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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Activity During This Period

Our research efforts continue with work on new serial numbers, Henry rifles, Indian weapons, Aircrew revolvers, 45/70 carbines, Colt revolvers, and 1903 Springfields. We also are searching the data on unique U.S. bayonets.

Our resumption of serial number letters for our subscribers and the handling of many requests for serial number continue to increase and we are trying to add personnel to assist in the research. It is planned to lower lead times and completion of research letters and the research of data that already exists in paper form.

It continues to be a major time consuming effort to try to answer all questions that have little or no data other than a weapon marked Springfield. Requests often ask about a partial serial number and no model.

Springfield Research letters are based on U.S. Government documents and require us to use our several data bases and also a visit to the Archives that originally had the data. Many documents are now missing and may be lost forever. The exact cause for disappearance is unknown. We were asked to look in the closed and locked off files to look for specific numbers. All were missing and they are no longer available.

The research letters are the most time consuming

Springfield Research Letters

Serial number letters are in three forms and the data is based on U.S. Government documentation.

Basic letter- This letter provides information from the SRS data base that was compiled over many years of research. This letter will include information on a weapon and its use such as military unit, date, and possible

secondary information. It will not include specific data on names of the military person that it was issued to or specifics concerning use. That data requires travel and visits to military or other U.S. Archives. It may have weapon unit disposition or shipping information.

Verifying the use and or combat use that requires travel and research through extensive visits at government facilities is reserved for a full research letter.

Sales letter- This letter will include sales documents and other similar data. We receive many requests for 1903 sales rifles, NRA sporters, National Match rifles, International rifles, Colt, Smith & Wesson pistols, and General Officers weapons. It includes records of DCM sales and others that have the sales data and recipient of the weapon. Most Garand and Carbine data is not available at the Archives and we must search again for sales material.

Research letter -This letter type will be limited in efforts for each year. We are back ordered and must complete all ordered in 2008 with additional trips to government facilities with research of government documents. It takes a minimum of one day of analysis and requires travel, research, and review at government facilities under the current rules. These efforts will be *limited in number* and may take several months to accomplish. Completion of the search is based on time and availability to visit the government facilities as well as their regulations.

We may need to adjust our efforts and are actively seeking assistance in this area.

Additional data will be listed on our web as it becomes available.

usmartialarmscollector.com.

Our photo library is a major effort. The process will take more storage and facilities and will be used for the U.S. Martial Arms Magazine and SRS Newsletter. It also requires new procedures to store and catalogue the photos. This is expected to require a bigger effort and more computer capability. We will be adding more photos and data on as many U.S. military weapons that we can. Our only limits continue to be the time and effort available to do research at government facilities.

Springfield Research Service Data Base

We continue to provide no charge look ups VIA email requests. The web site data base will not be available unless we can develop a secure facility. We will review the possibility but it may be impossible. There is an effort underway to print a book of serial numbers that will contain number data on the weapon type and existence of data for serial numbers. It would not have detailed information and may be offered to subscribers in book form. We would need to look at the availability to non subscribers but, this would only be done at an increased cost to the non subscribers.

We need feed back on this issue.

All SRS data is copyrighted and no other source may use any of the data. SRS will *continue serial number services for subscribers only*. Our subscribers to the US Martial Arms Collector Magazine and Springfield Research Newsletter deserve the benefits of SRS and may email a request for a single serial number at a time. We will respond with a yes or no; that we have data on that specific number. There is no charge for subscribers. The ability to search through the serial numbers VIA the web is still under discussion and would be for subscribers only.

In order to provide a service to subscribers

without web access, we will answer mail from anyone that receives the magazine. The option sending a letter with a serial number of interest will continue.

Subscribers will have the option of making a decision if he or she wants to order a letter with the additional information. Only subscribers will be able to order letters.

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As in the past, we will continue to answer any question that we can, for our subscribers.

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 return letter by mail.

We also have reviewed activity and comments on the various web sites, and find that our readers should be the ones that benefit from our data base.

Sales of documents, books, and other products, will also be available to subscribers only. We are always interested in comments and data that is of interest to our readers.

Plans are underway to expand some of our products with additional manuals and books. As we develop the products, they will be put in the magazine and on the US Martial Arms Collector web site. We may include more data on the web site, if it is of interest and benefits our readers.

Data on Books, and Web Page

The serial number books continue to be available for purchase by subscribers.

There will be major changes in the list of publications that will be available. Demand and capability to produce documents will be the factors for expansion. All manuals and documents will be copies of original government documents.

We seek comments from all subscribers on any topic that will support the US Martial Arms Collector Magazine and our readers.

Upgrades will also be put on the magazine web site. This will include new data, information on back issues, and other information concerning the MAC and SRS. We will continue setting up a plan to list articles of specific interest with issue number on the web page. The lost software has been corrected and we have published an index of data on issues 1 through 40. It is in MAC number 114. This was in response to subscribers that emailed a request to us for an outline of past articles.

Krag Rifle Story

Original new second editions with serial numbers are available for \$ 100 postpaid. They are a few left and are priced much lower than EBAY and other sources. We currently do not sell through dealers and products are for subscribers only.

Serial numbers

The data base continues to grow and is well over 100,000 numbers. There are no plans to publish new serial number books. Subscribers may email to verify if a specific serial number is in the upgraded data base. The new data is limited and in a manual file. This will take extra time.

Web site is: usmartialarmscollector.com

Volumes 1, 2, 3, and 4 are in the softbound book series. Volume 2 is available in a new format as a copy with plain binding. The first 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.

Each Volume has a different set of serial numbers. The finding of new numbers was made into a new volume when a large number of serial numbers were found and compiled. We have many more Krag serial numbers from the U.S. Government sale of Krags to a large surplus dealer in 1918. The data only has minimal information with no names of the sales

recipients. It is not planned to publish this serial NUMBER DATA at this time.

Single or complete sets of the serial number books are available from the U.S. Martial Arms Collector office. The books can be purchased only by subscribers and are mailed from: **U.S. Martial Arms Collector Box 126 Cabin John, MD 20818.**

The cost is: Volume 1 \$ 15, Volume 2 \$ 30, Volume 3 \$ 20, and Volume 4 \$ 40.

Back issues of the U.S. Martial Arms Collector Magazine and Springfield Research Newsletter are available from number 1 through 115 and can be ordered from: ***Cost is \$ 5 for the older newsletters and \$ 10 each for the magazines (postpaid). U.S. Martial Arms Collector Box 126 Cabin John, MD 20818.***

A few issues of The U.S. Martial Arms Collector Magazines may be available as copies only.

Past publications requires storage and may take time to retrieve and ship.

We will do this as long as practical.

Springfield Research Service

The Springfield Research Service web site (www.armscollectors.com/srs.htm) is closed. A new site is open:

usmartialarmscollector.com.

It will be upgraded and if possible, expanded into a multi page site in the future.

SRS Letters & Costs

Letters have resumed. SRS will include three different letter types:

Basic letter \$ 35.

Sales letter \$ 50

Research letter (requires extensive travel and research time, access to government facility and various research). In some cases the information is located at different facilities. Cost is \$ 150 (we are over booked until January 2009).

Interest and Comments

All comments and questions on U.S. Martial hand guns and long arms are welcome.

Information on early muskets and militia weapons will continue with additional efforts for information that is more responsive to searches, location, and identification. Other efforts will include edged weapons as well as firearms from colonial through World War 2 and possibly the present. We would like to receive more comments, additions, and inquiries.

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. Web Site usmartialarmscollector.com.

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.

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 have the 1903 Shop manual available again. It was lost for several years and is of interest to collectors. Please email for cost and availability.

Springfield Research Services Staff

Responsibility for the Martial Arms Collector magazine and maintenance of the large photo and document database will be continued and we are searching for new personnel. Mr. Dennis King will join us as a contributing editor. He will assist in the publication, Archive research and data base upgrades. Any college students that are interested in research internships are urged to contact us. This will add to our research and editing capability. Our address is: Box 126 Cabin John, MD 20818.

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We will continue our intern program and have been in contact with several colleges and universities. This will add to our research and editing capability. Our address is: Box 126 Cabin John, MD 20818.

Questions Received and Answered

Question: Can you tell me more about this one. Cartouches--308 cal nm-5307-USMC-rifle team-ordnance cartouche boxed SA, P circled, American eagle boxed with three stars above eagle inside box, with what looks like the letters FALCO inset in the wing. any help or info will be greatly appreciated 1ST CAV SOLDIER.

We have no data on current USMC weapons. The cartouches appear to be standard but we have no data on the FALCO marking. Any information from our readers is welcomed. Editor

Question: Please check your records on rifle 1903A1 N M s/n 1368946 as listed in Gunbroker.com under Search as 1903 Springfield National Match item 109234681 as to its authenticity and other data if available. Do you know of any authentic 1903A1 or a USMC1903A1/UNERTL FOR SALE?

There appears to be too many digits in the serial number. We have not found any government documents with serial numbers on the 1941 USMC sniper. The general records show that USMC and other sniper rifles were shipped without scopes and scopes were shipped in separate cases. It appears that it would be a coincidence if an original rifle had the original scope. Weapons sold from the USMC were sold without a scope and scopes were for sale at separate sales counters. They could be bought by an individual. To date we have not found any document with both rifle and serial number and scope with serial number.

Editor

Comment: Thank you for the information. The only information we have on any rifles is whether or not the DCM / CMP sold the rifle. Our files do not cover all the millions of rifles that passed through the US military over the past 100 years, and only a fraction of what was sold through the DCM. Most of the records are in of crates of old logs and registers. Our computer files begin on 1 Oct 1996.

We suggest you contact the Springfield Research Service at

<http://www.armscollectors.com/srs.htm>

Thanks for thinking of us. CMP.

Thanks. We know of other data in the government (US ARMY), but we can not get them to release it. Editor

Question/comment: hi I leave (live) in (France) tow garand m1 rifle (springfield) theire serial number are 99183 and 2761209 and I would like to know the story many thanks in advance.dominique.

Sorry, we have no data on those serial numbers. Editor

Question/comment: I'm looking for info in an old Springfield Trapdoor Mod. 1873 line throwing gun. Serial number 350430. Any info is appreciated.. Thanks, Mike.

Sorry, we have no data on that serial number. Editor

Question/comment: I am trying to find out the value of a Springfield Rifle with the Bayonet, serial # 39815, model 1864 or 1884 (hard to read). Can you help me?

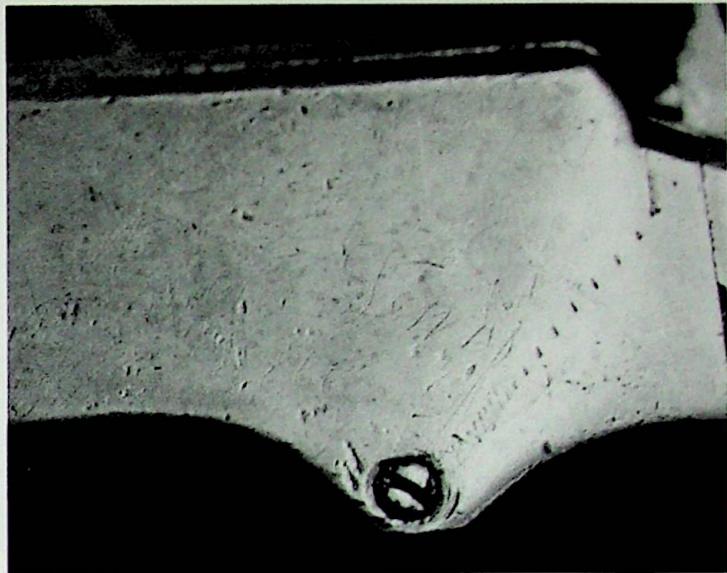
Sorry, we do not give values for weapons. Editor

Hello, was wondering if there's any information available regarding a Civil War Maynard Carbine serial number 18938. Thank you for your assistance. Sincerely, George.

Sorry we do not have any serial numbers as high as 18000. Editor

Henry Rifles

The following research in the form of letters, notes, and articles were provided to Springfield Research by Mr. Robert L. Black of Baker City, Oregon; and is offered to our readers as an example how history and manufacturers' serial numbers can relate the story behind that antique weapon one may find in an attic, basement or as part of an inherited collection of old firearms. I consider Mr. Black's extensive research a formidable effort to gain an insight of one of the most sought after weapons in American history.



Lewis scratched on receiver.

Henry Rifle (SN) #3014 was found in the basement of an old building in John Day/Canyon City, Oregon in the 1970s. Three guns were found wrapped in half of a tattered old pup tent, a Henry 3014, a Balls Carbine and a Sharps Carbine C 33977. The Sharps is stamped Freund & Bro, who were gun dealers in Cheyenne, WY in the 1870s. It is my belief that the guns appeared in the John Day area during the Bannock Indian Wars of the 1870s and 1880s.

Henry #3014 has lightly scratched on the side plate W.T. Lewis, Booneville and R. Lewis, who was with M Company of the First Maine Cavalry. I cannot find a Booneville in the operating area of the First Maine Cavalry from October 1864 through the end of the war. It is likely that the Boonville reference is the Booneville Stage Stop near Silver City, ID, which was on the military supply route to John Day, OR in the 1870s and 1880s.

Tobie's History of the First Maine Cavalry tells us that the Henry Rifles were distributed to the unit on October 10, 1864, and that W.T. Lewis was promoted to Corporal in December 1864. He was promoted to replace a George Barlett who was returned to Maine. Waterman T. Lewis was born in 1844 in Newport, ME. His father, Eben Lewis, signed for his son's underage enlistment on October 8, 1862 in Augusta, ME. Eben Lewis died in Brandy Station, VA in 1864. Waterman Lewis was captured in this timeframe and was paroled at City Point, VA. He served his parole in the Washington, DC area.

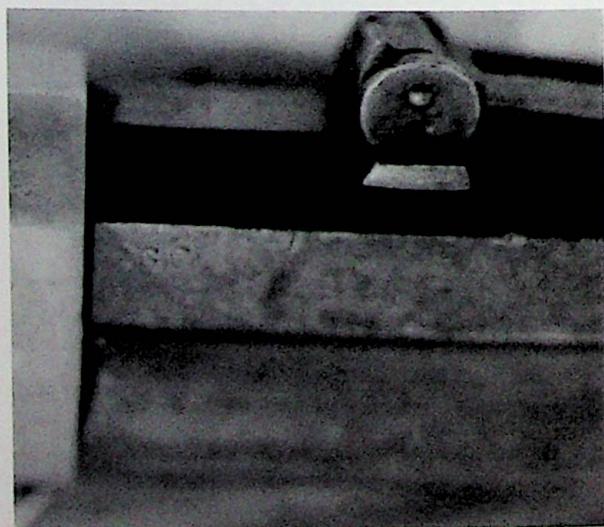
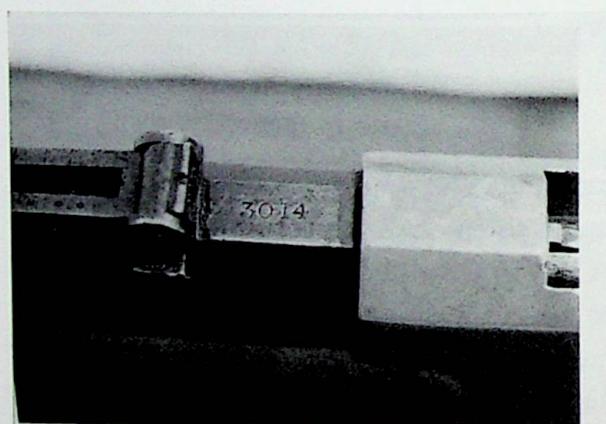
March 31, 1865 brings M Company to the Dinwiddie C.H., VA area. Lee, presumably Robert E. Lee, was retiring from Petersburg. Tobie relates several accounts of the battle.



Rifle number 3014.

Lewis was killed. All accounts mention running out of ammunition and dry firing the Henry rifles. Dry firing can damage the firing pin. The Henry #3014 had a broken firing pin, which has since been repaired.

Speculation is that the Henry #3014 could have been a veteran purchased rifle and brought West. This seems unlikely, because it was not in operating order. I think that the 3014 may have been sold as surplus to Bannerman of New York and, along with the Ball Carbine and the modified Sharps, sold then to Freund Bros. (Cheyenne, WY) or J.P. Lower (Denver, CO). Both of these businesses were known suppliers of weapons in Northeastern Oregon during the Indian Wars.



Number 3014 with CGC inspector mark.

Henry Rifle (SN) #7905 was used to kill Chief Paulina at a spring in Central Oregon in the Spring of 1867. The rifle was given to Howard Maupin by Lt. Col. Crook to assist Maupin in tracking down Chief Paulina. The Chief had jumped the reservation at Warm Springs and was once again raiding and murdering the local whites. The enclosed is copy from the book "Thunder Over the Ochoco", which describes the situation in Central Oregon during 1866 and 1867.

The family of Howard Maupin gave Henry Rifle 7905 to the Oregon Historical Society. Several years ago I contacted the historical society with questions about the rifle, specifically the CGC (presumably the US Government Inspector's mark) and the serial number and did not get a conclusive response.

Footnotes in "Thunder Over the Ochoco" indicate that Chief Paulina's broken knife blade was found in 1996; but I have not been able to ascertain its current location.

Enclosed is a copy of "Oregon History Report" which references Chief Paulina and contains other information about this large geographic area.

Henry Rifle (SN) # 4265 (no CGC marking) was given to H.H. (Bud) Morgan in the 1940s by Oliver Favorite of Haines, OR. Bud told me that Favorite was an old cowboy in this area and was on his death bed at the time. In the early 1970s the Henry Rifle was behind the front door along with six old Winchesters at Morgan's "Hidden Valley Horse Ranch" above Wolf Creek Reservoir. The ranch is ten miles North Powder, Oregon. Bud Morgan was killed in

an automobile accident in the 1980s. I lost track of the gun after that.

Henry Rifle (SN) #7876 was found in Montana about 1950 by N. S. (Norman) Wagner. The gun is marked "KATE" and 7E. I suspect 7E was the cattle brand. The gun is now with Norman's daughter, KATE. I enclose a copy of the cover of Ellen Watson "Cattle Kate's" lynching in 1889. The book is interesting to read, but does not mention her gun.

Springfield Research is planning on expanding this effort, and working with Mr. Black to write additional articles on this Henry effort. Mr. Black's work in this area is not shown in the true light of his efforts and we feel that additional writings will show the history and data. His data will provide information on several Henrys as well as their usage and history. The issue of Henrys to the military and their subsequent use after the Civil War is a fascinating part of our U.S. history, the American Indian conflicts and the Western heritage.

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SERIAL	MODEL	MMDDYY	USAGE
3098 HENRY		051365	CO K 3RD US VET VOL INF
3117 HENRY		121964	CO K 7TH ILL VOL INF
3134 HENRY		051765	CO H 3RD US VET VOL INF
3149 HENRY		051365	CO K 3RD US VET VOL INF
3164 HENRY		051365	CO K 3RD US VET VOL INF
3184 HENRY		051365	CO K 3RD US VET VOL INF
3219 HENRY		051365	CO K 3RD US VET VOL INF
3220 HENRY		051365	CO K 3RD US VET VOL INF
3233 HENRY		000062	CO F 97TH IND VOL INF
3296 HENRY		051365	CO K 3RD US VET VOL INF
3330 HENRY		051365	CO K 3RD US VET VOL INF
3332 HENRY		051365	CO K 3RD US VET VOL INF
3344 HENRY		051765	CO H 3RD US VET VOL INF
3347 HENRY		000062	CO F 97TH IND VOL INF
3354 HENRY		051365	CO K 3RD US VET VOL INF
3418 HENRY		051365	CO K 3RD US VET VOL INF
3419 HENRY		051365	CO K 3RD US VET VOL INF
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3433 HENRY		051365	CO K 3RD US VET VOL INF
3440 HENRY		051765	CO H 3RD US VET VOL INF
3462 HENRY		051365	CO K 3RD US VET VOL INF
3468 HENRY		051365	CO K 3RD US VET VOL INF

Partial SRS records of Military Henry Rifles.

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Some Springfield '03 Production Trivia

By William R. Hansen

Introduction: Between Bill Brophy, Clark Campbell and Bruce Canfield, '03 collectors have pretty much had their fundamental curiosity satisfied regarding the origins of U.S. Rifle M1903. However, as passage of time persists, so apparently does the intensity of interest ...especially the pursuit of trivia. It seems today's collector wants to know more, even if it adds little or nothing to an overall appreciation for the rifle. This author would be the first to admit to such an affliction...

Some '03 Production Trivia: As we know from prior publishment, there were 30,503 rod bayonet rifles produced by the end of the first fiscal year (FY) ending June 30, 1904. However, outside that end-number, not much has apparently been learned about how the accumulation occurred throughout that first year of production. Not even Brophy's "Arsenal of Freedom" iteration of the Springfield Armory's (SA) 1904 Annual Report in speaks to the matter. Yes, it is otherwise known that official production began in November of 1903, but is that enough to satisfy the most zealous among the USMAC readership absorbed with the subject? We also know the Armory was turning out about 300 rifles per day by the end of the FY, but what about the end of the first week...or perhaps the second week? Is there any interest in knowing how many rifles were manufactured, tested and inspected through the first 3, 4 or 5 months of manufacture? Frankly, I don't know the answer to these questions since

personally have no need for such information at the present time. Nevertheless, if the information is known...should it remain arbitrarily buried in the hope of someday being put into print in some relevant, creative manner? That's a question many ponder these days in the face of issues of pride of authorship, the high cost of research, selfish attitudes vs. unappreciative collectors, risks of misinterpretation or non-revelation, etc. and more than anything else...a changing world.

After becoming a subscriber to the US Martial Arms Collector (USMAC) in the mid-1990s, I soon realized that unless a choice was made to invest in all the back issues, I'd surely be missing something important to whatever project I happened to be researching. Believe me, I never regretted the day I wrote that check. I'm reminded of the many times I've poured over the old issues dating from December 1976 to look up something vaguely remembered while on some different pursuit. Sometimes it would take many 10-hour days to find it...if found at all. One of the secrets of Frank Mallory's management of harvested information throughout his magnificent career was he seldom made a judgment about what was relevant and what was not. If he thought there existed even a remote possibility of someone having an interest in some tidbit of data, he'd document it in some form...even condensed, then invite the readership to probe further if they wished.

The table of early rod bayonet production shown below is being submitted in the spirit of the foregoing. This author has long forgotten from whence the source data was acquired. It may have come through the SRS or from many independent pursuits of the National Archives. Indeed, it is entirely possible there exists no present day consumer interest, or that some in the USMAC readership have already accessed it. That's not a purveyor's job to know. But, if there is someone out there preoccupied with the minutiae of early rod bayonet production, the chart just might contribute answers to many questions in part or whole. Perhaps that someone is engaged in detailed research and study of serial number ranges to verify when certain testing or other events took place during the early months of production...such as redesign of the floor plate catch; redesign of the Mauser pattern safety (unmarked); alterations to the rear sight; or some other changed feature from the approved original design. Or perhaps some individual simply owns unaltered rifle SN 52XX and would like a closer approximation as to when it was manufactured. Maybe the periods of reduction in weekly production shown in the chart can help confirm exactly when expert Springfield Armory personnel were reassigned to assist the Rock Island Arsenal mobilize for production? How about when a sudden increase in production occurred? Does the chart help establish when Krag production finally ended? Then there's the question of the West Point cadet corps allocation of rifles. Since they received them on or about March 23, 1904, perhaps it is now possible to affirm the known batching pattern of actual assigned serial numbers? Indeed, if the SRS Volume 4 "Serial Numbers" book is any indication, we might now

conclude that distribution of the West Point rifles occurred somewhat commensurate with completion of manufacture as opposed to any long-term storage in a warehouse. Lastly, one also has to wonder just how the remaining 14,432 rifles were produced in the less than 12 weeks remaining of the fiscal year without some kind of further interruption in the production rate, especially if the average of 300 per day target had been consistently reached by the end of the year?

In the event any of the foregoing questions are being pursued, such information in the table below might just become helpful in some way. For whatever value to further research, the cover sheet indicates the data originally came from RG (Record Group)156, E1383 at the National Archives.

Closing Commentary: Since new information is constantly emerging, many collectors of the venerable '03 and other U.S. Martial Arms continue to clamor for someone to write the ultimate book about their favorite collectible. But, it seems there are profound logistical obstacles in the way. Indeed, there may even be a strong argument for not doing it at all...if one insists on using traditional means of a past age. First, as we're all rapidly learning, the velocity of information flow within a multi-faceted cyber-world almost makes any new written work obsolete the moment it goes to print. But, perhaps more importantly, if the general direction of defining a so-called "comprehensive" work to an arms collector means for it to contain all the minutiae being sought today, not only does such a production have to be updated more regularly, but consist of numerous volumes likely too expensive for all but a few collectors to purchase. The dilemma is a real one for which alternatives are

being experimented with now and will be for some time to come.

One well esteemed and now proven approach to maintaining a continuous stream of unending data was introduced years ago by Al Frasca, noted author of the "Trapdoor" rifle.

After having written or been part of writing two large volumes over a 20-year period, he inaugurated a quarterly newsletter in the summer of 1998 that ultimately became the continuum being sought by collectors for book updates focused on this particular rifle. It was to become a model answer ahead of its time. Literally, the newsletter became the real-time flow of new and updated information and discovery in a form and manner we can all identify with in lieu of rewriting the book(s). Moreover, as leveraged by the contributions of like-minded loyalists recognizing they were engaged in a mutually beneficial self-help project, the newsletter exceeded all expectations. The fact is today...that without these supplemental quarterly newsletters, those in possession of the Hill-Frasca tomes are sorely deficient of having anything approaching a magnum opus. But, even that eventually had to come to an end. Nothing is forever, they say. Eventually, we all grow weary no matter our passion for an undertaking... and in spite of the size of an assisting workforce. For a variety of reasons, the newsletter supplement came to an end after a magnificent 9-year run. In seeking out a more simplified approach, Mr. Frasca is now experimenting with an on-line sharing format.

The foregoing being said, it comes to mind that Frank Mallory has left us not only a great legacy, but a grandiose mechanism with the potential for underwriting an unending continuum of information deemed important to collectors and authors alike. If you've yet to try negotiating the National Archives, you'll soon realize it's not only an arduous task, but the never-ending work of many lifetimes. In this scribe's opinion, no single person can ever

accomplish the manifest vision and mission of the Springfield Research Service. If time is of the essence and the hunt for trivia is to continue uninterrupted and timely, it will necessarily require the services of numerous dedicated individuals each sacrificially carrying a part of the load. I invite the current readership to think about this...perhaps engaging its current publisher in some ideas as to how to make the USMAC work better for everybody in the future.

Editor's notes:

I appreciate the work and thoughts that went into this article. I would like to receive more inputs, data, and comments that would lead to improvements in the MAC.

At the current time, we are working on an in depth book on the 1903 and variants in relation to target, special rifles, and similar weapons that were used for approximately 100 years. Recent data have been found that show star gage weapons for Krags and 1903's and their concurrent use in matches and as regulation arms for various branches of the military. All of the basic work has been finished with many serial numbers, government notes and papers, and many photos and drawings.

We have a major delay concerning a possible legal matter that has been straightened out, but apprehension of many unknowns has put a damper on additional work. A new Krag book is possible as well as a Springfield 45/70 book with new Indian War data. Time and economics dictate their completion.

I have delayed the publication of this MAC issue to solve other written requirements that are associated with old government consulting issues. This is complete and I am back on the MAC trail as well as research at the Archives. I will continue to utilize data based on U.S. Government records. Cheers, and good hunting in future collecting. WPG.

Weekly Reports of M1903 Arms Manufacture

<u>Date</u> <u>Week Ending</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Total</u>
11/14/03	27	27
11/21/03	34	61
11/28/03	70	131
12/05/03	320	451
12/12/03	450	901
12/19/03	600	1501
12/26/03	530	2031
01/02/04	600	2631
01/09/04	610	3241
01/16/04	600	3841
01/23/04	705	4546
01/30/04	800	5346
02/06/04	1031	6377
02/13/04	1051	7428
02/20/04	870	8298
02/27/04	1001	9299
03/05/04	935	10234
03/12/04	1137	11371
03/19/04	990	12361
03/26/04	960	13321
04/02/04	1250	14571

ORDNANCE NOTES

The following charts are Springfield record copies of total production and also an 1904 record.

ABSTRACT F. FABRICATION OF ARMS, Equipments, Appendages, &c.

Year.	MODEL AND SAMPLE ARMS.		Year.	OFFICERS' RIFLES.		LEE GUNS.	Number.	Cost.	Work on Altering and Repairing Spencer Rifles.	Number.	Cost.	Work on Morse Breech-Loader, percussion.	Number.	Cost.	Work on Morse Breech-Loader, percussion.	Number.	Cost.	
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1705	245		1860															
1798	638		1861															
1797	1,028		1868															
1798	1,044		1872															
1799	4,995		1874	27	3	\$130.24												
1800	4,4802		1875	10	10	105.24												
1801	3,206		1876	88	88	305.60	145	\$10,392.00										
1802	4,3558		1877	140	140	3,168.00												
1803	4,775		1878	1	1	5,010.00												
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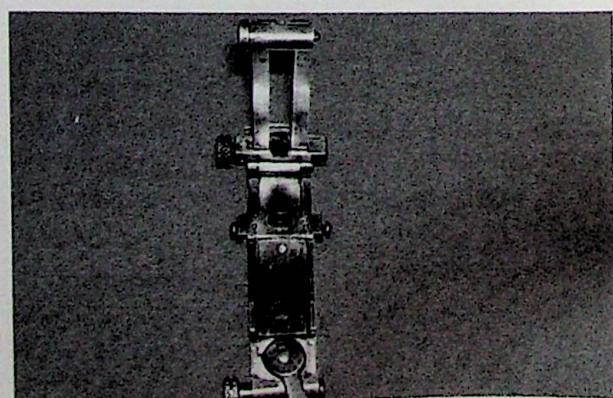
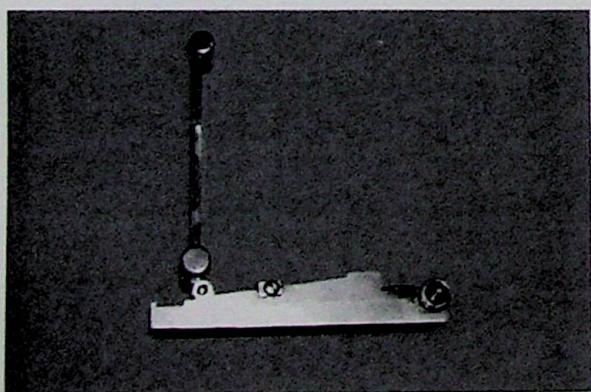
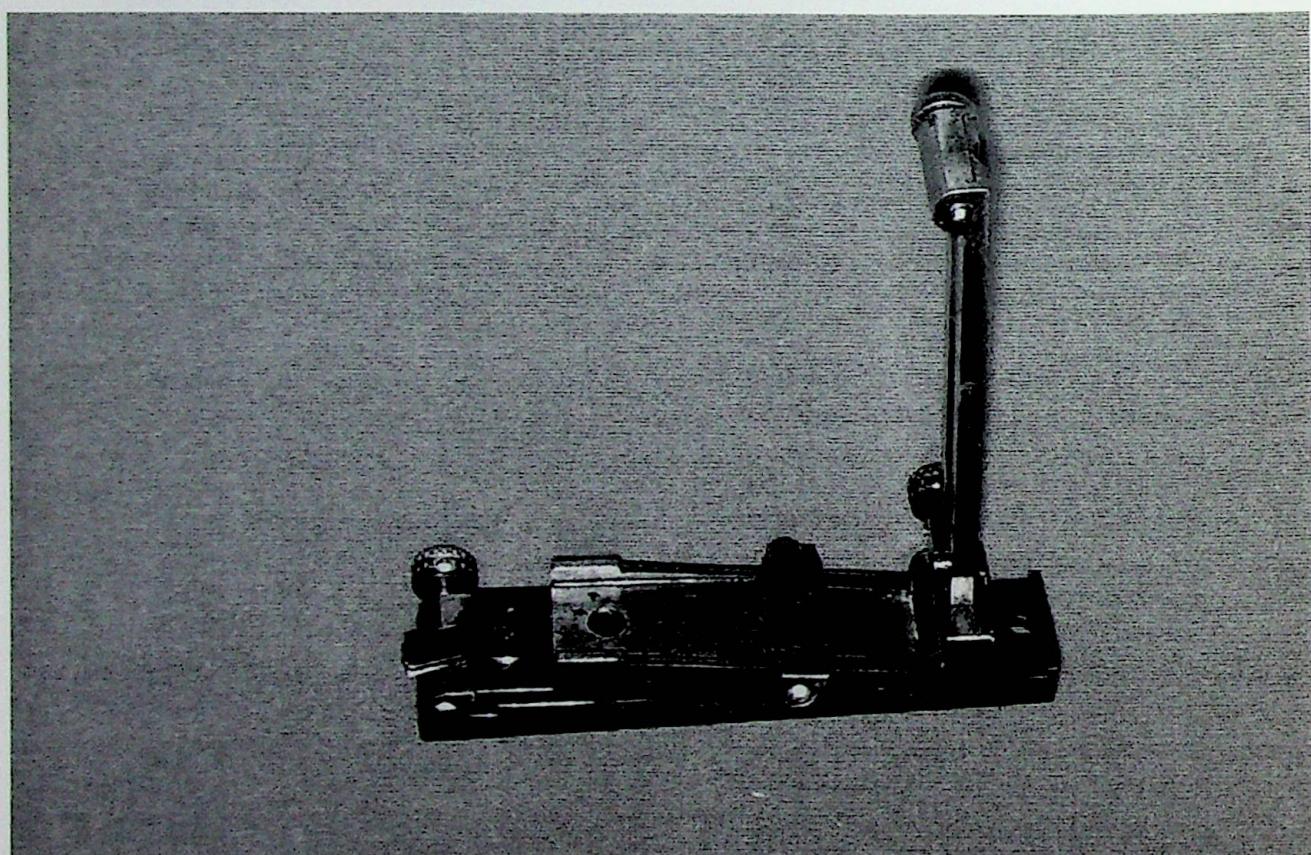
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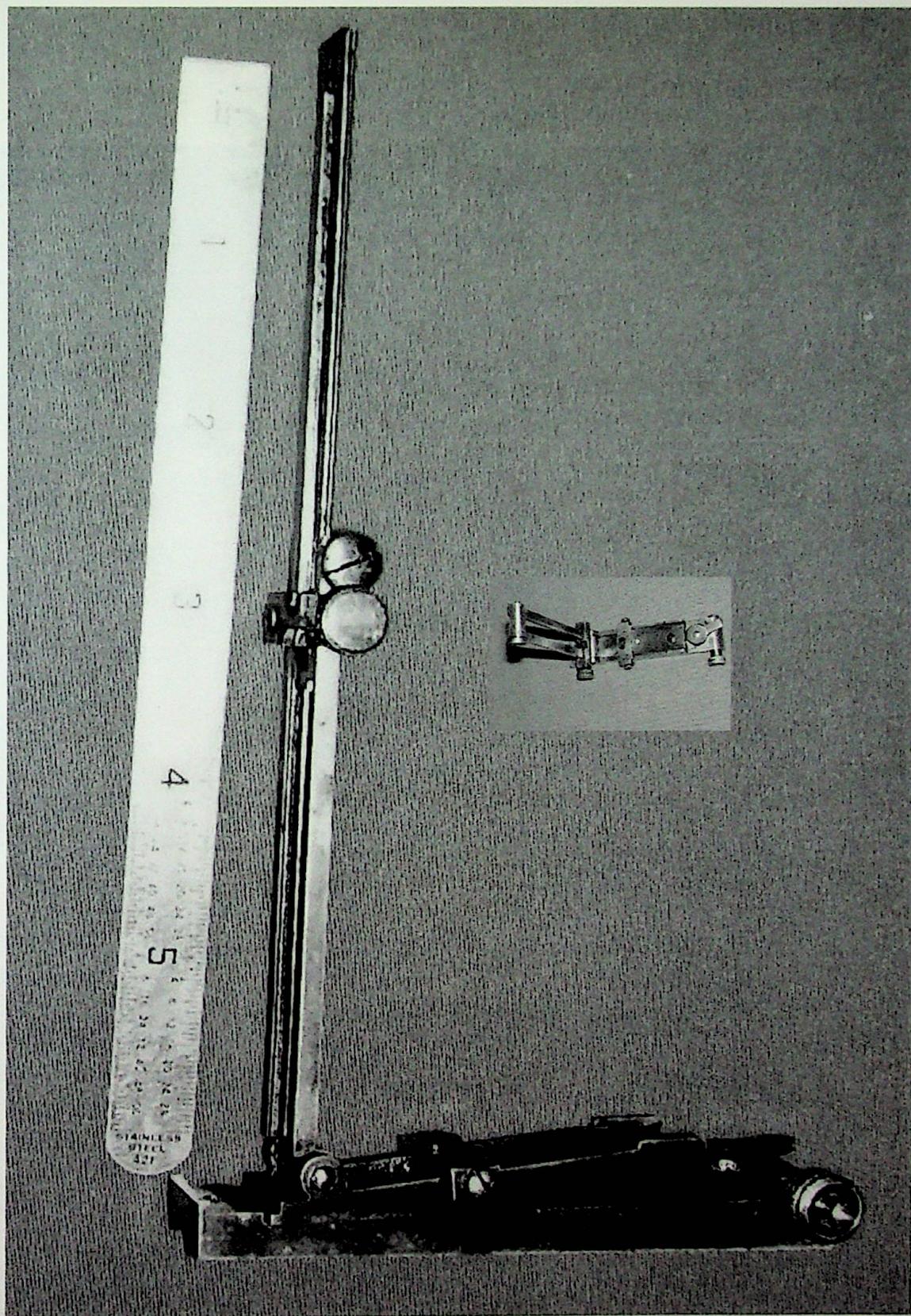
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SPECIAL LONG RANGE KRAG REAR SIGHT

The following rear sight is a very rare example of a Krag rifle sight. Models have been observed that were made by Springfield and possibly commercial manufacturers. SRS has some drawings in our data base.

The sight had two purposes that are known: one thousand yard shooting; and volley fire. This example is the most complicated and well made of those observed. SRS photographed the sight courtesy of Silas Messer.

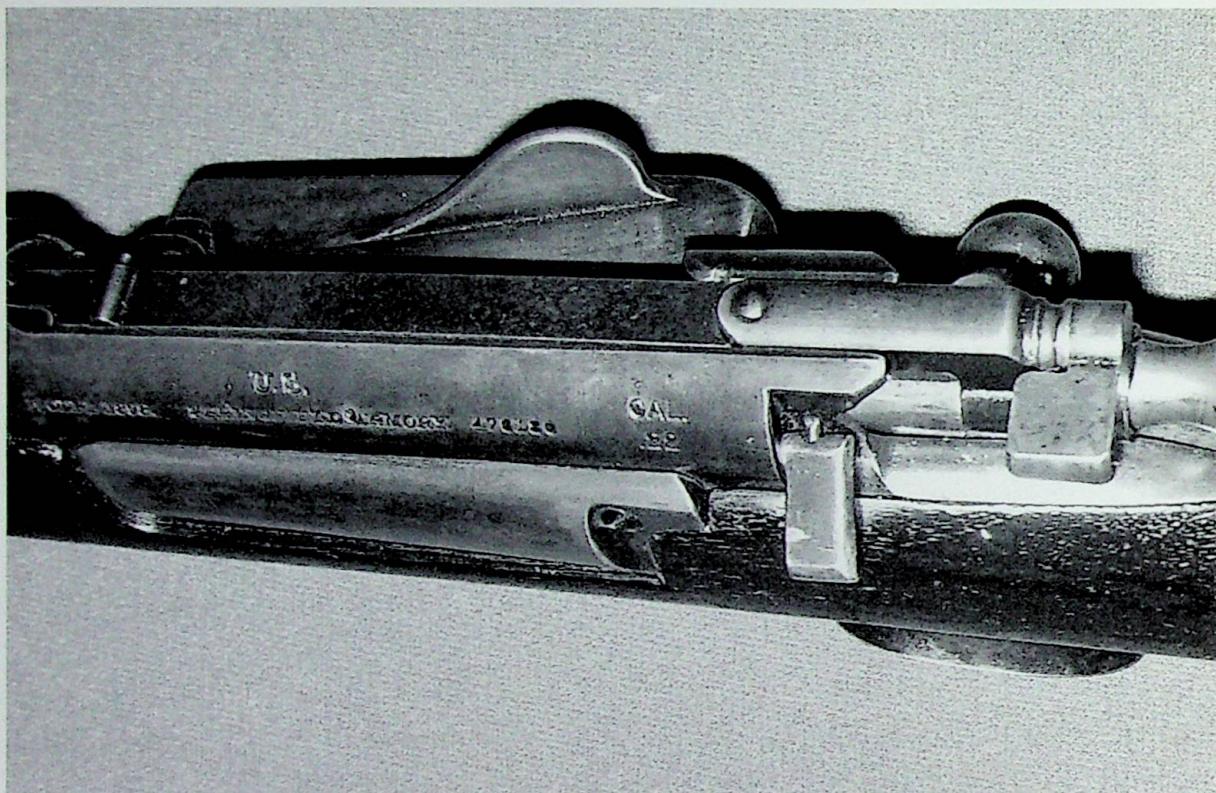


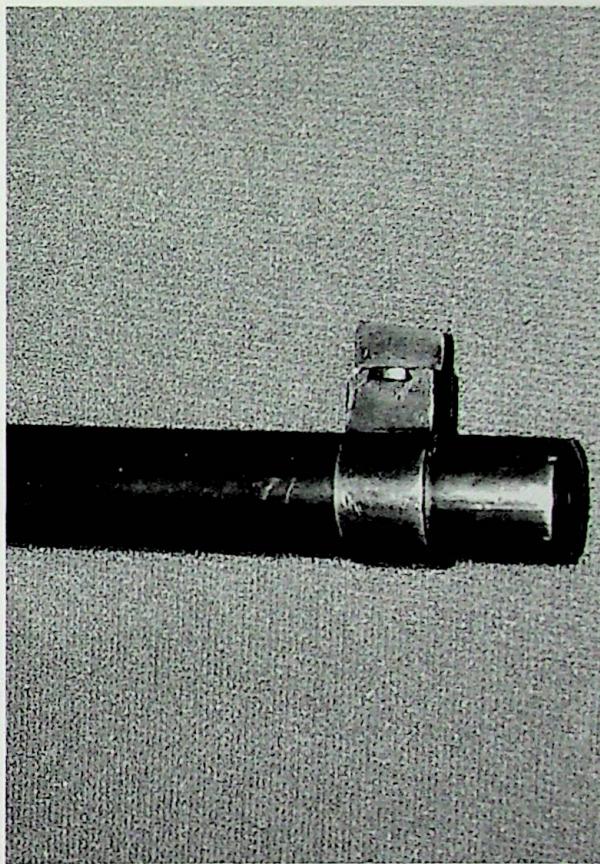
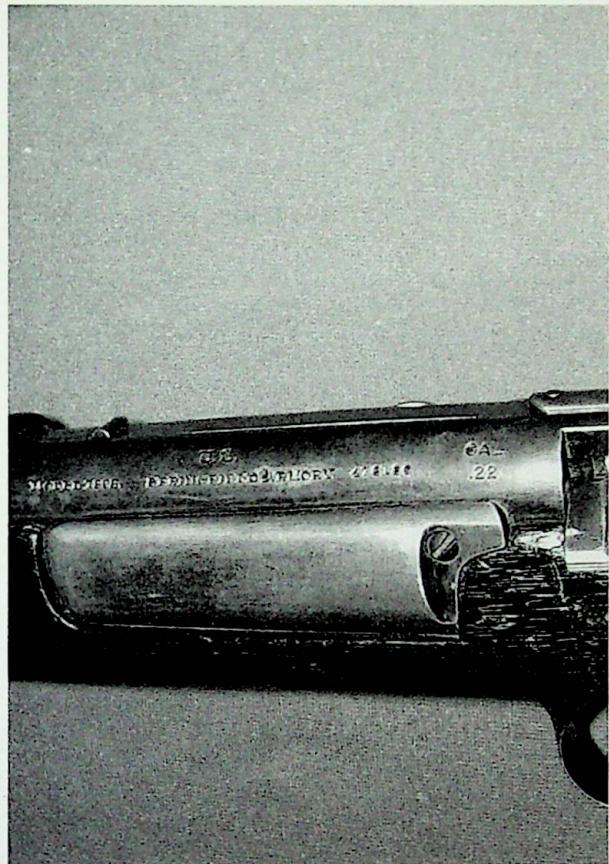


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MODEL 1898 GALLERY PRACTICE 22 RIFLE

Krag rifle as made by Springfield Armory for 22 Caliber practice.
Photos taken by SRS courtesy of Frank Pagano.





Please notice front: sight (altered by removing front stud and adding a machined sight assembly); stock markings (USWV and other numbers –no information on usage or markings); caliber 22 markings; hole for extractor receiver stud; and receiver has cut out for shell ejection on right side. The rifle is in very nice condition and has the non standard features of sight and markings. Editor.

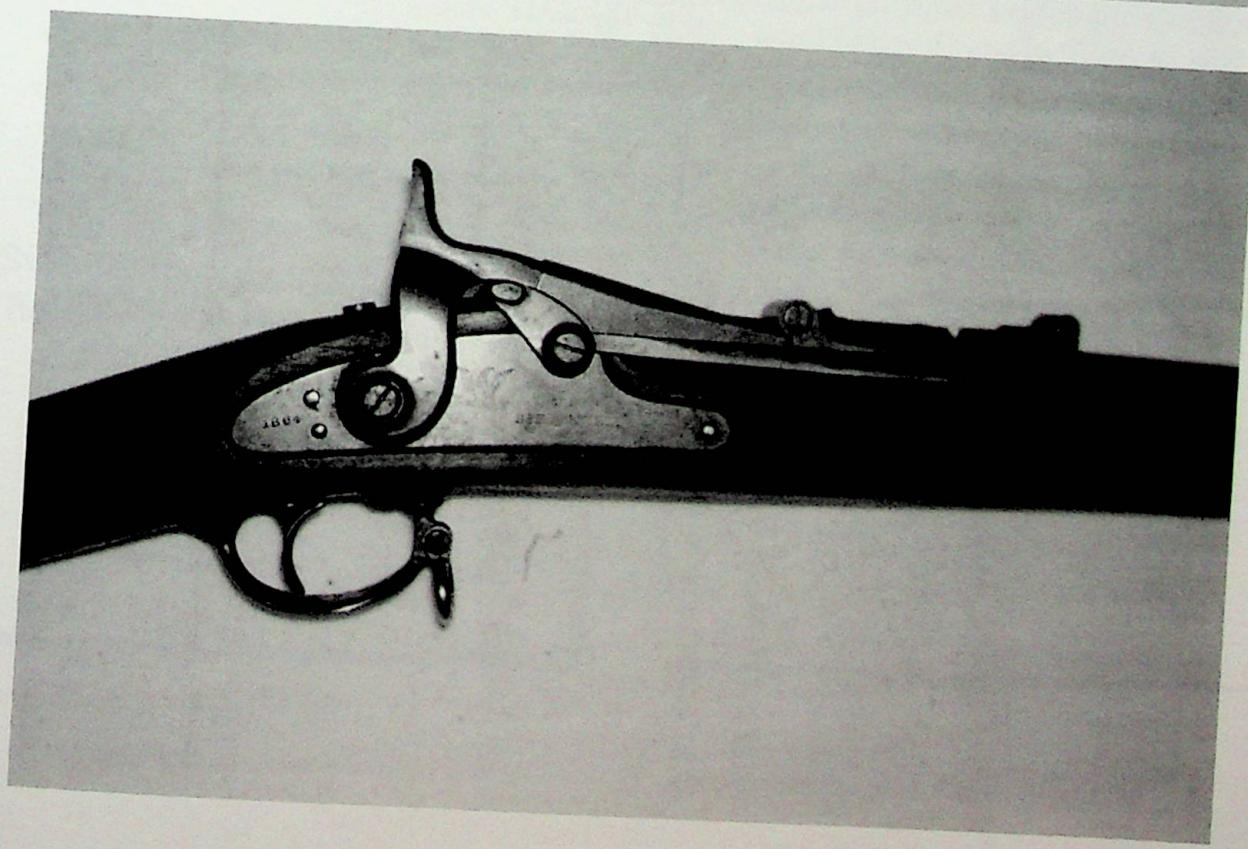
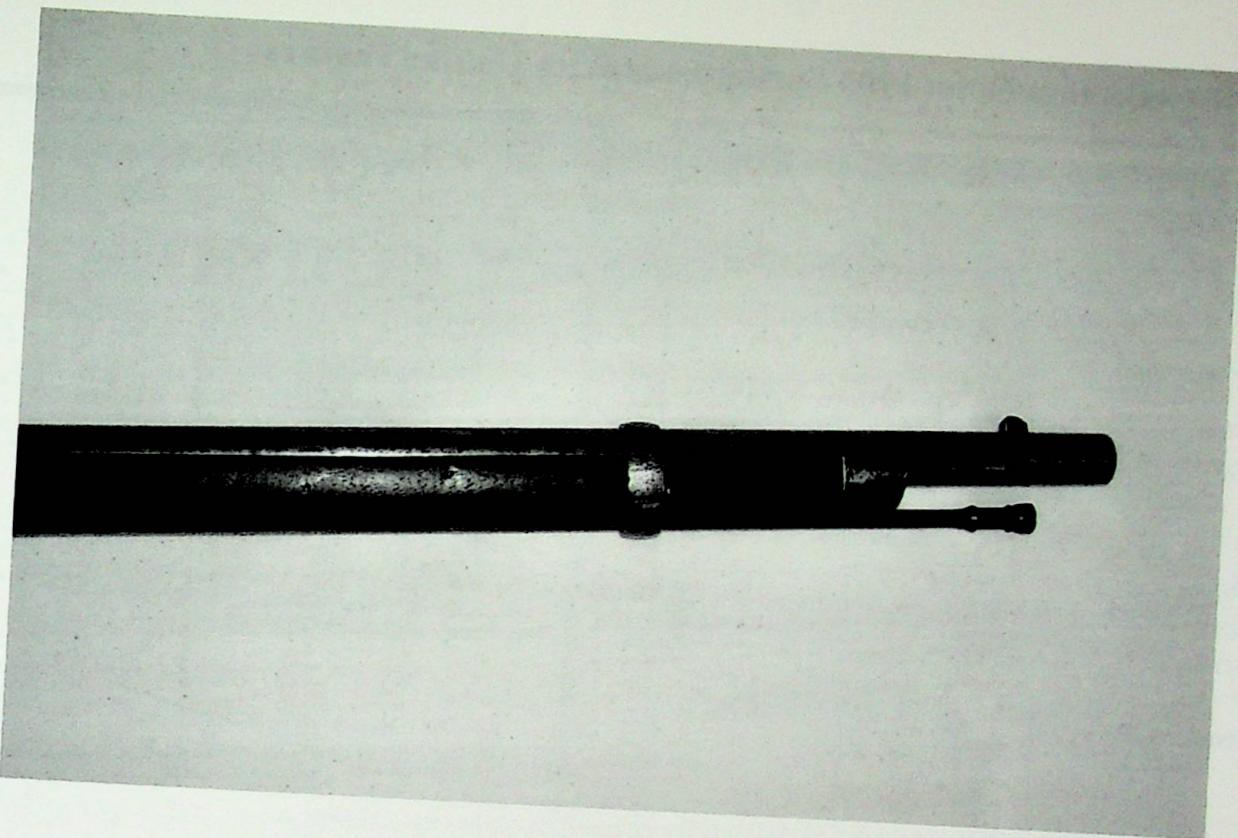
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SPRINGFIELD SECOND ALLIN RIFLE

The following musket is a sale product offered by an American Store. The Bowman Department Store of Harrisburg, Pa. offered U.S. surplus muskets to the public. A rare purchase that survived with the unique brass plate with company name.

Courtesy: Ed Ponchock





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Collectors Note: 1903 Springfields With Unique Features



December 23, 1932.

SUBJECT: Miscellaneous non-standard types of U. S. Rifles, Caliber .30, M1903 on hand at Springfield Armory.

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

1. In connection with Ordnance Department Bulletin No. 37, September 27, 1932, the following miscellaneous non-standard types of U. S. Rifles, Cal. .30, M1903, are on hand at this Armory:-

Serviceable Unserviceable

77		Fitted for telescope musket sight
38		with "SB" stocks
1		with Cutts compensator
1		with Experimental recoil check
6		fitted for Stevens sight
5		with laminated stocks
17	3	with Lyman receiver sights
16	10	with Nash receiver sights
147	22	with winder tube sight
23		with battle sights
	1	with Harringer sight
	1	with Harkom sight
	21	with Lyman-Warner battle sight
	6	with Lyman receiver sights and hooded front sight
	2	with special sights
	4	with Warner objective sight
133	4	with Maxim silencers
911	3450	Mark I

2. One or more of each of these types of rifles are now in the Museum at this Armory and disposition instructions are requested.

3. It is thought that all of these rifles could be overhauled on our regular Overhaul order, Ord. 9033.

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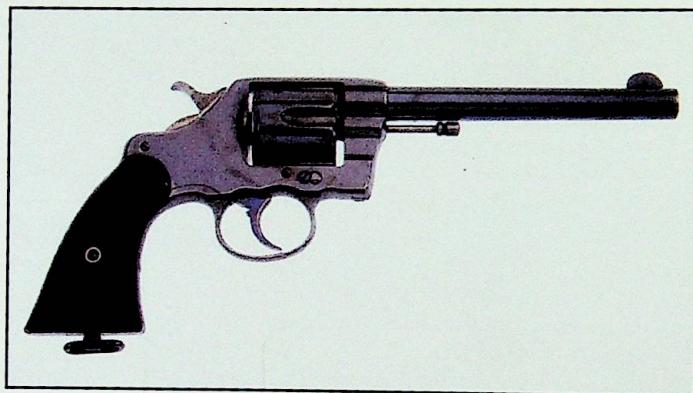
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