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This is the third supplement to D.C.M. RIFLE SALES 1922-1942 and supercedes all previous supplements. This supplement is being distributed only to subscribers to the Springfield Research Serial Listings, plus those who have ordered serial number data prior to this date.

Beginning this issue, we are going to include some information on serial numbers for selected rifles of historical or collector interest which has been uncovered in our search of the Ordnance records. As in the past, for an additional fee of \$5 we will provide a neatly typed letter summarizing the information contained in the files on any given serial number and citing the specific record group, entry, file, etc. in the National Archives where the information was obtained. Anyone who desires can then order a copy of the original documents from the Archives.

It is still our policy to list only arms which we have found listed in an official record, as opposed to those which have merely been observed in collections or museums. We have bent this rule slightly as a result of the discovery of an official inventory of the Springfield Armory Museum reported in 1909; and the trapdoors, Krags, and M1903's listed with serial numbers in that inventory are included in this supplement. We are making special efforts to verify several other arms in museum collections (such as the prototype M1892 Carbine at Rock Island Arsenal, an M1896 Cadet rifle which was in the West Point Museum, and the prototype Parkhurst rifle in the Smithsonian), and any results will be reported in future supplements.

Following are serial numbers of some of the more significant arms covered by the records analyzed to date:

a. Trapdoor Rifles and Carbines

- 38164 This and all other M1868 rifles listed were sent out by Springfield to be nickel plated in 1870.
- 40173 This M1870 carbine was recovered in 1880 from an Indian who took part in the Battle of Little Bighorn.
- 74491 Experimental ramrod bayonet rifle made up in 1876.
- 110069 Used at the Creedmore range in September, 1879.
- 276745,
- 305176 Barringer sight trials of 1894.

b. Krag Rifles and Carbines

- 95 Fitted with very heavy barrel.
- 1028 Barringer sight trials of 1894.
- 11803,
- 11804,
- 15787 M1896 Carbine sight calibration, December, 1895.

15849,
15862 Fitted with telescope for ammunition tests.
28967 Carried by Rough Rider Cravenshield.
33359,
47835 M1896 carbines fitted with telescopes.
148252 Hoffer cartridge holder, Stevens barrel, 25" twist.
216022 Prototype M1899 Carbine.
217404 Hoffer cartridge holder, Springfield barrel, 25" twist.
231913 Philippine Constabulary Rifle model arm.
253155 Marine Barracks, Washington Navy Yard
257293,
257313,
257320,
261002,
261165,
261207 Austrian barrel steel and special bolts.
279343 Hoffer holder, Springfield barrel, 18" twist.
364050,
364427,
364541,
364703 Cole elliptical bore barrel test.
417700,
417961 Special steel.
450397 Canadian Militia.

c. M1903 Rifles

1 Sent to the Secretary of War on November 24, 1903.
55 First production (machine made) M1903 rifle.
68 Kent vented muzzle test.
12116 Muzzle brake test.
37628 Experimental sight protector.
75162 Ivory bead front sight.
76419 Experimental sight protector.
80958 Issued to 9th Infantry rifle team for use in the 1908 National Matches.
121316 Muzzle brake test.
121513 Experimental sight protector.
191825 Hale rifle grenade test.
207624 Goertz telescopic sight test.
207630 M1908 telescopic sight test.
216738 Experimental sight protector.
337862 Inscribed and presented to Ambrose Swasey on May 9, 1908.
352332,
352334 Zeiss telescopic sight test.
352XXX,
353XXX 1,000 rifles were specially selected, stargauged, fitted with M1908 telescopic sights, and issued for field trials.
468493 One of 12 rifles fitted with A5 'scopes by Winchester in 1914.