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Beginning this issue, general information will be furnished on each serial number found during the previous quarter's research. Listings will show the serial number, model, date, and a brief summary of the information found on each arm. Cumulative summaries are still being produced, but will be supplied to individuals only upon request and subject to a charge of \$2 each.

Two subscribers have volunteered to provide data or short articles for future issues; all such contributions are welcome, provided that the material is based on official or semi-official sources (such as early American Rifleman articles).

Material in this issue is again drawn from the General Correspondence of the Ordnance Department for the period 1894-1915. Information included in this issue is as follows:

- a. Parts list for Model 1881 Shotgun
- b. Request for authority to procure components for Krag Philippine Constabulary Rifles.
- c. Reply to request from C. O. of Co. F, 5th Inf'ty, to turn in Model 1903 rifles equipped with telescopic sights and Maxim silencers, trapdoor rifles, etc.
- d. Memos showing reason for "NRA" marking on Model 1903 rifles sold to rifle club members.

For the information of subscribers planning to attend the Baltimore gun show on March 17 & 18, we will be at tables N-13-14 and would appreciate it if you would stop by and say "hello".

SPRINGFIELD SHOT GUN.

On hand.	Components.	Price		On hand	Components.	Price	
		Dolls.	Cts.			Dolls.	Cts.
0 X	Stock (wood part).....		67		Cam latch spring.....		02
	Side screw washers (2) each 4 cents.....		08		Breech block, complete	1	47
0 X	Escutcheon.....		01		Barrel, complete...	5	30
	Butt plate.....		27	0 X	Tang screw.....		03
	Butt plate screws (2), each 3 cents.....	1	06	0 X	Forehand screw.....		02
	Stock, complete.....	1	09		Lock plate.....		33
	Guard plate.....		27	0 X	Main spring.....		10
	Guard bow.....		20		Main spring swivel		06
	Guard bow nuts(2), each 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢		02	1500 X	Main spring swivel rivet		01
	Trigger.....		10		Hammer.....		34
	Trigger screw.....		01		Tumbler. 2 notched...		01
0 X	Guard, complete.....		60		Tumbler screw.....		03
0 Bbl.	Guard screws(2), each 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢		04		Bridle.....		14
21 Recr.	Barrel (including receiver).	3	17		Bridle screw.....		01
	Breech screw.....		26		Sear.....		11
18 X	Extractor.....		20		Sear screw.....		02
	Hinge pin.....	14	5 X		Sear spring.....		14
	Ejector spring.....	02			Sear spring screw....		01
	Ejector spring spindle.....	04			Lock, complete....	1	31
	Cam latch.....	19			Side screws(2). each 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢		06
	Breech block cap.....	05					
	Thumb piece.....	21			Shot gun, complete	8	45
	Cam latch, complete.....	45			Appendages.		
7 X	Breech block.....	86	407 X		Wooden wiping rod (one for each arm).....		64
	Breech block cap screw.....	01			Screw-driver, model 1879 (one for each arm).		24
	Firing pin.....	11					
	Firing pin screw.....	02					

All parts except those marked with an "X", are interchangeable with those of Springfield Rifle. "On hand" columns show number of non-interchangeable parts on hand.

February 16, 1907.

The Chief Supply Officer,
Bureau of Constabulary,
Manila, P. I.

Sir:-

In view of the resolution of the Commission, dated Feb. 13th, 1907, I have the honor to request that the necessary authority be exercised for the purchase of the following from the Ordnance Department, U. S. Army, and that such articles that cannot be furnished by the Manila Ordnance Depot be cabled for:-

2500 U.S. Mag. Carbines, cal.30, without stocks,	
2500 Rifle stocks,)
2500 Bayonets,)
2500 Bayonet scabbards,) For converting carbines
2500 Upper bands, complete,) for bayonet attachment.
2500 Lower bands, complete,)
2500 Butt swivels, complete,)
250000 Ball cartridges, cal.30, for carbine model 1899 with model 1901 sights and 1902 hand guards,	
2500 Cartridge belts, web, cal.30, Infantry, Army with loops,	
125 Arm chets, carbine, cal.30,	
2500 Cleaning rods, 1st section,	
2500 Cleaning rods, 2nd section,	
2500 Small-arm oilers,	
2500 Front sights and muzzle covers,	
500 Barrack cleaning rods, cal.30,	
500 Screw drivers, carbine, cal.30.	

In this connection I believe that the Manila Ordnance Depot should be requested to retain sufficient spare parts for the repair of 5100 converted carbines, U.S. Mag. model 1899, say for a period of at least two years.

Very respectfully,
(Sgnd) Asa F. Fisk,
Ordnance Officer, P.C.

Copy respectfully furnished the Commanding Officer, Manila Ordnance Depot, U. S. Army.

(Sgnd) ASA F. FISK
Ordnance Officer, P. C.

Manila, Feb. 20, 1907.

(Copy)

38490/1015-----Recd., Jan. 7, 1915.

The Adj. Gen., State of Washington, Seattle, Dec. 29, 1914,
To the Chief, D. M. A.

On two different occasions Springfield Rifles Model of 1903 have been found in the hands of dealers in second hand rifles who were offering them for sale. Upon investigation, it was found that these rifles were purchased by members of civilian rifle clubs affiliated with the N.R.A., and had become more or less unserviceable for their purpose and had been sold to the dealers for about one half their original cost. There seems to be no way to prevent this practice. The fact that the members of civilian rifle clubs can dispose of ordnance stores in this manner discourages the police authorities in their efforts to assist the State in this regard. It is suggested that some distinguishing mark be placed on rifles sold to members of civilian clubs in order that they may be distinguished when found in the hands of second class dealers thereby relieving the police authorities of the necessity of an investigation.

38490/1015.

2nd Ind.

NMR/K

Ordnance Office, March 15, 1915. To Chief, Div. Mil. Affairs.

1. It is impracticable for this Department to mark the receivers of rifles sold to members of civilian rifle clubs affiliated with the National Rifle Association, as the receiver of a rifle is case hardened after manufacture and there is not a sufficient number of rifles sold to such persons to warrant such receivers being specially manufactured and stamped before case hardening. It has been decided, however, to stamp on the front tang of the guard of all rifles sold to members of civilian rifle clubs affiliated with the National Rifle Association of America the letters "N.R.A." together with the shell and flame. All guards sold to members of rifle clubs will likewise be so stamped. Steel stamps for this purpose have been directed manufactured, and upon completion will be distributed to the various arsenals from which sales to the above described individuals may be made.

1915

WILLIAM CROZIER
R.W. Brigadier General,
Chief of Ordnance.

Plattsburg Barracks, N.Y.
March 27th 1911

Respectfully forwarded to the
Adjutant General, Department of
the East, Governors Island, N.Y.
Approved.

Wm. D. Buck

Lieut. Col. 5th Inf'ty.
COMMANDING.

VJG-Mil
70-361

" 2d Endorsement
HEADQRS. DEPT. OF THE EAST
GOVERNORS ISLAND, N. Y.
March 30, 1911

1. Respectfully forwarded to the Chief of Ordnance, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., inviting attention to within letter.
2. Instructions regarding the disposition of the ordnance property referred to are requested.

O. D. Williams

Colonel, Ord. Dept., U.S.A.
Chief Ordnance Officer

3rd Endorsement.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ORDNANCE,
Washington, April 4, 1911.

1. Respectfully returned to the Chief Ordnance Officer, Department of the East.
2. It is not the desire of this office that the U. S. rifles with telescopic misket sight and Maxim silencer be turned in. The former should be held for issue to expert riflemen when men of the company attain that grade, and the latter should be used for the instruction of recruits in firing, in view of the reduced recoil experienced in firing the U. S. rifle with Maxim silencer.
3. It is presumed that the Springfield rifles, caliber .45 were issued for wall scaling and swimming exercises. If so, they should be turned in to the Post Ordnance Officer to be held for this purpose.
4. The experimental officer's sabers and scabbards should be turned into this Department and shipped to the Commanding Officer of the New York Arsenal. In this connection attention is invited to par. II, C.O. 121, A.G.O., November 24, 1902.
5. The marking links and brushes should be turned in to