the number and send a letter by mail.

SPRINGFIELD RESEARCH DATA BASE

All data in the Springfield Research Service data base is based on government documents.

We never use third- party comments or other non-verifiable sources.

Many times letters from the manufacturing factory stating delivery of a weapon or other data will not have the specific usage or issue information for a specific soldier.

We are always searching and many pieces of data are missing. We are always looking for and finding data. It will be never-ending, and we publish new information as it is found.

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This is an ongoing task and we keep as many old issues as possible. The older newsletters (number 1 through 54) must be obtained by *special request*. Issues number 55 through 133 are available for \$10 each postpaid, and there are several issues that have run out.

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KRAG RIFLE STORY

Original new (1999 updated) editions are available for \$100 to subscribers only. Small amount of Krag books available.

LETTERS WRITTEN DURING THIS PERIOD

Cal. 30, M1903, U.S. National Match, Pistol Grip Stock. Number 1 257 768. Sold to: T. B. Dunton, Akron, Ohio. June 12, 1924.

Colt Pistol, Caliber .45. 1911.
Manufactured by: Colt Firearms Co. for the United States Military. Issued to: United States Marine Corps, July 10, 1913.

Rifle, Cal. 22, M2. Shipped to: Rock Island, IL. (Originally shipped to Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas). March 26, 1938.

Rifle, Cal. 45, Model 1884. Shipped to: Company D, 3rd Kentucky Volunteer Infantry in 1898.

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This data was found in Record Group 94, Unit Issue data, Spanish American War, U. S. Archives, Washington D.C.

Rifle, Cal. 45, Model 1884. Shipped to: Company L, 2nd Oregon Volunteer Infantry. 1898. This data was found in Record Group 94, Unit Issue data, Spanish American War, U. S. Archives, Washington D.C.

Carbine, Cal. 30, M1899, Serial Number 78083. Spanish American War Era Carbine. Sold by Raritan Arsenal on July 31, 1922. Sold as a surplus 1896 Carbine. This data was found in Record Group 156 at the United States Archives in Washington, D.C.

Colt Pistol, Caliber .32. Issued to: Major General P. C. Wehle. October 4, 1962. This data was found in U.S. Archives Records 0260, Washington, D.C.

**Letters Received and Answered
(Note: We are receiving many inquiry letters)**

I'm wondering if there is any info available for me to order a letter on a Remington-UMC 1911 that has the serial #6183.

Please take a good look at all of the parts on the pistol. The serial number is found in a serial number listed as a Colt from the 1923-1924 time frame. It may be a Colt frame and a Remington Slide or it may be original. Check all of the markings on the frame. Thanks, Editor.

I am interested in subscribing to your

newsletter and also researching several martially marked 1860 Colt Army's. Please advise costs of the newsletter and if I can subscribe using my credit card?

We still have no formal credit card payment. The banks are only interested in large usage. The costs and subscription data are on our web site and we have sent additional data. Thanks, Editor.

I was going through some old newsletters that I recently purchased and found the attached. I was wondering if anything ever came of this. In the following newsletter it stated that a great amount of data was received with a good response. The reception of responses with a lot of material for the project was very positive.

We have finished all of the data on National Match, Sporters, and unique rifles as well as the M1922, M1, and M2 22 caliber trainers. No decision has been made on publishing in view of costs and sales projections. Thanks, Editor.

I am in need of issue #121 covering info on the M1D Garand sniper rifles with the weaver K4 scope and mount. Please advise on how to order this issue.

Please send payment and we will ship any back issue that is still in our inventory. We can copy a specific article that you may identify at the same \$10 cost. Thanks, Editor.

My Spencer serial number is 11939.

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15036 is almost 4000 Spencer Carbines newer than mine.
Gotta find out info about mine. What can you do for me?
Who can you refer me to? HELP.

We do not have the data that you may require. Quite a few searches have been made on those weapons and so far, nothing new has shown up. There appears to be no other way to find data unless you want to spend endless hours searching large numbers of documents one page at a time. Thanks, Editor.

I have a Remington patented 1861 pistol, nickel plated, serial # 20524 with the letter B stamped on the barrel, manufactured by Remington Ilion NY. I contacted Remington and they stated they do not have info on this due to an accident and they lost all info. Can you help me with Information on this pistol?

Sorry, we have no data on that pistol. I searched a couple of times and we cannot locate any military data. Thanks, Editor.

A fellow collector who owns a copy of SRS's serial numbers - Volume 4 advised that: SRS Vol. 4 says: 559289 was shipped on 8/4/45 to "OSS SU DET 204 CT". If these records exists within SRS files, would you be able to prepare a basic letter attesting to the data? What is the cost for your service? Also, looking forward to the basic letter for Serial# 568334, and the additional copy of your latest issue.

We have access to many files on OSS weapons. At present, we have this data in loose-leaf form including scraps of paper. It will take a major effort to put it into a formal data base. We can find the data

on your pistol but it will be done only as a research letter and it will take months to finish. Thanks, Editor.

I was wondering if you could tell me what my two 1896 Krag Rifles might bring. They are both in Fine-Very Fine condition. One of them is a 92/96 with a Cadet stock.

We do not price data. You may want to review auction house sales prices. The auction companies usually have prices realized on their web sites. Editor.

Spencer (M1860) carbines were made by the Spencer Co. during the civil war. Spencer (M1865) carbines were made by the Burnside Co. after the war. They were virtually identical except for bbl length. Each co. used their own SN system. Point is, there probably exists two (2) Spencer carbines numbered 31564. It's necessary to know the date of issue of the carbine in your data base to determine whether it's an M1860 (issued during the CW), or an M1865 (issued after the war).

Sorry, we can not help in this area. Most military records do not have this data in their files. Editor.

I recently purchased a book called "THE STORY OF BENJAMIN TYLER HENRY AND HIS FAMED REPEATING RIFLE" by Les Quick. In it, I read a research letter on a Henry Rifle with serial number 7582. I found it very interesting and I would like to have a letter on the Engraved Henry Rifle that I own bearing serial number 3597. Can you please tell me how I may go about

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obtaining/paying for such a service? I thank you in advance.

We checked and have no information on that serial number. Many units have data without serial numbers, and there is no way to verify data on a weapon without the number. In most cases records on military units do not emphasize the serial number and their records state items issued, date, and other information.
Editor.

I hope all is well with you and your staff. Does SRS maintain records of OSS-issued pistols? If data already exists in the National Archives on a specific OSS serial number, would SRS have access to that information? I am trying to locate the document that records a Colt M1903 Serial #559289 issued to OSS in Kunming, China.

We have OSS data but it can only be searched manually. This takes hours or days to really tackle the job. This area of research will take a long effort for a research letter. Most of the paper files are on irregular paper sizes and may be a torn off form, or a scrap of paper. Many are also bound in different ways and prevent any easy copying. They are also listed by name and without a name to search, one must try to find a serial number in the text. There are also government rules on old classification stamps and only searching one document at a time. There is no way to open a box and spread out more than one document.
Editor.

I am interested in obtaining issue #96 for information about Springfield M1922 rifles. Is this issue still available for purchase?

Also, do you have any additional resources available pertaining to this rifle?

We are running out of this issue but, a copy can be made of the article and mailed at the same price. This is time-consuming and we will offer this as long as we are able to keep up with requests.
Thanks, Editor.

Wayne, some time ago, I sent a check to renew, catch up, or pay for lapsed subscription. I don't know, but it resulted in a double issue the last three issues. Sorry, please just send just One copy henceforward. They are too valuable to waste. God bless you and thanks.

Thank you for the correspondence. Quality control is always a problem and your information is the best way for us to correct mistakes. We still have some minor problems with software. This is true of the data processing packages from the large computer software firms. There are always software changes sent to us and always new glitches. It has been fixed. (If any subscriber runs into a problem, please email us and we will fix it. Best way is email but we will also work with a letter). Thanks, editor.

I have 3 Springfield Rifles that I would like to have researched but I want to make sure I understand what I'm getting for the different services you provide.

1. 1878 Rifle with stock that has been decorated with 48 tacks - Pictures below are for this rifle only. Serial # 357614
2. 2 - 1884 Rifles Serial # 357614 and 581421 (2nd digit estimated guess as it is

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worn off a bit). No pictures included: these appear to be regular army issue.

We provided a no-charge search to see if we can write letters on your weapons. No data is available and we cannot provide any information. Thanks, Editor.

Hello, I subscribed to your magazines several months ago and have received a couple of your magazines, but not sure of what other benefits are available, such as access to a web site or research on martial arms? Can you inform me, Can you tell me if information is available on any of the following:

Sharps M1863 SN 76447
Sharps M1863 SN C20498
Colt 1860 army SN18986

All are martial marked. If information is available ,what further documentation services are available.

How many arms can I send in to see if information is available?

We ran several no-charge searches and found no data on your weapons. The web site is no longer available on line. We will run a search for our subscribers as long as we have time and do not get overloaded. Please send one serial number at a time. We cannot provide unlimited searches and there may be delays, but we have made all searches that were received. Thanks, editor.

I was under the impression Springfield Research Service was no longer available, but recently I was told otherwise.

The reason I am writing today is to ask about a specific Colt Model 1911 pistol I acquired a few weeks ago. Could you please check your data base and see if it is listed? If

so, I would be more than delighted to forward you the amount require in order to obtain a historic letter on its whereabouts over the decades. The Colt M1911 .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol was originally shipped from the Colt factory in Hartford, Ct. to Springfield Armory in Springfield, MA. on April 29, 1918 and delivered to the "Commanding Officer, Springfield Armory" according to the Colt archives. The serial number on this particular Colt 1911 is 278484. Any information you may have regarding its subsequent delivery locations or who it may have been issued to would be of great interest to me.

We can not get information on many of those numbers. I have tried many times but the Army will not release the data. I have tried the "Freedom of Information Act" with no results other than instructions on how to sue the United States Government. Thanks, Editor.

I am a subscriber to the US Martial Arms Collector. I note that copies of the Krag Rifle Story are available. Are there copies still available, and what is the best way to purchase? I do not see a menu on-line for the book. Also, since I am writing I have been wondering as I approach the end of my first year subscribing will I get a renewal notice or do I need to pay attention and renew at the end of my year?

Your last issue number is on your mailing label. We also send a renewal letter. Krag books are available for \$100. Thanks, Editor.

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**S&W Second Model Schofield Single
Action Revolver**



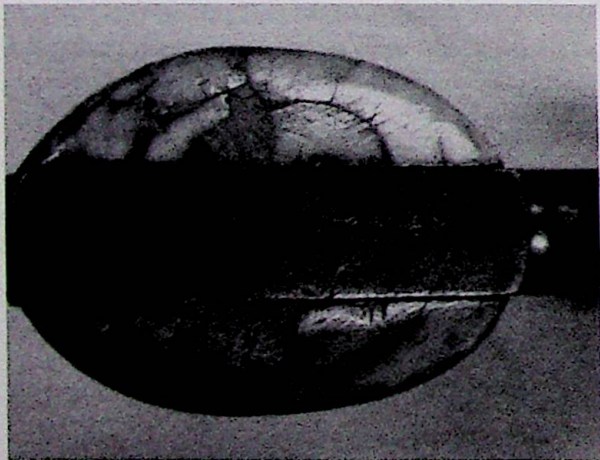
Serial Number 5998, documented by Springfield Research Service, was issued to the West Virginia military. The photo shows the right side of the revolver with non-standard vintage grips unlike the standard walnut military grips. The round latch for the break open assembly is shown for the Caliber .45 S&W cartridge with a 7-inch barrel. The break open frame allowed the pistol to be loaded, unloaded, and allowed the spent cartridges to be ejected. It featured a single-action configuration with a 6- shot fluted cylinder.

Serial numbers for the first model ran from 1 to 3,035. The second model Schofield ran from 3,036 to approximately 8,969. The documented gun is serial number 5998 and falls in the second model range. The total contract for second model weapons was 5,285 and included commercial and Wells Fargo models.

This type of military revolver was also made in limited civilian configurations. All of the guns are quite rare and have a rich history of Indian war and Western frontier use.



The above photo shows the left side of the revolver and illustrates the hammer, trigger, side plate, cylinder with automatic ejector, break-open assembly and barrel latch. The break open frame allowed the pistol to be loaded and unloaded and spent cartridges to be ejected.

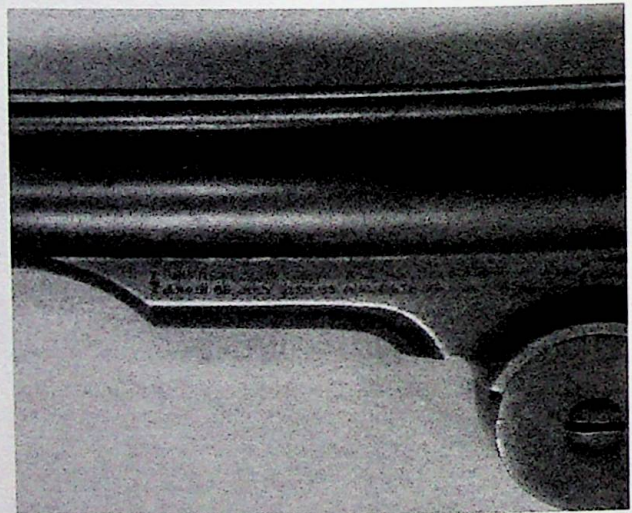


Serial number 5998 marked on the bottom of the Schofield grip. The revolver has aged, non standard grips. Original revolvers were issued with walnut grips.



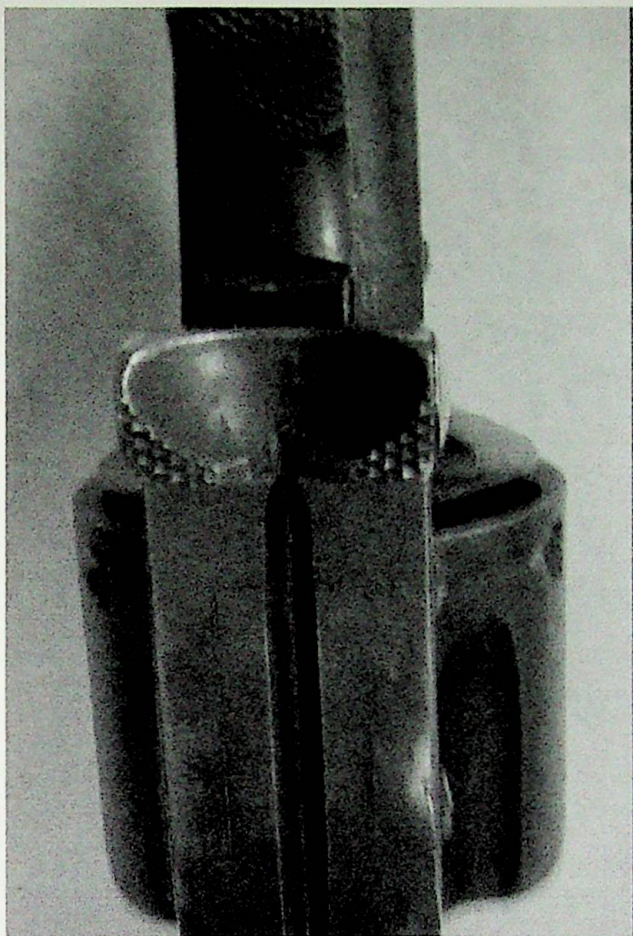
Schofield's patent markings on the right side of the revolver frame shown above.

Smith & Wesson Springfield, Massachusetts markings with patent dates below.



Serial number 5998 shows that it was issued to West Virginia in 1894.

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The Schofield Model 2 revolver is shown with the rear sight groove and the knurled machining for the break open latch. The blued finish and quality workmanship was evident by work of the Smith & Wesson craftsmen.

The S&W Model 3 was originally chambered for the .44 S&W American and .44 Russian cartridges, and typically did not have the cartridge information stamped on the gun (as is standard practice for most commercial firearms). In 1870 the United States Army adopted the S&W Model 3 revolver. In 1875 the army adopted the .44 caliber american Smith & Wesson cartridge.

The Schofield was only produced in two versions, the First Model Schofield and the Second Model Schofield. The Schofield Model 1 has a latch configuration which is slightly pointed at the top and is circular near the screw at the bottom. The Model 2 latch has a large raised circle at the top of the latch. Schofield's revisions and improvements to the third Model Revolvers included mounting the spring-loaded barrel catch on the frame as opposed to the standard Smith and Wesson Model 3 which has the latch mounted on the barrel. In the previous models, the posts of the frame would wear out after heavy usage. Schofield's improvement used heat treated, replaceable components at the area where heavy wear was occurring.

Wells Fargo purchased and altered many of these revolvers. The Wells Fargo markings were block letters showing W.F. & CO. Additionally the barrels were shortened to five inches. These became very popular for collectors starting in the 1970s. This popularity led to counterfeiting of markings and barrel shortening.

It appears that all of the manufacturing was done by Smith & Wesson in Springfield, Massachusetts. The rarity of these guns and the unknown survival rate makes this a very desirable collector's item.

Editor's Note: Data from SRS database, Wikipedia, and several comments from various collector publications.

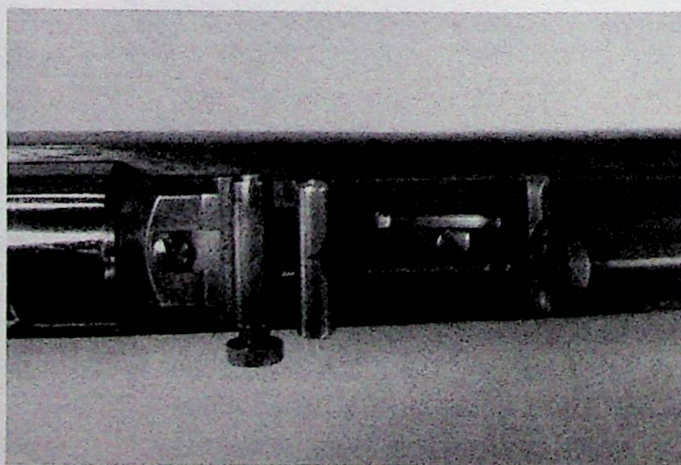
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Model 1882 Remington Lee magazine, bolt-action rifle

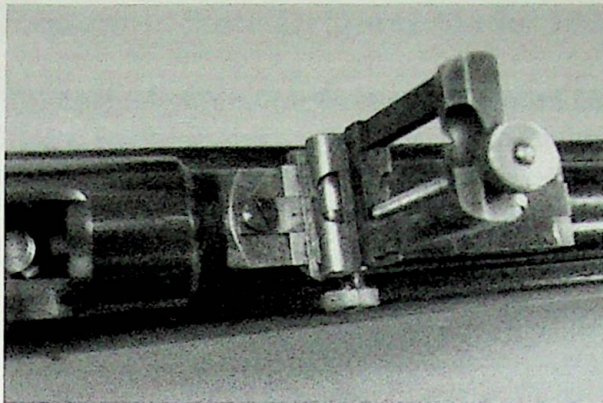
This is a fine example of a Remington Lee rifle that is in excellent condition with most of the original finish and perfect markings. The rifle is in caliber .45-.70 with markings that include E. Remington and Sons, Ilion, N.Y. U.S.A. Sole Manufacturers, and patented November 4th, 1879. Some markings vary on various models. This photo shows the right-hand side of the rifle with magazine, trigger, and bolt assembly. *Courtesy of Tom Gross*



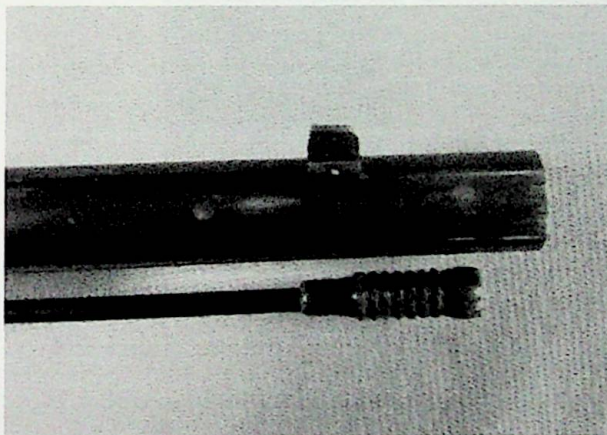
The Remington Lee rear sight has micrometer adjustments and is mounted directly to the barrel. We are seeking more data on this sight and would like to hear from our readers. We found patents on the Barringer sight, but no drawings that match. SRS has found similar sights on Krag and other rifles.



U.S. Martial Arms Collector 137-14



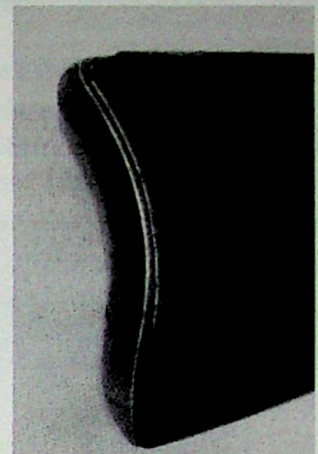
Top view of barrel-mounted Remington Lee rear sight. Please note the micrometer adjustment for elevation on the top right of the sight assembly.



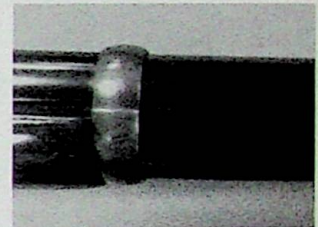
Front sight assembly with blade and pin on barrel-mounted, fixed base. Also shown is the ramrod.

Note: Data is from SRS files, various notes from assorted publications and web sources. Most data is common to all sources.

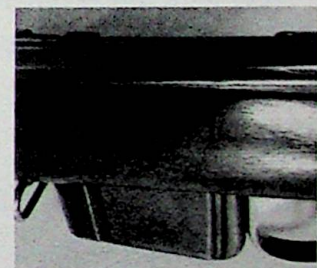
Right is the butt plate of Remington Lee.



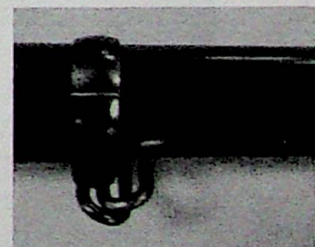
Right: Middle band and band spring for Remington Lee.



Left view of Remington magazine.



Right is the upper band with stacking swivels.



Colt Model 1909 Marine Corps Revolver

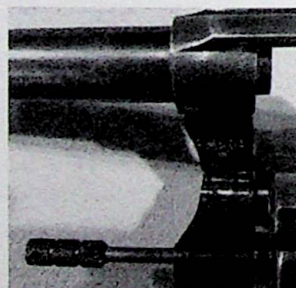
The Model 1909 USMC was manufactured with a serial number range of 30,000 through 50,000. The USMC pistol is a scarce variant revolver in caliber 45 Long Colt caliber. It is believed that 1400 revolvers were made and subject to hard use. *Courtesy of Joe Salter.*



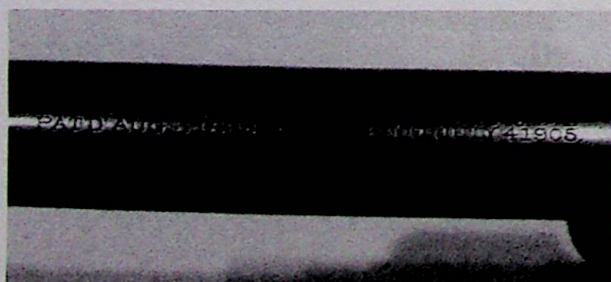
Model 1909 with blued finish, walnut varnished and checkered grips with unique shape/ design. Five and ½ inch barrel marked Colt DA 45.



Right side shown with cylinder.



Above
Crane marked 24855



Left. Barrel Patent and manufacture markings. Colts Patent 1884, 1888, 1905.

U.S. Martial Arms Collector 137-16

Collectors Note Original Model 1922 rifle

The July 13, 1934, Memo to the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D.C. stated that 500 National Match Rifles were sent to Capt. G. L. Wotkins, Ordnance Officer, New Jersey State Rifle Range, Sea Girt, N.J.

Included in the shipment was a Model 1922, 22 caliber rifle serial number 2016.

It should be noted that this rifle, one of the original lot manufactured, had an M1922M1 firing mechanism. There are other Springfield data that show original 1922 rifles were issued with the latest rifle improvements at the date of transfer or shipment. This is also true for magazines.

July 13, 1934.
C/O

SUBJECT: Records of Firearms.

TO: Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

1. On August 17, 1928, 500 U. S. rifles, cal..30, Model 1903, National Match, 1928 manufacture, one (1) rifle, U.S. cal..30, M1903, sporting type, #1270284-BA and one (1) rifle, U.S. cal..22, M1922 with M1922M1 firing mechanism (fitted with M1922 stock) #2016-BA, were shipped to Capt. G. L. Wotkins, Ordnance Officer, New Jersey State Rifle Range, Sea Girt, N.J. by Springfield Armory, on shipping ticket #243, Bill of Lading A-1493480. This shipment was made on authority of Shipping Order B-103190.

2. On the return shipment, only 486 rifles, U. S. cal..30, Model 1903, the sporting type rifle and cal..22 rifle were returned. This leaves a net difference of 14 rifles.

3. Of the 500 National Match rifles shipped by Springfield Armory, 70 were not returned. The numbers are as follows:

1272140	1272454	1272526	1272513	1272618	1272217	1272704
1272163	1272090	1272094	1272641	1272621	1272262	1272723
1272206	1272131	1272529	1272611	1272640	1272296	1272825
1272225	1272136	1272586	1272403	1272641	1272352	1272882
1272245	1272332	1272648	1272489	1272680	1272542	1272883
1272287	1272382	1271921	1272514	1272184	1272556	1272919
1272535	1272393	1272587	1272645	1272062	1272205	1272943
1271404	1272470	1272110	1272551	1272155	1272344	1272979
1272572	1272494	1272333	1272552	1272165	1272693	1272995
1272378	1272625	1272504	1272591	1272166	1272244	1272668

4. Of the 486 rifles returned, 58 were not shipped to Sea Girt by Springfield Armory in the shipment of 500 rifles. The numbers are as follows:

1268764	1268773	1266145	1268385	1268588	1268532	1197708
1267523	1267631	1267055	1268298	1268394	1268724	1214836
1268023	984087	1267057	1268386	1267792	1268159	1216487
1267673	1266117	984426	1215727	1264906	1268446	1214548
1268063	1266130	1272683	1214906	1264848	1268691	1196783
1267638	1266116	1272537	1214815	1266114	1268448	1197136
1268102	1267028	1272203	1089984	1264895	1216102	1214505
1267902	1266148	1268469	1216994	1263887	1197192	1093175

Collectors Note U.S. Senate Correspondence on Military Arms

United States Senate 1934. The following data shows the interest of an American citizen in obtaining Springfield Armory rifles and military pistols for personal use. The Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs explained the qualifications of authorized purchasers and the general qualifications to purchase weapons from the United States Government. The military, and National Rifleman categories are very evident.

Honorable Morris Sheppard,
Chairman, Committee on Military Affairs,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Sheppard:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of May 30, 1934, with reference to communication you have received from Mr. R. E. L. Jordan, of Martinez, California, relative to securing some old types of Army rifles and revolvers for his personal use.

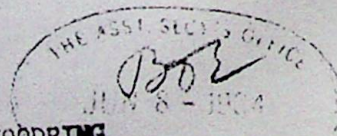
The only individuals authorized to purchase government types of arms are officers, active and retired, and warrant officers of the Army, contract surgeons, cadets of the Military Academy, Reserve Officers of the Army, officers of the Navy, Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve and warrant officers of the Navy; officers of the National Guard and National Guard Reserve; and members of the National Rifle Association.

If Mr. Jordan can qualify for the purchase of government arms in any of the classes noted above, this office will be pleased to furnish him with the list of rifles and revolvers available for sale, together with prices, on receipt of further advice.

Unless he can qualify as suggested herein it will be impossible to comply with his request.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) HARRY H. WOODRING



Collectors Note 1917 Enfield Rifle Overhaul

Model 1917 caliber .30 rifles. There were 473 000 rifles degreased and reconditioned by the military starting in 1933 and continuing for 5 years. They were worked on by the Columbus General Depot in Columbus, Ohio. Please note that we have not found the details on the inspectors markings, the proof markings and any other stock markings. The data also does not show the manufacture of the Model 1917 rifles.

O.O. 474/2354
CGD 474/17

5th Ind.

RM-ally

War Department, Ordnance Office, Washington, D.C., December 19, 1933.
To - Ordnance Supply Officer, Columbus General Depot, Columbus, Ohio.

1. Degreasing rifles using hot recoil oil and soda solution is approved.

2. It is desired that the reconditioning of four hundred seventy-three thousand (473,000) Rifles, cal. .30, M1917, be completed within a five year period.

3. The use of Dearboline was suggested by this office as a substitute for gasoline only because it is not a fire hazard. For your information, Dearboline is a liquid similar to gasoline and is used the same way, preferably in a galvanized iron pan, long enough to take a rifle and 12-in. wide and 10-in. deep. Enough solvent is put in the pan to cover one rifle, when it is scrubbed with a stiff bristle brush.

4. If the method of degreasing rifles by dipping in hot recoil oil and cleaning with soda solution proves satisfactory, there will be no need of further experiments.

By order of the Chief of Ordnance:

Selby H. Frank,
Major, Ord. Dep.
Assistant.



Collectors Note: Smith & Wesson .45 caliber Revolvers

The following letter describes the shipping of Smith and Wesson Caliber .45, revolvers from the repair facility making repairs at the 102nd Ordnance Company. They were shipped from the warehouse of the 27th Division, 216 Fort Washington Ave. New York City on August 13th, 1930. The spread of revolvers shows the wide spread of numbers in this single shipment. There appear to be no consecutive serial numbers, which was common on most or all shipments. The next number of a weapon makes no difference on the history or usage by a military unit.

FROM WAREHOUSE: 216 Fort Washington Ave. NY City		NO. OF SHEETS 1	
DATE: August 13th, 1930		SHEET No.	
SHIP TO U.S. Property & Disbursing Offr.		AUTHORITY OR REQ. No.	
Brooklyn, N.Y.		TRANSPORTATION COST OF \$ CHARGEABLE TO	
ROUTING Truck		DATE SHIPPED OR DELIVERED	
BL. NO.	DATE	MADE BY	CAR No.
			CAR SEALS No.

QUANTITY		STOCK No.	ARTICLES	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
ORDERED	SHIPPED					
	24		Repaired by 102nd Ordnance Co. Revolvers, S&W cal.45	EA.		
		27258	70021	72702		
		22000	119859	44011		
		54400	144515	79439		
		22623	37616	1792		
		6238	59638	19765		
		XXXXX	46256	64544		
		36898	75026	87052		
		63345	41840	64107		
		20204				
	2		Tripods, BMG Model 1917	EA.		
		15645	18134			
		15645	18134			

Ord. prop.
Rec'd
Date Aug. 19/30
By LENZ

True Copy

ARTICLES LISTED IN COLUMN "SHIPPED" HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

W. A. Taylor Colonel, Infantry NYNG U.S. Property & Disbursing Offr.

POSTED TO STOCK ACCOUNT OF CONSIGNOR BY	SELECTED BY	CHECKED BY	PACKED BY	SHIPPING CLERK
DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE
THIS COPY FOR	CONSIGNEE TO RETAIN	CONSIGNEE TO SIGN AND RETURN	FINANCE OFFICER	WAREHOUSE

Collectors Note: Krag Disposition

On November 7, 1933, Augusta Arsenal noted that they had a sales program for U.S. Rifles and Carbines that were approved by the 4th C.A. ordnance office. They were listed as model 1898 and model 1899 Krag rifles and carbines caliber .30 (30/40 Krag caliber). They were listed as obsolete in 1933 and there is no data on any markings that may have been added such as a C for condemned. Sales probably would show the type of rifle and date with little or no other data. The sales were to individuals and were in addition to those sold through the NRA. 1896 Carbines are noted in sales from other arsenals. It has been pretty well documented that the U. S. Navy held Krags as their official rifle well into World War. Records also show that Krag rifles and parts were sold from the Army to the Navy, and a very large sale was made by the U. S. Army to large surplus dealers such as Stokes Kirk in Philadelphia after World War 1.

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Nov. 7/33

Fr Augusta Ars'l-Re sale
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(Carbines, U.S., cal.30
M1399 & Rifles, U.S., Cal.
.30 M1898, Krag,) with app. of 4th C.A.
or Ord.Off.

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Collectors Note: Loss of Arms October 31, 1933.

The Fort Worth High School ROTC reported a loss of 2 weapons. The Army resolved this issue with a purchase of the 2 weapons by Sergeant Earl W E Zinn on October 30th 1933. It is an example of the detailed records kept by various military units. The weapons include a M1922M1, caliber 22 rifle, number 12738 and a M1903 Rifle caliber .30.

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October 31st, 1933.

Subject: Loss of arms.

To: The Adjutant General,
Washington, D. C.

1. Reference paragraph 12, c, (4) Army Regulations No. 350-3300, Changes # 2, dated April 23, 1931, report loss of the following rifles:

One US rifle caliber .22 M1922M1 serial number 12738.

One US rifle caliber .30 M1903 serial number S-905821.

2. These rifles have been paid for by Sergeant Earl W E Zinn, A S No. 6077938, DEML (ROTC) honorably discharged by purchase, October 30th.

3. Local authorities have been notified of the above.

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A. S. BOYD,
Major, Infantry.
PMS&T.

AG 000.87 Ft. Worth, Tex.
(10-31-33) Misc.

1st Ind.

ESK:EW

War Department, AGO, Washington, November 3, 1933 - To the Chief of Ordnance

Collectors Note: 1903 Springfield High and Low numbers

May 1, 1933. Serial number notes from Headquarters Second Corps, Governors Island, New York. The following rifle data were examined to determine incomplete record status for Model 1903 Rifles, caliber .30. They were sent to the 102nd Cavalry, New Jersey, National Guard. Detachment 2nd Squadron. They included serial number 340690 R.I., March 1, 1925. Troop C, serial number 198671 SA. Troop B serial number 121470 SA. Please note that in 1933 the rifles included "low number" rifles that were shot during range exercises. Low number rifles were many times deemed unsafe.

Troop E had numbers: 431749 SA, 1272403; SA, 222049 R.I.A.: and M1922 rifles number 1161 SA and 1577 SA (both were 22 caliber) and were part of the original M1922 production of approximately 2000 M1922 rifles sold to the NRA, and also issued to various military units.

REPLY REFER TO
1474.1/176

HEADQUARTERS SECOND CORPS AREA
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
GOVERNORS ISLAND, NEW YORK

May 1, 1933

SUBJECT: Serial numbers of firearms.

TO: U.S. Property & Disbursing Officer, N.J., State House, New Jersey

1. The serial number records of small arms required to be sent at this Headquarters under the provisions of par. 190, at 48-60 are complete concerning the following arms, and it is manifest that all such as debit and credit vouchers concerning transactions have not been furnished this Headquarters:

T. 1. rifles, cal..30, Model 1903.

The following rifles were reported to be on hand in the companies of the 102nd Cavalry, N.J.N.G., as indicated, but since the dates as shown below, they have not been reported to be on hand undoubtedly have been shipped since the dates shown, as it is apparent to be on hand at different posts and sections in the 2nd Corps Area:

340690-RI reported March 1, 1925 to be in Co. Det. 2nd Squadron
100671-RI reported March 1924 and Mar. 1925 to be in Troop "B"
121470-RI reported March 1924 and Mar. 1925 to be in Troop "B"

If they have been shipped out, two copies of each shipping ticket showing serial numbers and manufacturers should be furnished with the return of this paper.

The following arms were found to be in Troop "B", 102nd Cav during inspection made February 20, 1933, and as there are no records of these in the files of this Headquarters, two copies of receipt covering their receipt should be furnished:

U.S. rifle, cal..30, Model 1903 No. 431749-SA.
U.S. Rifle, cal..30, Model 1903 No. 121470-SA and 1577-SA.
U.S. Rifle, cal..30, Model 1903 No. 1272403-SA was found in Troop "B", 102nd Cavalry during inspection made March 8, 1933. (On records indicate that this rifle was shipped to Springfield Army in shipment of nearly 200 rifles to Springfield Army by the Ordnance Officer at New York, N.Y., Sept. 15, 1925.)
+ U.S. rifle, cal..30, Model No. 222049-RI was found in Troop "B" during inspection March 8, 1933.

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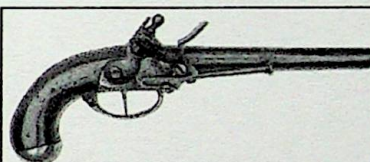
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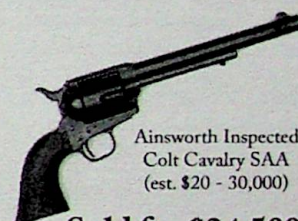
Model 1799 North & Cheney 1st Model Flintlock Pistol (est. \$25 - 45,000)
(Ses. 1 of Dr. Sirkin Coll.)

Sold for \$40,250



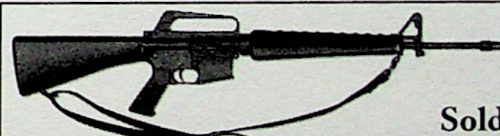
Late Colt Cavalry Model SAA
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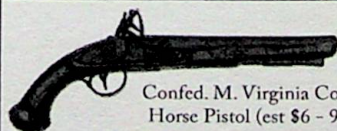
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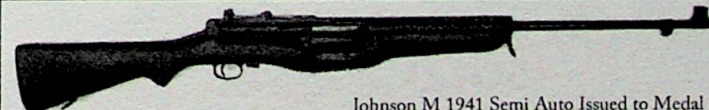
U.S. Property Marked Colt AR-15, Veteran Bring Back (C&R) (est. \$15 - 25,000)

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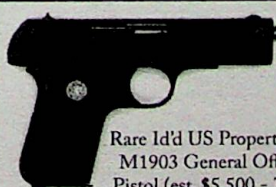
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Sold for \$17,825



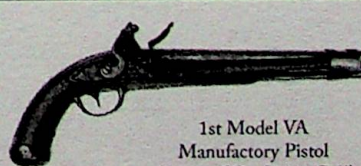
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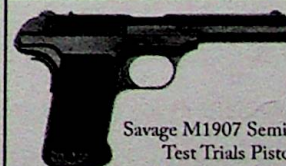
Rare Id'd US Property Colt M1903 General Officer's Pistol (est. \$5,500 - 7,500)

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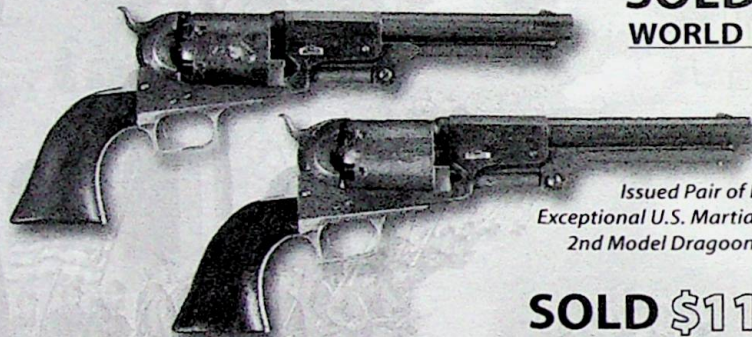
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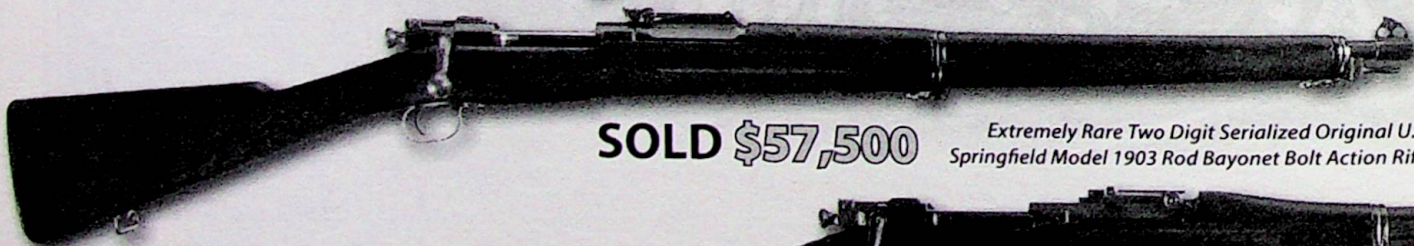
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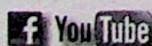
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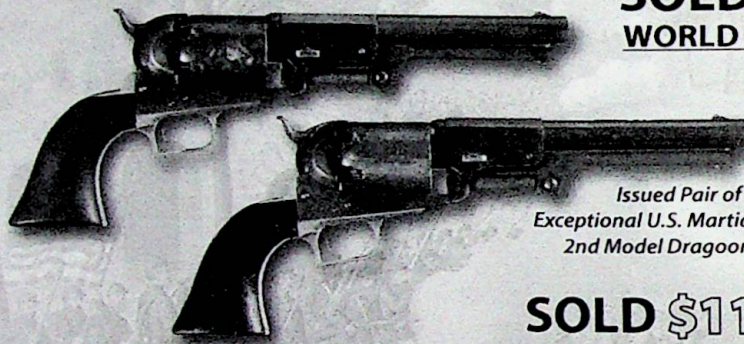
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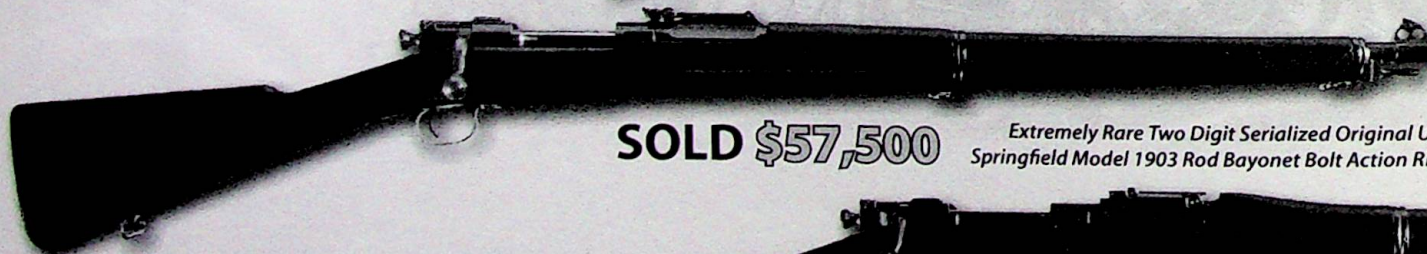
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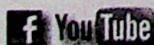
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