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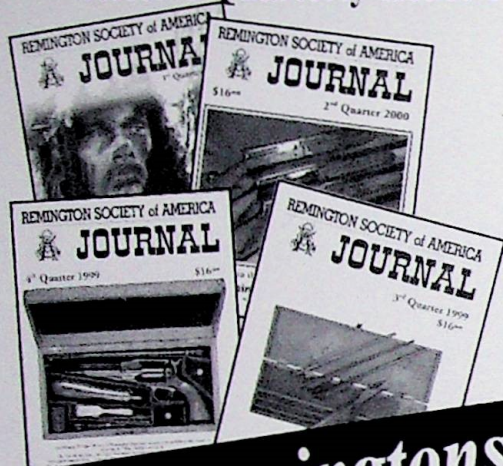


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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Research During This Period

Research continues on serial numbers, U.S. Martial weapons, and U.S. Archive records. We have new serial numbers on 1903A3's and other weapons. SRS Research has produced new serial numbers on trapdoors and quite a few other weapons. The next task will include the extensive work and evaluation to adjust the original data base and integrate the numbers into the overall data base.

The result will be an enhanced and larger SRS source of serial numbers and information on more weapons.

Access to documents continue and include a wide variety of U.S. weapons. This continual source of documents requires many hours of research and examination. We will continue to search and recover as time permits.

This will include edged weapons as well as firearms from Colonial through World War 2 and possibly the present. We have found quite a few new areas that hold military records. Some have been very useful and only require the necessary research time. Others are impossible and may never be accessed without a dramatic change in government attitudes and a lowering of barriers. Gaining access to the information is becoming more difficult. Government budget constraints and limited numbers of personnel in support roles are causing difficulties.

Our data base is increasing with new photos and literature on a wide variety of U.S. Martial weapons. ***Any interest and comments on U.S. Martial Pistols and long arms would be welcomed.***

Our existing database of early muskets and militia weapons will continue with additional efforts to make information more responsive for searches, location, and identification.

The cover photo shows an active U.S. Army unit armed with KRAGS and TRAPDOOR RIFLES.

Data on Books, and Web Page

There has been a major change in the list of publications that are available. This

will continue as we gain insight into demand and also our capability to offer both old and new topics.

The SRS serial number data in book form are available in volumes 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the softbound books series. Volume 2 is available in a new format as a copy with plain binding. Volume 2 has been out of print for several years. Volume 4 is updated and is bigger than the original and contains more serial numbers in a 200 page plus volume. It is much more comprehensive than the first printing. ***Single and complete sets are available*** from the U.S. Martial Arms Collector office and major dealers. The books can be purchased and mailed from : ***U.S. Martial Arms Collector Box 126 Cabin John, MD 20818.***

The Krag Rifle Story

There will be a major effort to publish a ***third edition of the KRAG RIFLE STORY.*** We have a number of original second edition books. They are limited and subscribers will be given an opportunity to order the books. It is available, as well as back issues of the U.S. Martial Arms Collector Magazine and Springfield Research Newsletter. Back issues, from number 1 to date, are available from U.S. Martial Arms Collector ***Box 126 Cabin John, MD 20818. A few issues of The U.S. Martial Arms Collector Magazine may be available as copies only.***

We receive many inquiries from collectors for specific articles that were written in past years. It requires us to store most old issues and keep them air conditioned. ***Most are available.***

The Springfield Research Service web site (www.armscollectors.com/srs.htm) is also available for serial number letter requests and the purchase of books and other documents. ***There has been a major change in the price of SRS LETTERS.*** Please visit the web site. The U.S. Martial Arms Collector Magazine Subscription can also be made on line. Paypal is available. The site includes a listing of our serial numbers. (Over 100,000 listed).

There is also a list of documents and books.

A new web site is being worked on that will address magazines and books for sale (usmartialarmscollector.com). This site will operate in late 2006.

We receive requests for serial number data in book form from collectors and researchers. The books provide a mobile reference for collectors that desire a non computer form of database. Uses include work at libraries, gun shows and other activities. The four volumes are available both as single volumes or a set.

Springfield Target and Sporting Rifles Book

This will be an on going effort over the next year. We are continually receiving new photos and data on Springfield Match and other rifles. It will cover subject rifles from 1908 to 1942. There is a continual review of Archive data that will be evaluated for reproduction in softbound media as well as simple copies of groups of documents on a selected basis. As always, we will be printing, in the U.S. Martial Arms Collector Magazine, many documents and information that are available for publication.

Museums

We would like to hear from other military museums that offer firearms and documents for the U.S. Martial Arms Collector and readers.

Contributions

Please submit any contributions, data, and photos to the U.S. Military Arms Collector Box 126 Cabin John, MD 20818.

We appreciate all inputs and are always willing to include interesting topics for the collector and student.

Please make sure that all contributions, including photos and other material, bear the legible name of the contributor or source. The same for payments for subscriptions and other orders.

We have several subscription orders or renewals on hand with no name or address. The post office returns mail with

no forwarding address and it appears that the official forwarding time is getting shorter. If you are aware of any request, subscription, or book, that has not been received, please contact us and we will get it out as soon as possible. We are still finding some old hand written notes.

Springfield Research Data Base

In addition to serial numbers, our research efforts resulted in a major collection of notes, letters, and other factual items based on U.S. Archive and Military documents.

They offer many pieces of information on weapons from the French Indian Wars through World War 2, Korea, and Viet Nam.

Time is always a factor as well as demand for topics of interest. These factors limit our activities. We will review as many new topics as we can. ***Your suggestions and contributions are welcome.***

Krag Rifle Story

We have reviewed a great deal of data on Krag rifles. This data is being stored pending a decision on how to handle the expanded information on the Krag. The FIRST and SECOND edition of the book are out of print and there is only a limited are in limbo. Every effort will be made to answer all requests and we look forward to any comments and inquiries.

Springfield Research Services Staff

Responsibility for the Martial Arms Collector magazine and maintenance of the large photo and document database will be continued by Wayne Gagner. Address is Box 126 Cabin John, MD 20818. Email wayneg10@comcast.net

Charlie Pate provides all serial number letters for SRS and also does research at the U.S. Archives. He maintains the serial number data base and associated research data. His email address is:

SpringfieldResearchService@cox.net

His mail address is Springfield Research Service P.O. Box 6322 Falls Church, VA 22040. ***Please note that there has been a major change in the pricing for SRS letters.***

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Our transition is always continuing with new computer systems. SRS activities are available with all previous services. Some data has been lost because of software characteristics and a loss of some conversion software. The original software was based on developments for Department of Defense efforts dating back many years. This basic software concept is still being used on aircraft, key command and control functions, and ships. Little by little each piece is being looked at to see if recovery is possible and conversion is being made. Some data is being manually reentered.

Please check to see if all documents are available as some require extensive retrieval efforts and some may be lost for a long time.

TRADING POST

o Wanted Early solid top band for a M1892 Krag. Ron Jones, Box 351, Botsford, CT 06404.....(203)426-8896

o For Sale

M1884 Rifle # 135553, VG \$ 625

M1884 Rifle # 509236, VG \$ 625

Tom Batha 518 297 6159

o For Sale

Winchester 1903 Sniper Rifle (made from Winchester purchased 1903 Springfield actions). Contact: Editor U.S. Martial Arms Collector Magazine (wayneg10@comcast.net)

o Wanted Need follower for Krag rifle #6540. Also, if you have rifle #6892, please contact me. Currently have rifle #6540 complete, but with follower from #6892. Contact Michael Raborn at email kragrifle@cox-internet.com.

o Wanted Barrels for USGI NM M1911A1 Pistols-NM part # ending in 429 or 717. Ed Royce at edroyse@yahoo.com.

Letters Received & Sent

There have been more inquiries concerning serial numbers according to groups or ranges of serial numbers. The SRS database listing of serial numbers are based on Government documents. Documentation and reference to a serial number is for a specific number and can not be used as a guide to a group of weapons sent to a specific unit or any activity. Weapons were shipped as available from an arsenal and were seldom shipped with

consecutive numbers. You are cautioned not to conclude any specific data if it is not verified by our Senior Researcher.

NRA Sporter stock length of pull and size. ***Brophy's book on the 1903 Springfield has a reference on page 59.***

T Model buttplates. What is the metal that is used for the T Model and 1922 Buttplates. ***We have found data with Steel, Aluminum, and Brass buttplates. The steel was standard, aluminum was an option and for sale as a separate item, and we have little or no data on the brass buttplate. A photo of all three will be in a future issue. Any help from readers will be appreciated.***

Krags with no markings and Krags with markings in non standard configurations. ***There are excellent references on Krag production figures that include Congressional inquiries with responses showing exact production of service rifles to provide exact royalties paid by the U.S. government for each weapon. Each weapon that is completely marked and inspected was counted and a royalty paid. There have been observations of receivers with no markings used as gages and similar uses. There were a large number of receivers manufactured by the Springfield Armory when production stopped. They may have been numbered to over 550,000. The SRS files and associated collection, has many receivers with numbers over 480,000. The markings are standard but also include 1898 receivers overstamped with a 9 to make it a 1899 receiver in the 420,000 range. Any other inputs from our readers would be appreciated.***

Civilian Marksmanship Program

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT - CMP
CORPORATE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

The CMP Audit Committee is seeking applications for the part-time position of Corporate Inspector General. Applicants should have prior top level management, business or military experience; a knowledge of marksmanship and competitive shooting, experience in working with a board of directors and a

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knowledge of finance, general auditing and internal auditing procedures. A copy of the job announcement can be seen at http://www.odcmp.com/Job_Announcement.htm. Qualified applicants should submit resumes to: Gwen Massey, 1401 Commerce Blvd., Anniston AL 36207. Closing date for this announcement is 6 Oct 2006.

CMP STORES DAYS OF OPERATION CHANGE. Both the CMP North Store at Camp Perry, OH and the CMP South Store in Anniston, AL will have new days of operation.

Starting in Oct 2006, the stores regular days of operation will be reduced to three days per week: Thursdays through Saturdays. Hours of operation remain unchanged.

HOLIDAY PERIOD STORE SHUTDOWN. Both the CMP North Store at Camp Perry, OH and the CMP South Store in Anniston, AL will be closed 11 Nov 2006 and during the periods of 19-29 Nov 2006 and 17 Dec 2006 thru 3 Jan 2007.

M1903 AND M1903A3 SOLD OUT. CMP has sold out of all the M1903 and M1903A3 rifles that were returned from Greece. CMP has accumulated approximately 2500 M1903 /

M1903A3 rifles turned in by veterans' organization and hope to have those for sale in the spring. These rifles have been used for ceremonies - shooting blanks for the past 30 years. Condition is unknown at this time.

BARRELED RECEIVERS FOR SALE. The CMP is once again offering Garand Stripped Barreled receivers for sale. NLU R013SA Springfield - Dark gray reparked receiver with reparked service grade barrel installed. \$300 plus \$9.95 S&H.

<http://www.odcmp.com/Services/Rifles/m1garand.htm>. Springfield Armory only.

USED GARAND BARRELS FOR SALE AT CMP SOUTH STORE. Over the past several years the CMP accumulated several hundred barrels from inspection and repair operations. These barrels are used and many have pitting or other deficiencies.

They have been separated by year of manufacture and are being offered for sale at the CMP South store only at this time. Because of defects each barrel may

have, they are not suited for mail order sales and should be inspected by the customer before purchase. A web page with prices will be posted on the website next week for general information only. **SERVICE GRADE GREEK GARANDS SOLD OUT.** Service Grade Greek Garand rifles, NLU

R004SA are sold out and have been removed from the website. There is not enough inventory on hand to fill existing orders in the next few weeks.

Army Heritage Museum

Main Stacks: USAMHI has a collection of approximately 250,000 volumes which are primarily focused on military history.

Many of these volumes are contained in our main stack area. The holdings there are primarily conventionally published books which range variously from general history to official military histories, institutional histories of various descriptions (to include foreign military unit histories), biographies, collections of published papers, technical or professional military branch publications, bibliographies, significant works of military fiction, and some publications, such as command reports and annual reports of the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Army which might be found in the government documents sections of other libraries. The great majority of the materials found in the main stacks can be found in the electronic card catalog.

Army Publications (otherwise known as 'Authority Documents' or 'Army Pubs'): USAMHI has a very large collection of documents of this kind, to include superseded versions of particular kinds of documents. These include Department of the Army or War Department General Orders (GOs), Special Orders (SOs), Army Regulations (ARs), Circulars (Circs), DA Pamphlets (DA Pams), Technical Manuals (TMs), Field Manuals (FMs), Tables of Organization and Equipment (TO&Es),

Tables of Distribution and Allowances (TDAs) , and similar publications. The importance of the holdings of older Technical and Field Manuals can readily be grasped once it is understood that, according to the standard operating procedure in most Army headquarters, the staff in charge of maintaining local collections of such documents is instructed to mark old editions of such publications for destruction once the new edition is received. As a consequence, it is quite likely that only the Center for Legislative Archives of the National Archives and USAMHI have extensive collections of superseded publications of this type. It should be noted that the collections of these documents is nearly but not totally complete. There is a rough inventory list of USAMHI's collection of authority documents available on site. Similar documents which were published by subordinate commands of the Army, such as General Orders issued by administrative Department headquarters, can often be found in the main stacks of the Library of the Institute. Many of the compiled volumes of such documents are cited in the electronic card catalog of the Institute.

Biographical Materials: In addition to the standard commercially published reference works, this category includes a variety of biographical reference tools which are specifically geared to military history and which are predominantly official government publications.

Most of these will be found in the main library collection, although a few will be found in the Reference Collection in the reading room.

The most important and predominant items are volumes of the Army List and Directory (which covers matters such as relative rank and indicates then current unit or station of assignment), and the Army Register, which list regular officers alphabetically. Others include The Howitzer , the US Military Academy yearbook, more limited runs of The Sphinx , the Citadel yearbook, The Bomb , the Virginia Military Institute yearbook, and scattered issues of the yearbooks of other military undergraduate institutions. Additional publications include

National Guard Registers, and Air Force and Navy Registers. Other biographical materials once housed in the library collections of USAMHI are now held in the manuscript collections. Foreign Military Studies Typescripts: In the immediate period after World War II, senior German military officers in Prisoner of War camps controlled by the US Army were interviewed for historical purposes. A number of these, even after their release, continued to cooperate with military historians well into the mid 1950s. The initial topics addressed included the actions of German units and commanders opposing US troops in World War II and their opinions of the US Army operations and commanders. Later topics included the operations of German forces on the eastern front and broader aspects of the German military establishment. The answers were initially processed as German language typescripts, and then a large percentage of these were translated into English, for which typescripts are also available. These documents were initially held by the US Army, Europe and a copy forwarded to the National Archives. A selected portion of these transcripts was published in a hard copy photo offset edition by Garland Press. In the 1980s, USAMHI, with the assistance of the US Army Center of Military History, hired a German language expert to translate many of the remaining translations previously unavailable in English. There is a published index, Guide to Foreign Military Studies, 1945-54: Catalog & Index , prepared by the Historical Division, US Army, Europe . The index cross-references the transcripts by name of the interviewee, German army unit, and subject. Representative subjects include "Amphibious Operations," "Arctic Operations," " France 1944-Withdrawal," and so forth. Each transcript carries an alphanumeric reference number to assist retrieval. A digital copy of the Guide can be found among the materials available in the USAMHI Digital Library

The Institute also has biographical reference information for many of the German officer interviewees on file.

Information on Forts and Installations: For a comprehensive treatment of military installations, of the recent and more distant past, researchers should see appropriate publications in the reference collections and the [Headquarters] Heliogram, the newsletter of the Council on America's Military Past, the organization previously known as the Council on Abandoned Military Posts (CAMP). Other materials on individual forts once housed in the library of USAMHI have been moved to the Manuscript Collections, primarily to the Installation Collection.

Microform Holdings: The microform holdings in the USAMHI Library include a wide variety of materials which were drawn from a wide variety of sources. Some were microfilm copies, done under government auspices, of government documents. Some are commercial microfilm preparations of both government documents and specific collections held at other historical repositories. Some are special compilations which reflect the combined complementary resources of two or more repositories. Some are commercial microfilm publications of USAMHI's own resources, such as selected Senior Officer Oral History Projects. Of particular interest are a large number of doctoral dissertations, and to a lesser extent, masters theses with a focus on military history and military affairs. USAMHI has not acquired every dissertation of this type, but it has acquired a very large proportion of them, either in bound format (photocopy reproduction) or microform. While many of the microform publication titles have been picked up in the electronic card catalog, not all have yet been entered. The Patron Services Division reading room staff has created a general finding aid for microforms.

Periodical Holdings: The collection includes scholarly historical journals with an emphasis on military history; professional military periodical and journals, to include foreign publications; camp, unit, and service magazines and newspapers; and veterans' association newsletters. Material can be single issues, bound volumes, and microform. Collection

includes important holdings of 19th century US military newspapers and periodicals and complete or nearly complete runs of all editions of Stars and Stripes newspaper and Yank magazine. Much of foreign and foreign language and early 20th century US military professional journal holdings are a legacy of the old Army War College library. As a result, collection also is accompanied by a card index of most periodicals held for 1900-1940, which significantly complements indexing for serial military publications done in the post-1940 period by Public Affairs Information Service (PAIS) and the Air University Periodical Index (AUPI). There are some card indices and other finding aids which provide some cross references between unit/installation designations and the title of the publications of those military organizations; the Patron Services Branch staff can direct researchers to the appropriate tools.

Rare Book Collection: This is a rare book collection with a special focus on military history which traces its origins to the Secretary of War's library in the early years of the Republic. Built up over the years, it has especially strong holdings on late 18th and early 19th century European military treatises. Entries in the National Union Catalog, Pre-1956 Imprints which attribute holdings to the National War College Library are often found to be for books held in this collection at USAMHI.

Reference Collection: This Institute maintains a small but highly specialized reference collection. In addition to standard works such as dictionaries, encyclopedias, and atlases, the Institute collects and has readily available an extensive collection of reference tools which focuses on military history and military affairs in general. Many reference works which might ordinarily form part of a reference collection more general libraries can be found in the main stacks of the library collection.

These include bibliographies, published catalogs, publications such as titles issue by Jaynes and Brassie's, and finding aids of other repositories, such as the Library of Congress, National Archives, and comparable research libraries which strong holdings in military affairs, as well as specialized military dictionaries assisting translation of foreign military terms into English.

Unit Histories: The Library of USAMHI has an excellent collection of unit histories of the U.S. Army. Some of these consist of formal, official compilations of "after action reports" or similar summaries done immediately after a conflict, brief historical summary pamphlet-like publications, unofficial or commercial book length publications, "yearbooks" done at the end of a training cycle or after a year tour in a longer conflict, and occasionally a personal memoir confined to a soldier's experience with one unit. Researchers are likely to be familiar with division and regimental histories done for frontline combat units, but the USAMHI unit history collection ranges from formations as large as Army Groups to special platoons. Generally speaking, National Guard units and area-based reserve units are often better represented than Regular Army units, and overseas wartime service is better documented than eras of peacetime or training.

The distinct unit history collection stacks in USAMHI use special call numbers unique to USAMHI, and its contents tend to reflect primarily units in the 20 th century. The arrangement of the collection general follows a pattern of going from large units to small and then branch-specific units shelved in alphabetical order. There is a Special Bibliography No. 4, which covers the unit history collection, most of whose titles can also be found in the electronic card catalog. Unit histories from other eras are generally shelved in other stack areas using standard Library of Congress numbers. USAMHI also has many unit histories of formations of other countries' armies, most notably those of Great Britain and Germany . These also can be found in the main stack areas and can be accessed through the

electronic card catalog. Vietnam Documentation: The library has a number of After Action Reports which have been cataloged into the main library collection. For more extensive holdings of various types of documentation generated during the Vietnam War, please consult the MACV Command Historian's Collection in the Manuscript holdings.

USMC Heritage Museum

The USMC is seeking a donation of M81 or M82 scope and mount system for the museum.

These sniper assemblies are now getting scarce and hard to locate. Please contact the U.S. Martial Arms editor.

US Military Sniper Rifles

There is an escalation of interest in U.S. Sniper Weapons. We are in the process of examining information on sniper efforts from the Civil War through the current situation in Iraq. The rifles, scopes, and accessories are varied and include special production by the military U.S. Arsenals, contracted systems and commercial purchases.

This issue has a section with a great deal of data on 1903A4 rifles with scope variations. We will try to expand future issues to include 1903 rifles, M1D, M1C, Model 70 Winchester, Model 720, 700, and other Remingtons as well as unique variations. The 1903 rifles will include the Warner Swasey, USMC and Seal Team variants.

SRS personnel have had the opportunity to examine 20 mm bolt action sniper weapons currently in use in foreign countries.

All of this data will be examined for new stories and photographs.

We encourage all readers to submit data and interests on this weapon type.

Federal Museums and Battlefields

Interests and data on any U.S. battlefields are sought for future issues.

War Dog Detachment Rifles Issued at Fort Robinson, Nebraska in 1944.

By: *Douglas Scott*

The editors of *Martial Arms Collector* have often stated that serial number data can be found in the most unusual and often obscure places. A group of M1903 A3 serial numbers associated with the K-9 Detachment at Fort Robinson, Nebraska is such an example. Fort Robinson is an iconic western military post, having served to defend the nation's frontiers in the late nineteenth century, then as the army's major remount depot until its closing in 1948. Throughout its history, which is well chronicled by Thomas Buecker in *Fort Robinson and the American West, 1874-1899* and *Fort Robinson and the American Century, 1900-1948* published by the Nebraska State Historical Society, the fort changed from an Indian Wars post where Crazy Horse was killed in 1877, and the famed Cheyenne Outbreak occurred in 1879 to a remount depot with a War Dog reception and training center, and a German prisoner of war camp during World War II. Its rich history is truly fascinating, but one of the more colorful episodes was the post's role in War Dog training.

Fort Robinson was among the first World War II War Dog training centers to open and it was the last to close. Thousands of dogs, donated by their owners or procured by the armed services, passed through the post for training, deployment, retraining, and discharge. Dogs were formally enlisted in the armed services during World War II in part as propaganda for those at home and in part as a means to track the dogs which were assigned serial numbers, tattooed on their upper lip. At the conclusion of their service, if they survived duties such as sentry and guard work, as messengers, scouts, or mine detection, they were detrained and shipped to their original owner with a certificate of honorable service and discharge from the United States Armed Services. Soldiers, sailors, and marines were trained as dog handlers at the fort as well. A good overview of the U.S. war dog program can

be found in Beucker's second Fort Robinson volume and in *Canines in Combat* by Michael Limish.

One soldier who was stationed at Fort Robinson from 1942 through early 1946 with the War Dog Reception and Training Center was Staff Sergeant Donald Stuber. Sgt. Stuber was, fortunately for us, a bit of a collector of memorabilia. His collection of papers relating to his service at Fort Robinson and with the War Dog Detachment was recently donated to the Fort Robinson Museum run by the Nebraska State Historical Society. Among the many interesting papers are two carbon copy receipts for rifles and equipment issued to the War Dog Detachment in April 1944. The first receipt dated 11 April 1944 lists the issue of 45 M1903 A3 rifles complete with slings, oilers, and brushes. Two rifle racks were also issued along with six cleaning rods, 16 sighting bars, seven sighting disks, and eight rifle rests. The second receipt dated 13 April 1944 duplicates 13 rifle serial numbers and the other information on racks, rods, etc. Why there are two receipts is unknown, but the receipts are reproduced in the figure. The issuance of sighting bars and disks suggests basic rifle training, but the weapons may well have been employed in dog training to accustom them to the sound of small arms fire.

These receipts are a reminder of the type of records kept for issuance and accountability during the war. They also remind us of how ephemeral and disposable many of those records were once the accounts were rectified. More of these types of records may survive in various unit files, but most were probably thrown out as worthless information, and such is our loss, or in this case luck in finding this bit of record keeping saved by one soldier to document his war time experiences.

The M1903 A3 issued, in serial number order, are:

3797025
3832135
3836431
3877605
3887699
3888055
3892830
3897090
3913563
3952462
3952657
3984551
3987490
3996428
3997481
4004351
4004497
4004692
4005460
4006046
4008178
4008777
4009023

4010144
4011137
4011378
4011851
4012287
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4103005
4014406
4014782
4015187
4015595
4016163
4017026
4018034
4018108
4018159
4018579
4018816
4019658
4020204
4020713
4022749

If anyone knows of the whereabouts of any of these rifles the author would appreciate hearing from you.

MEMORANDUM RECEIPT

~~MEMORANDUM~~ DEBIT SLIP* Issued to } K-9 Detachment
* ~~Function only~~

Place Ft. Robinson, Nebr. Date 11 April, 1944

Ordinance

(Name of supply branch)

Property

NO.	STOCK NO.	ARTICLES
45	B-1	RIFLES, US cal. .30, M1903 A3, Complete with slings and oiler with brush - SERIAL NO:
	4015187	3913563 3887699
	3888055	3897090 4004692
	3952462	4018108 4004497
	4018579	4004351 3997481
	4009023	3877605 3797025
	3987490	4011851 4014782
	4022749	4012287 4020713
	4010144	4014406 4015595
	4019658	4011378 4017026
	4018159	3836431 4020204
	3832135	4013005 4018816
	4006046	3952657 3984551
	4005460	3996428 4016163
	4018034	4020612 4011137
	3892830	4008777 4008178
2		Racks, Rifle
6		Rods, Rifle, Cleaning
16		Bars, sighting
7		Disks, sighting
8		Rests, Rifle
XX		

Received the above-named articles.

John C. Kulp, Jr. Lt. Col.
(Signature with rank and organization)
K-9
(Official designation)

Revised May 14, 1931 * Strike out

MEMORANDUM RECEIPT

~~MEMORANDUM~~ DEBIT SLIP* Issued to } K-9 Detachment
* ~~Function only~~

Place Ft. Robinson, Nebr. Date 13 April, 1944

QMC Remount Detachment

(Name of supply branch)

Property

NO.	STOCK NO.	ARTICLES
13	B-1	RIFLES, US Cal. .30, M1903 A3, Complete with slings and oiler with brush. SERIAL NO:
	4015187	3888055
	3952462	4018579
	4009023	3913563
	4018108	4004351
	3996428	3887699
	4004692	4004497
	3997481	
1		Racks, Rifle
6	/	Rods, Rifle, Cleaning
16		Bars, Sighting ✓
7		Disks, Sighting ✓
8		Rests, Rifle ✓
		<u>LAST ITEM</u>

Received the above-named articles.

(Signature with rank and organization)

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The M1903 A3 issued, in serial number
order, are:

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4022749

*If anyone knows of the whereabouts of any
of these rifles the author would appreciate
hearing from you.*

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Place Ft. Robinson, Nebr. Date 11 April 1944

Ordinance _____ Property _____
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MODEL 1873 SPRINGFIELD HAMMERS
Courtesy of Jack Lewis

The left one is the earliest and then the next is middle and then the last is on the end. These are the three variations of the first model hammer for the 1873 Springfield

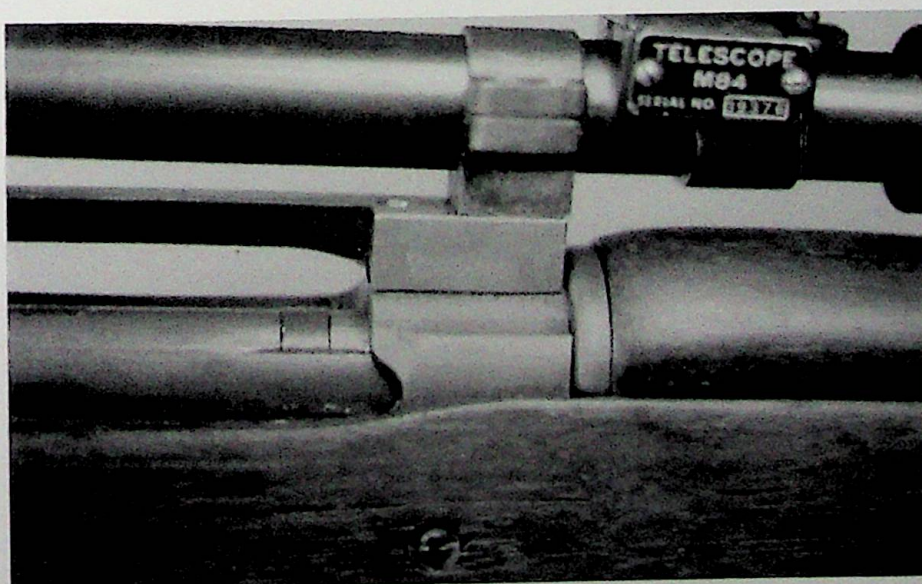
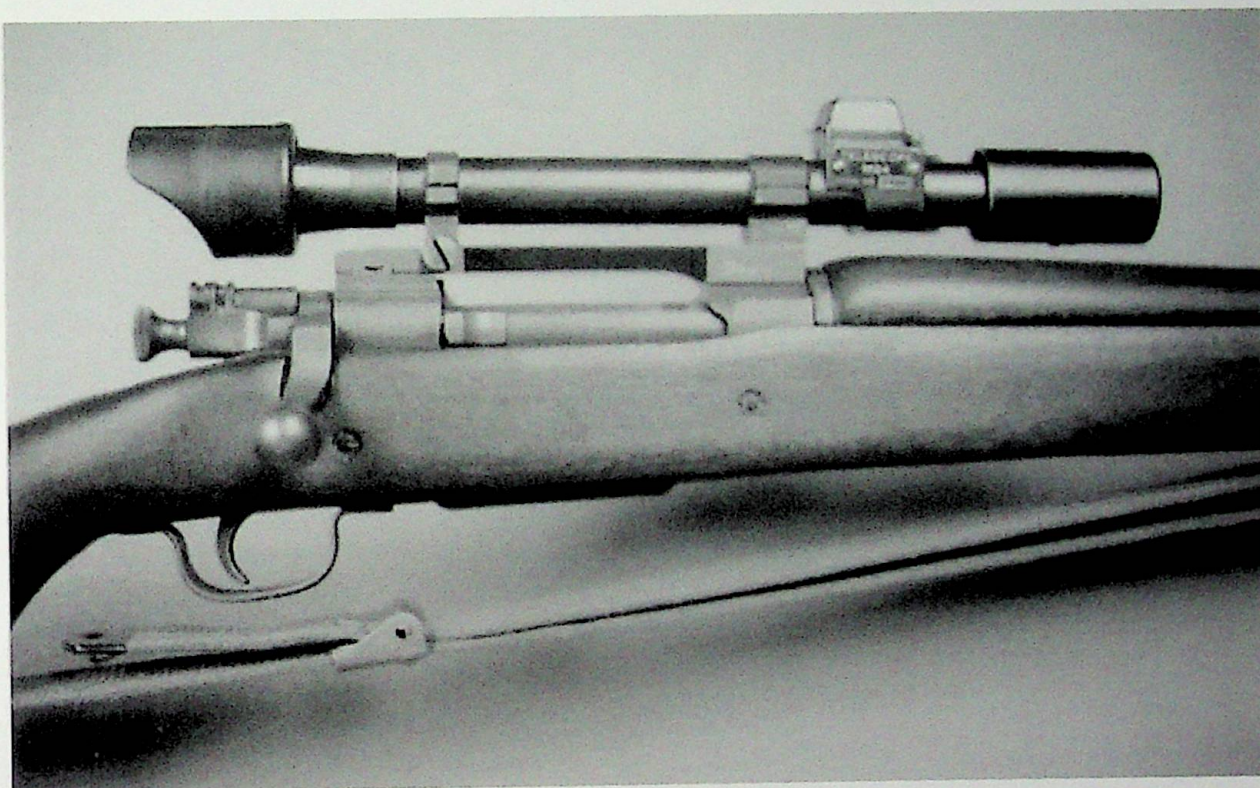


1903A3 SNIPER MADE TO 1903A3 SPECIFICATIONS

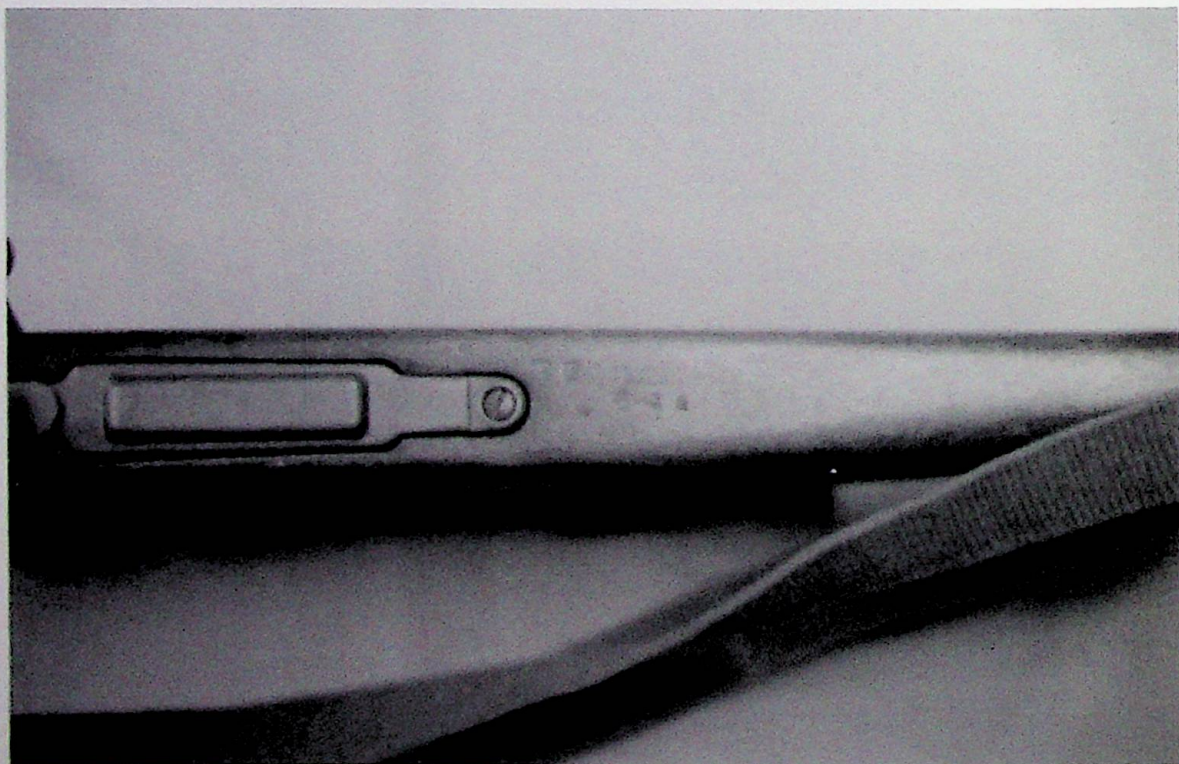
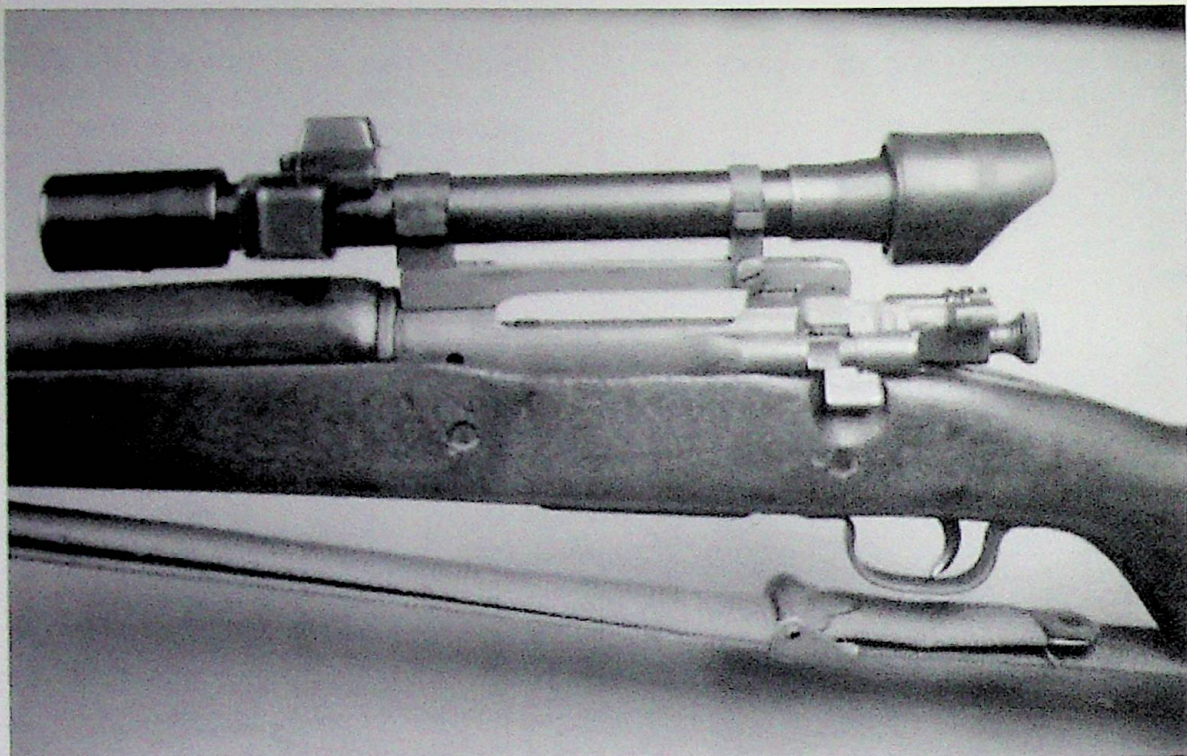
The following photos show an excellent example of one of the possible 100 Rifles made by Springfield Armory after World War 2. Positive confirmation is not possible at this time.

The rifle has all correct A4 parts except the receiver (1903A3) and has the wood relieved under the front band, staking of the base screws, proper bolt, barrel, and stock. At least 100 were made at Springfield, but the serial numbers have not been confirmed.

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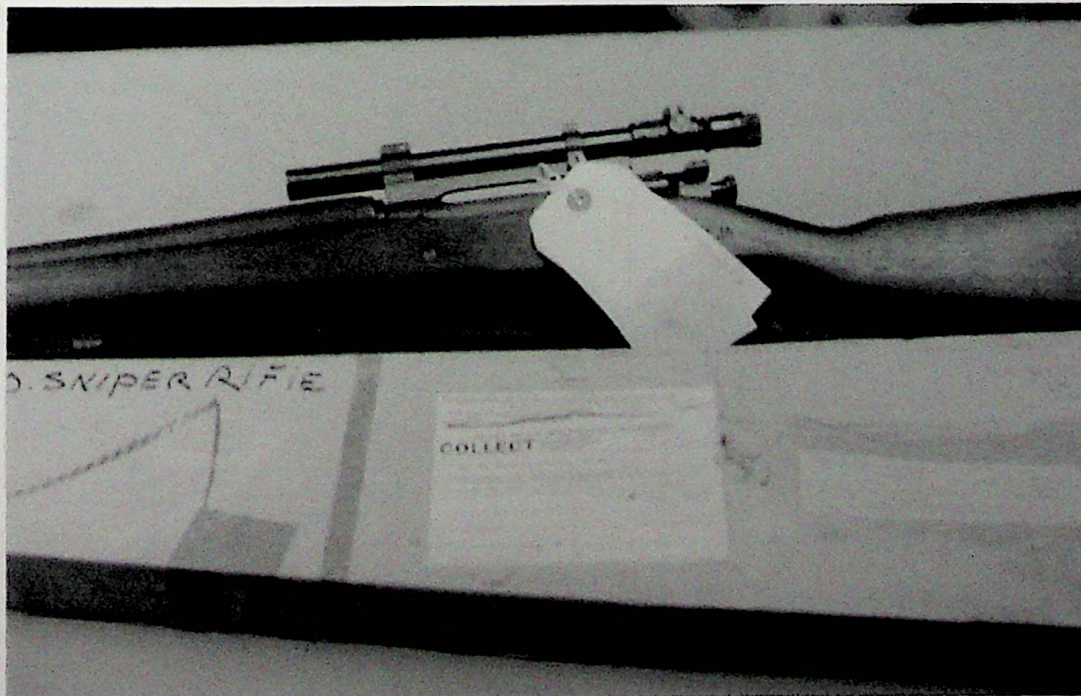
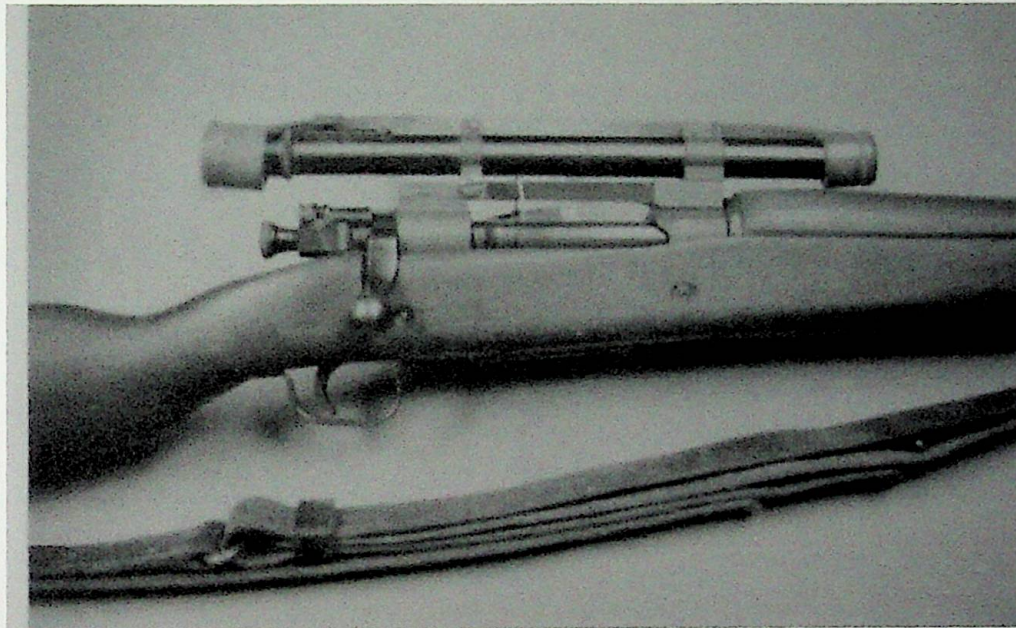


1903A4 Rifle M73B1 Scope

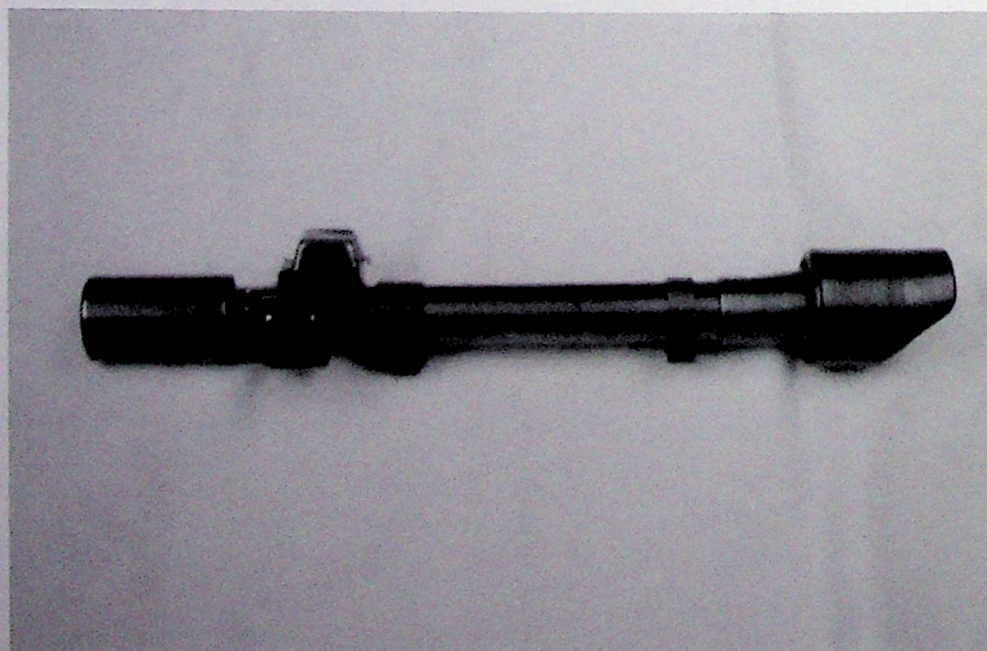
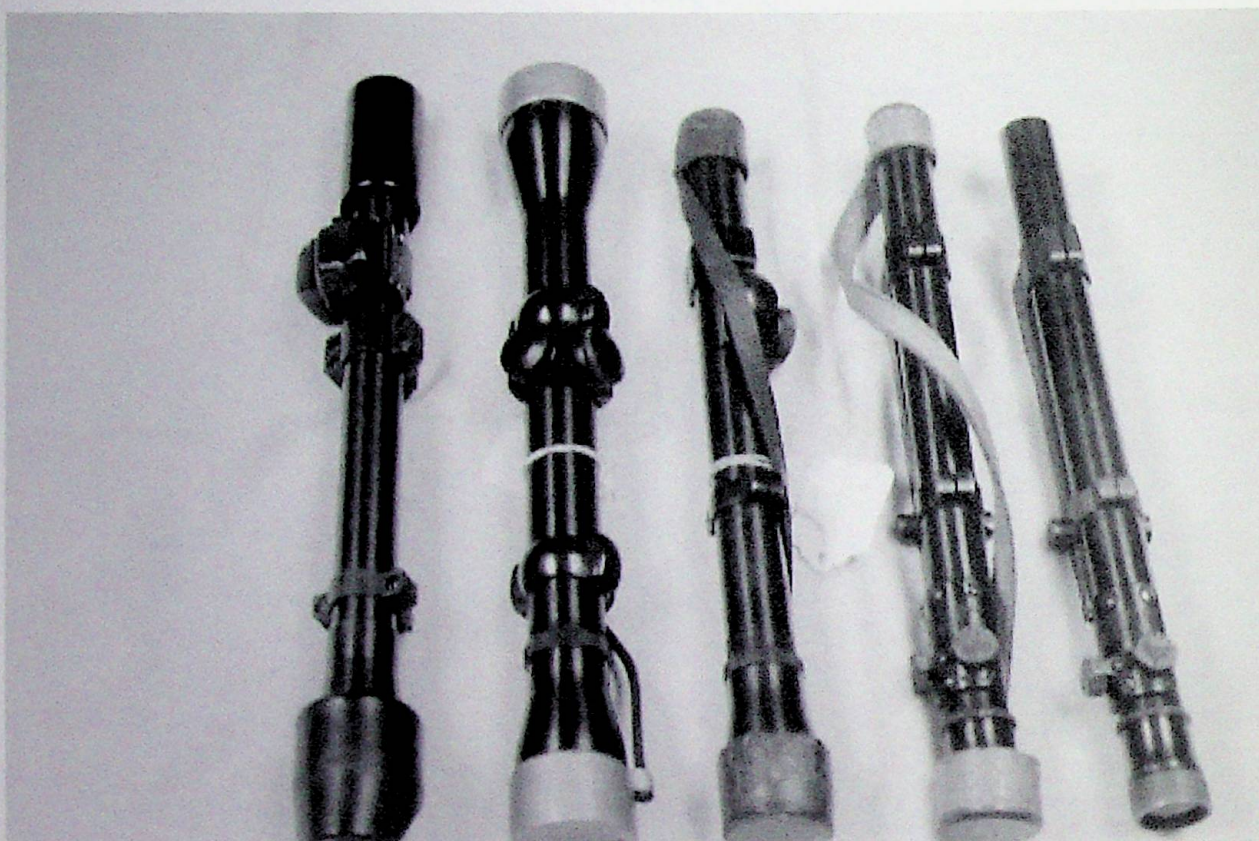
The following rifle and accessories is a rare example of a complete U.S. sniper rifle with matching scope and original sales and shipping tags. This weapon was shipped and sold as "suitable for sale". It has blued fittings, bolt,

and trigger guard as well as the correct A4 stock and barrel. The M73B1 scope is serial numbered to the gun and was shipped complete to the buyer. The DCM shipped the weapon with scope which has the rifle serial number etched on the body of the scope. (High # 4.99M)

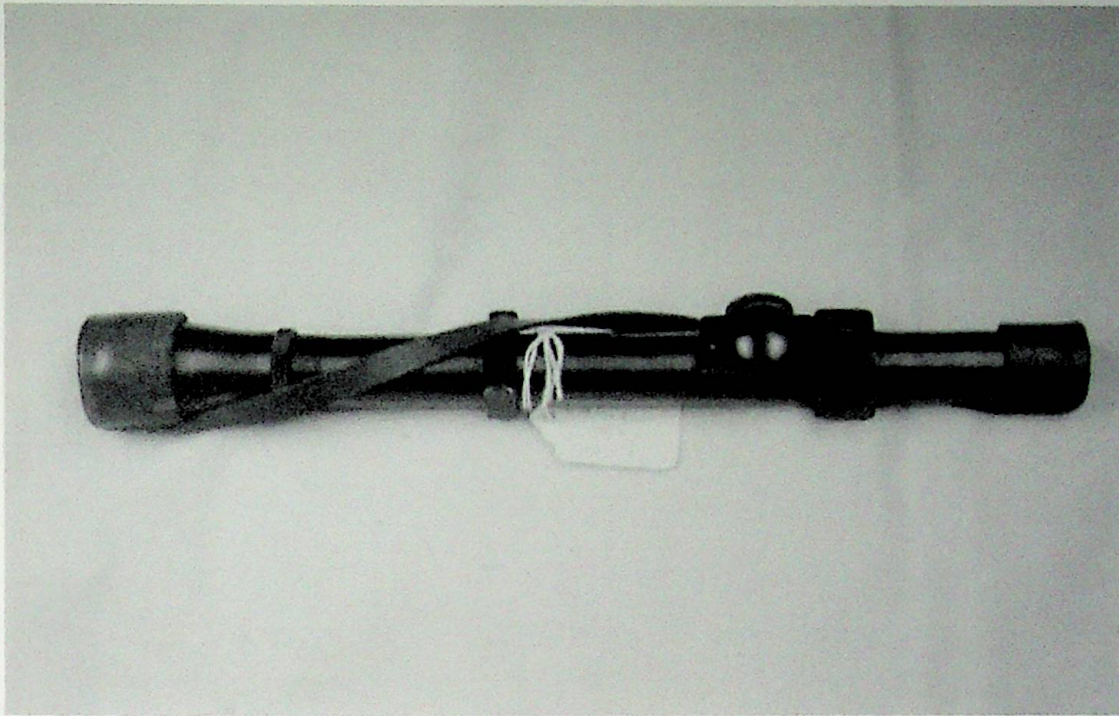
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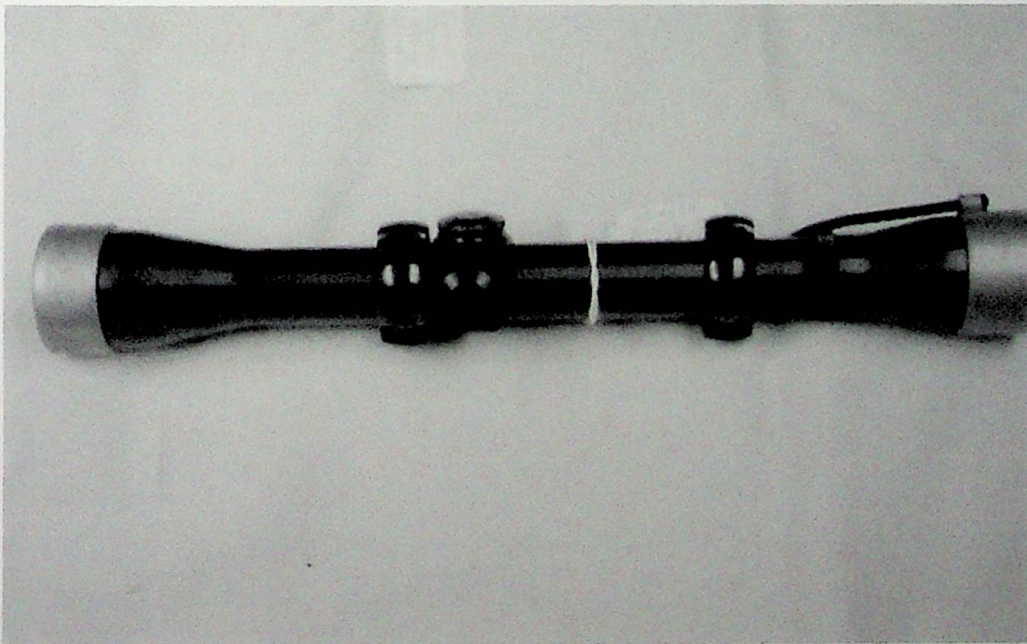
**SCOPES USED ON 1903A4 SNIPER
RIFLES**



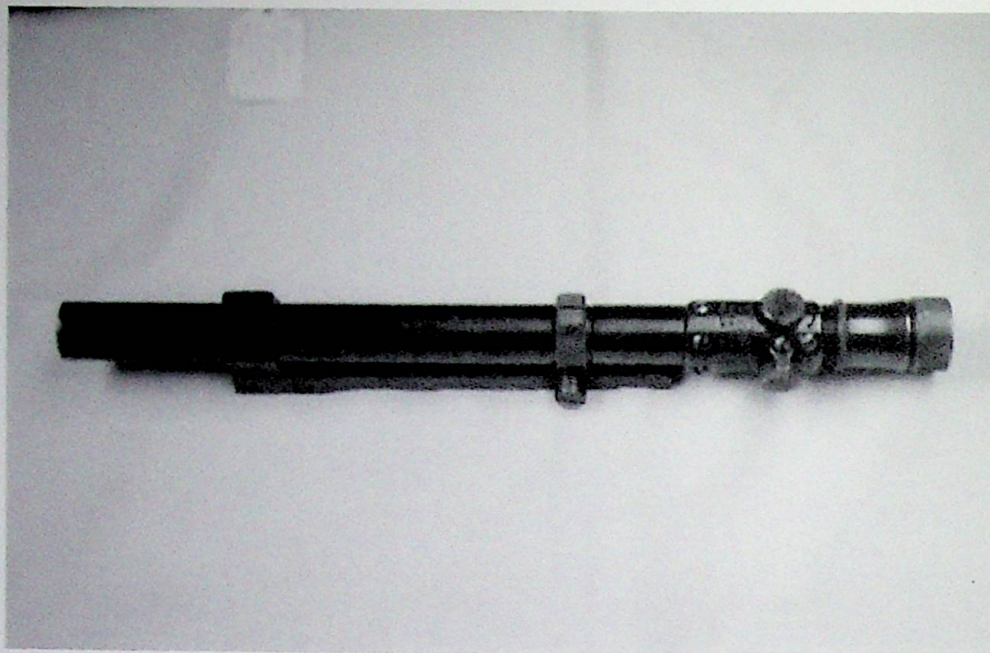
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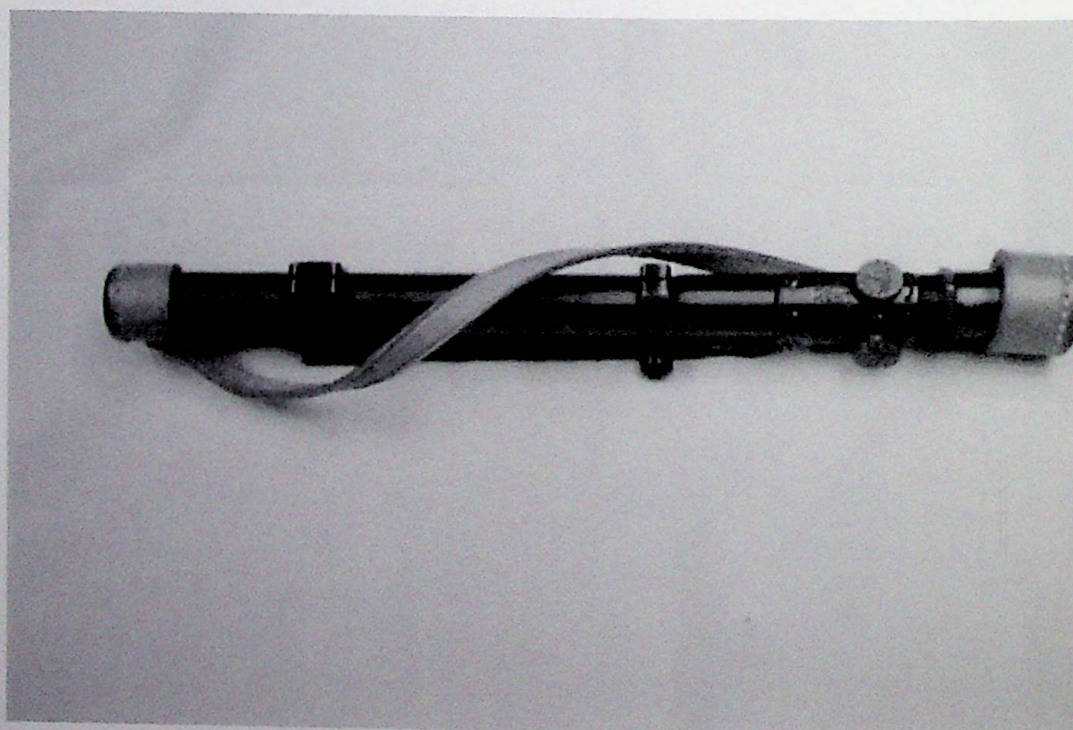
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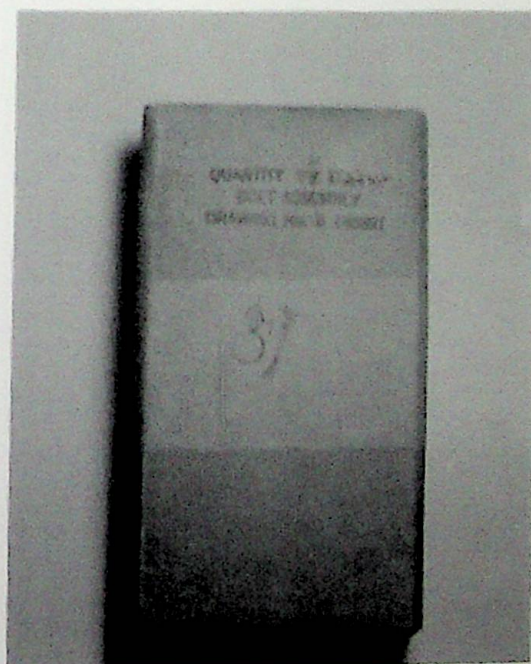


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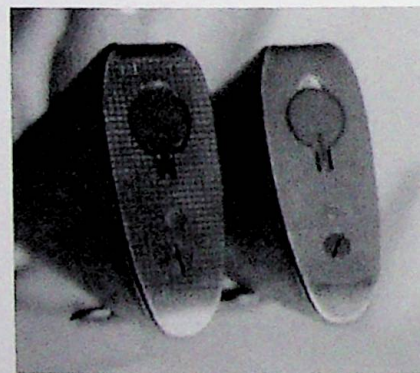
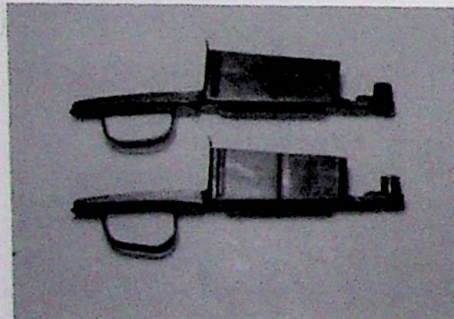
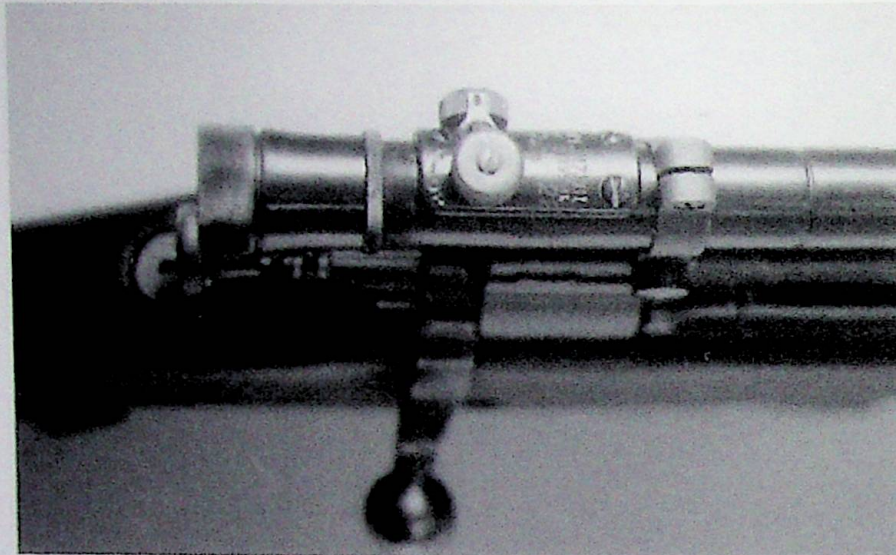
1903A3 Parts in Original Wrappers



**Remington Arms Co. New Bolt
Assemblies (top)
Bolt Assembly B146891 (bottom)**

**Commercial Controls Corp. Bolt
Assemblies B3-01-00090 (top)
Clips-Hand guard Remington (bottom)**

**1903A4 Scope Markings and
Adjustment Knobs, Late A4 Assembly.
Knob, center screw, washer, and
positive lock. M73B1.**



**1903A3 Trigger Guards, Small Bow
(top), Large Bow (bottom-Late).**

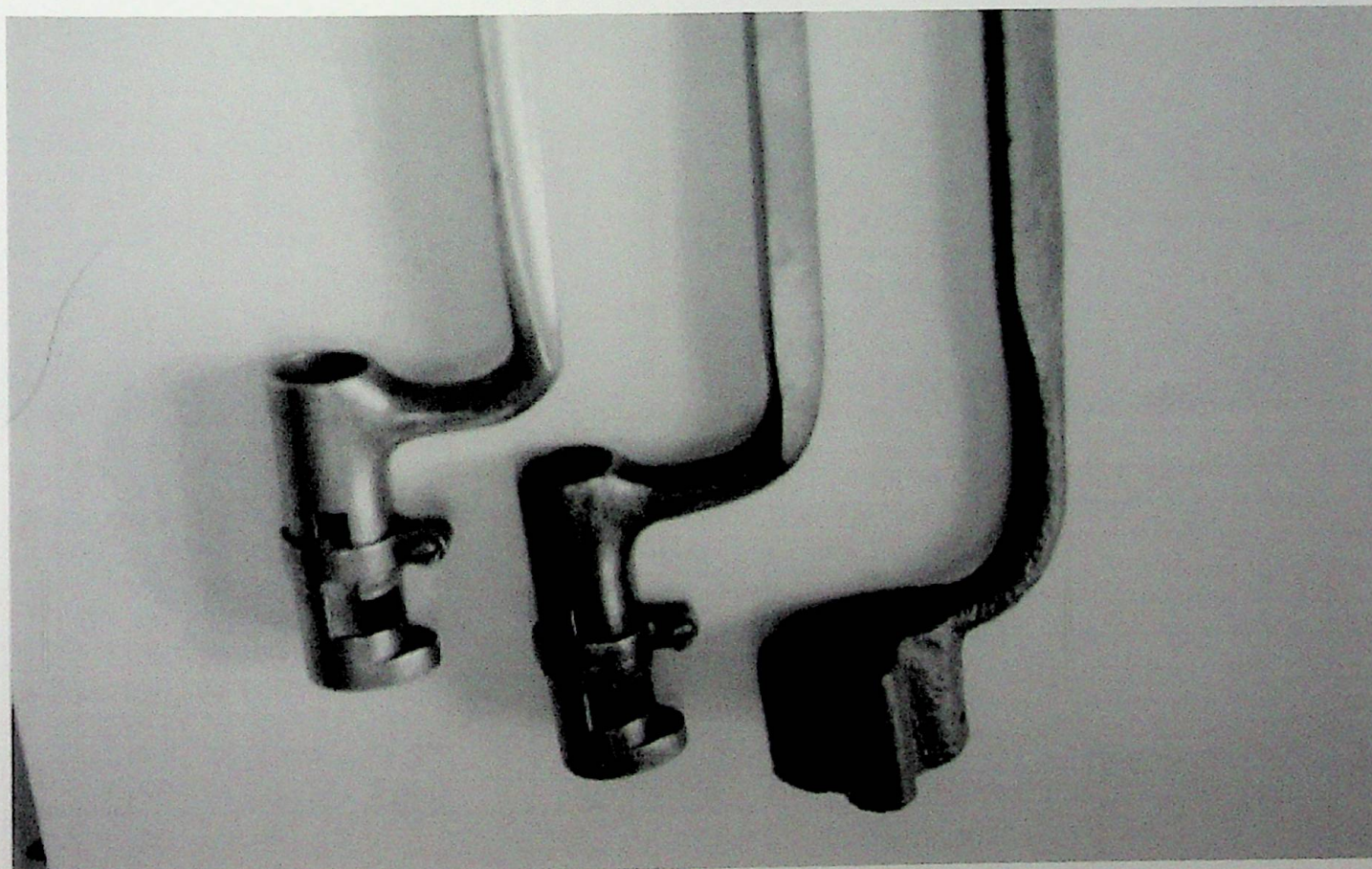
**Buttplates for 1903A3, Smith Corona
(left), Remington (right).**

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Unique U. S. Bayonets

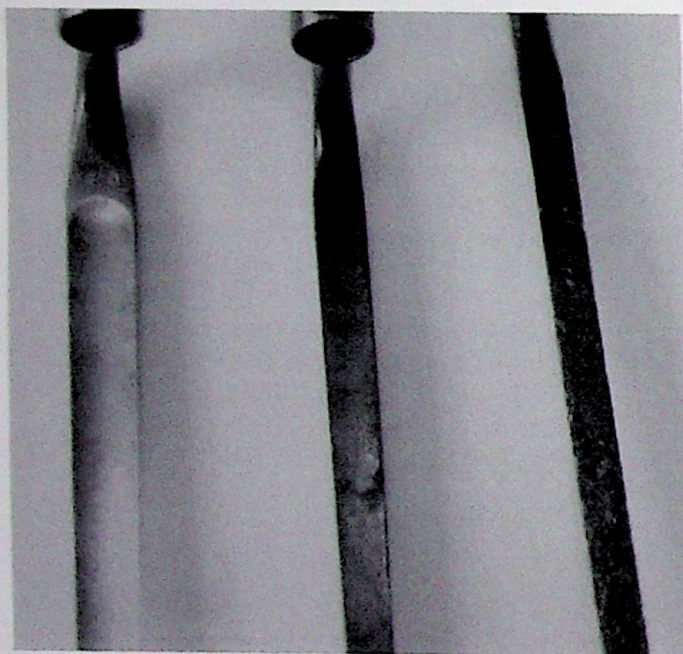
The following three bayonets were photographed through the courtesy of Dick Marsden. They include an extraordinary bayonet for a Confederate Double Barrel Shotgun. Provided by by L. Haiman and Bros. of Columbus, Georgia in 1862. On August of 1861, a contract was also given to Hillman Bros. of Memphis, Tennessee, for \$ 10,000 at a rate of \$ 9 each.

(Bayonet on the right)



**Below Left- U.S. Model 1855 Type 1
Manufactured by Amoskeg. Marked
U (5 pointed star) S.**

**Center Below-Confederate 3 Square Iron
Bladed Steel Tipped 58 Caliber Bayonet.
C.S. Armory, Richmond. November 1862
to February 1864, Made by Raleigh
Bayonet Factory, North Carolina.**



Guns Lettered

Civil War

8610	Henry Rifle	Pvt. George Becker, B Co., 3rd Vet. Vol. Inf.
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Spanish-American War

133791	Krag Carbine	Pvt. David Loggan, Troop A, 1st NV Vol. Cav.
256764	Trapdoor Rifle	Pvt. J. Calletta, Co I, 2nd US Vol. Inf.

Miscellaneous

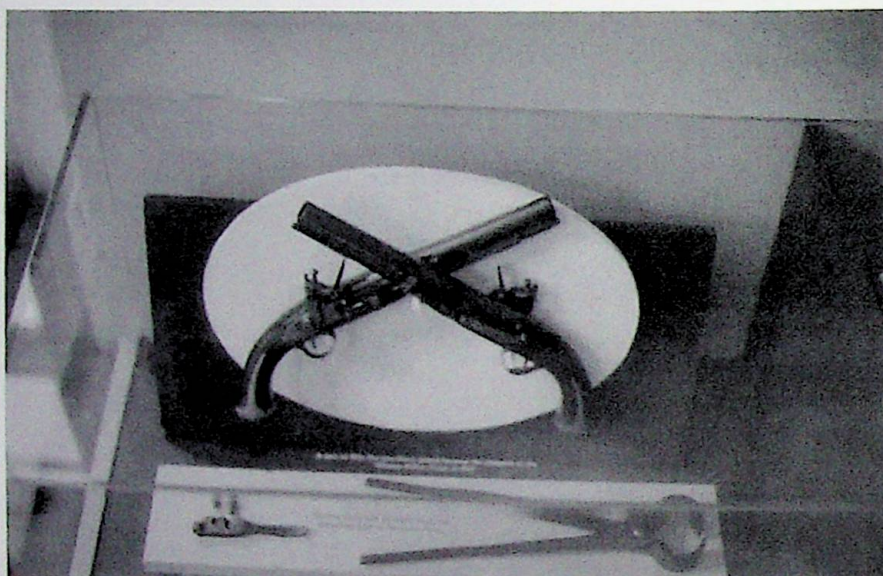
176514	M1903 Rifle	258th Field Arty. NYNG
1272185	M1903 Rifle	Co. C, USMC FMCR and U.S. Army ammo tests, 1938-1940
151395	Colt M1911	USMC Barracks, San Francisco De Macoris, D.R.
415912	M1903 Rifle	K Company 15th U.S. Infantry, U.S. Army Troops in China
242630	Krag Rifle	1st Brigade, MD National Guard
172188	Krag Rifle	26th U.S. Vol. Inf.
333361	Trapdoor Rifle	C Company, 22nd U.S. Inf.
4471	S&W M1917	Shipped to SA by S&W
172459	Krag Rifle	26th U.S. Vol. Inf.
77464	M1911 Pistol	Shipped to the USMA
2577	Trapdoor Carbine	Co. C, Indian Scouts, Ft. Bowie, AZ
72634	M1911 Pistol	11th U.S. Cav., Mexican Punitive Expedition
112105	Trapdoor Rifle	Co. I, 3rd U.S. Inf., Ft. Missoula, MT
11269	Krag Rifle	Frankford Arsenal (Received)
39674	Trapdoor Carbine	5th Inf., Ft. Keogh (Surveyed)
11213	Krag Rifle	West Virginia National Guard
125140	M1911 Pistol	Sold to Schuylkill Haven Rifle Club
583522	M1911 Pistol	Inquiry from Ord. Office
24	Colt M1907 Pistol	Troop K, 10th U.S. Cav.

DCM and Disposal Sales

139040	Colt M1917 Revolver	1st LT. C. J. Ancker, U.S. Infantry
489	Colt M1917 Revolver	Sheriff A. E. Gunther, Saginaw Co., MI
5807897	M1 NM	Cochese Gun Club, Tombstone, AZ
1273009	M1903 NM	Lt. Col. C. C. Stanchfield, MA NG, Boston, MA
1496469	M1903A1 NM	David Kraniak, Detroit, MI
6096432	M1 NM	Eagle Rock Gun Club, Eagle Rock, CA
1255598	M1903 Sporter	R. M. Van Wart, New Orleans, LA
1317797	M1903 Sporter	R. L. Hous, Dayton, OH, 2/13/30
1272874	M1903 NM Rifle	F. G. Biggerstaff, Kansas City, MO
1497895	M1903 NM Rifle	E. E. Pearcy, St. Louis, MO
1262355	M1903 Sporter	W. J. Brewer, Yonkers, NY
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8155	M1922M1 Rifle	Capt. Ralph V. H. Wood, Wayne, PA

Harpers Ferry Museum

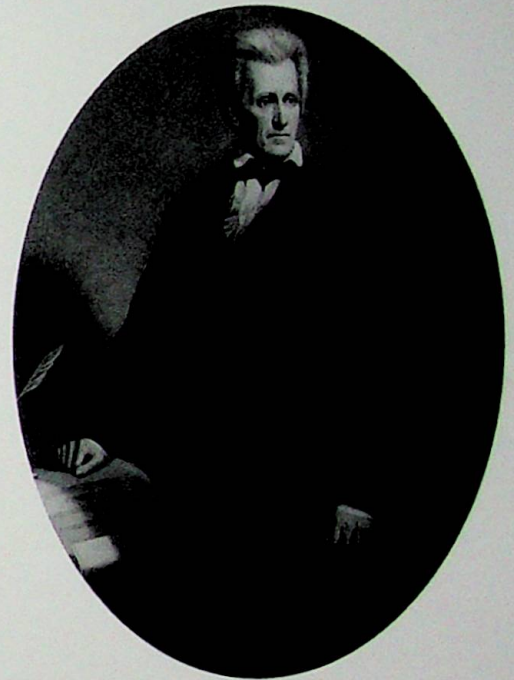
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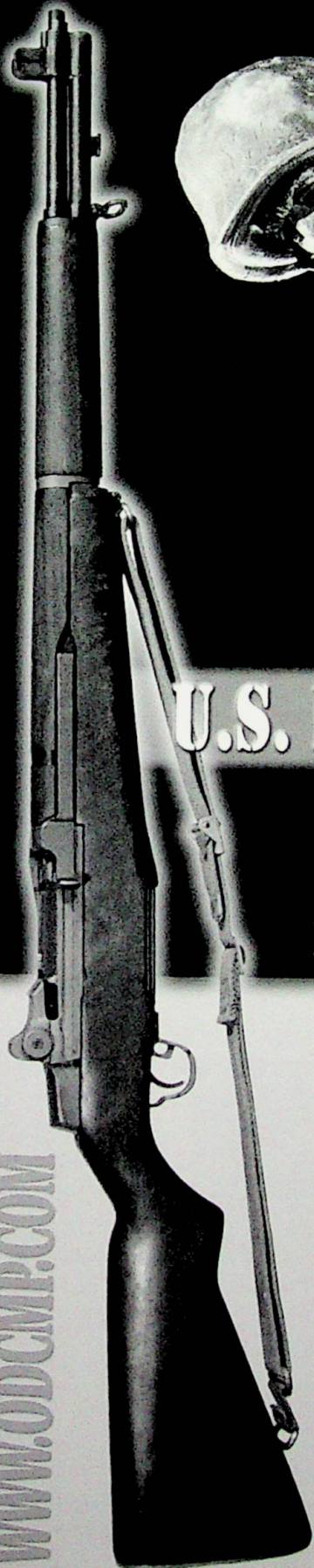
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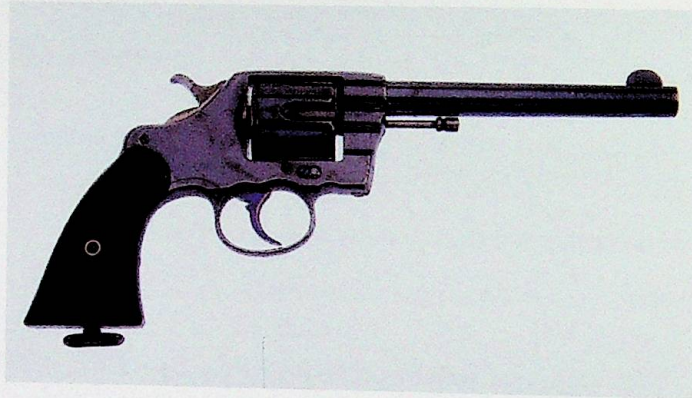
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