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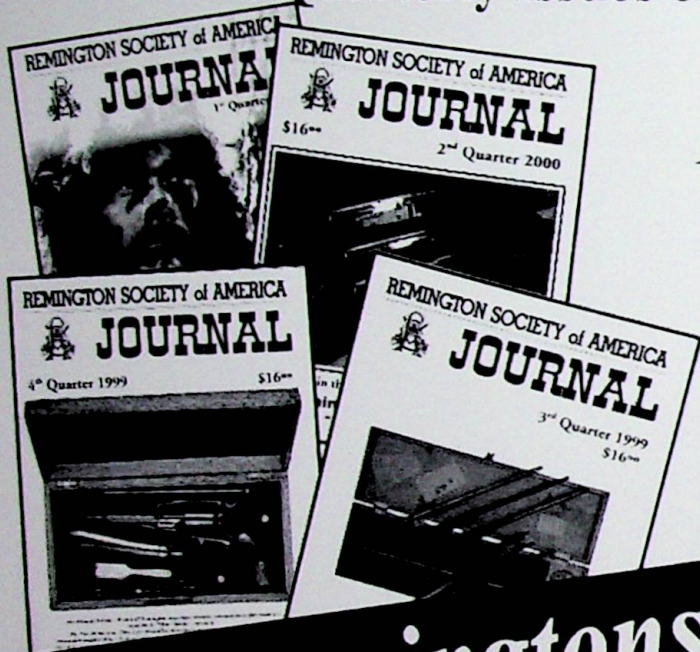
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## MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Gun-related political activities continue with additional hearings in Congress during the weeks before the heavy budget and debt ceiling discussions. There have been hearings and arguments in both the Congress and Senate. The BATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) activities have been hotly contested in the Congress.

*The following is direct information from the House Oversight Committee during Congressional Hearings in July 2011. The data has been copied from the official Congressional sources.*

(July 2011) In December 2010, Agent Terry was shot and killed while on patrol 14 miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border near Rio Rico, Ariz., during an armed confrontation with suspected criminals. Prior to joining the U.S. Border Patrol, Agent Terry served in the U.S. Marine Corps and served as a police officer in Michigan.

Agent Terry's murder is linked to Operation Fast and Furious, a reckless program where federal law enforcement agencies knowingly allowed the trafficking of illegally purchased weapons into Mexico, arming drug cartels. The Oversight and Government Reform Committee is conducting an ongoing investigation to determine which U.S. officials are responsible for creating and authorizing the deadly program.

The bill, H.R. 2668, the "Brian A. Terry Memorial Act," has 52 Democratic and Republican cosponsors including principal

cosponsor Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-Md.), Ranking Member of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

The station, located at 2136 S. Naco Highway, is located in the district of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-Ariz.) and is only the second border patrol station to be named for a fallen agent. The Border Patrol's Murrieta, Calif., station is named in honor of Agents Theodore L. Newton, Jr. and George F. Azrak, two agents killed on duty in 1967, by an earlier act authored by Rep. Issa.

### *Chairman Darrell Issa Hearing Preview Statement*

Tuesday's hearing (July 28) of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will examine the effects of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) program dubbed "Operation Fast and Furious." Specifically, we will review the impact of this program on our neighbor to the south, on our agents working in, and on the people of Mexico.

The Committee's task today is serious, and the Administration's effort to impede this investigation slows our work to make public the truth of an acknowledged—and failed—operation. The Acting Director of the ATF, in a transcribed interview with investigators, has said that the Justice Department is trying to push all of this away from its political appointees. That is not the response this Committee, Congress and the public, should expect from the 'most transparent Administration in history.'

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In this hearing, lawmakers will hear firsthand from field agents who have worked in Mexico for years and who were systematically kept in the dark by officials in Phoenix and at headquarters about the real nature and scope of "Operation Fast and Furious." The Committee will also hear testimony from ATF supervisors who chose to allow weapons to flow from illegal sales in the United States directly into the hands of Mexican drug cartels—without interception or interdiction.

To date, President Obama has been keen to talk about who didn't know about the program and who didn't authorize it. These answers will not suffice. The American people have a right to know—once and for all—who did authorize it and who knew about it.

Working with our counterpart in this investigation, Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), the Committee will remain focused on these basic questions and pursue the trail of truth to the highest levels of government. We owe the men and women in law enforcement nothing less because it is their lives on the line.

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#### **Witnesses**

Mr. Carlos Canino

ATF Acting Attaché to Mexico

Mr. Darren Gil

Former ATF Attaché to Mexico

Mr. Jose Wall

ATF Senior Special Agent

Tijuana, Mexico

Mr. Lorren Leadmon

ATF Intelligence Operations Specialist

Mr. William Newell

Former ATF Special Agent in Charge

Phoenix Field Division

Mr. William McMahon

ATF Deputy Assistant Director for Field Operations

(West, including Phoenix and Mexico)

#### **Chairman Darrell Issa Hearing Preview Statement**

**June 15, 2011**

Wednesday's hearing of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, entitled "Operation Fast and Furious: Reckless Decisions, Tragic Outcomes," will focus on an irresponsible program that allowed guns to be trafficked into the hands of known criminals along our border with Mexico. The Committee is engaged in an ongoing investigation to determine who ultimately authorized the program, who knew about it, and why it took the murder of a 40-year old border patrol agent and a congressional inquiry before administration officials cancelled it.

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When Senator Chuck Grassley and I first learned of this program earlier this year, it stretched the limits of credulity to think that a federal law enforcement agency charged with rooting out criminals involved in smuggling would actually facilitate the transfer of guns to armed cartels that would kill innocent civilians and at least one federal agent.

The American people have a right to know what really happened. We have learned that ATF field agents strongly objected to the program, but that their opposition was dismissed.

The deadly effect of Operation Fast and Furious could have been prevented. At Wednesday's hearing, the Committee will hear firsthand testimony of how this program has devastated the family of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry. When Brian Terry was murdered in December, two assault rifles linked to Operation Fast and Furious were found at the scene of the crime. Additionally, Members will have an opportunity to hear from ATF agents who saw the risk, opposed the program, and have come forward to tell Americans about what happened and how they struggled with it.

## **Witnesses**

### *Panel I*

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley

Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary

U.S. Senate

### *Panel II*

Josephine Terry

Mother of Late Border Agent Brian Terry

Michelle Terry Balogh

Sister of Late Border Agent Brian Terry

Robert Heyer

Cousin of Late Border Agent Brian Terry

John Dodson

Special Agent, Phoenix Field Division

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Olindo "Lee" Casa

Special Agent, Phoenix Field Division

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Peter Forcelli

Group Supervisor, Phoenix Field Division

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

### *Panel III*

Ronald Weich

Assistant Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

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## **CURRENT ARMS MARKET**

We continue to receive data on documented arms. There have been quite a few that are rare or have been used in historic events. Springfield trap door models have shown up from early military units that have been in the Indian Wars in the United States. These weapons are both carbines and rifles. Often, we have traced the weapon back to a battle or skirmish and have documents on the use by Amer Indians, and the return of the weapon to a military unit. Often, we have located the Indian's name and how it was recovered by the military along with other items such as blankets, ponies, and historic items. There have been cases where we found the name of the original army soldier and his enlistment papers, the Amer Indian that used it and the history of combat in the Western United States. We have also found some records on repairs and rebuilding of a weapon to upgraded standards.

SRS is currently researching a Sharps carbine from the Monocacy River battle near Frederick, Maryland. This July 9, 1864, battle and later fighting were very historic. The Monocacy battle is also listed as the battle that saved Washington when General Jubel Early (Confederate) charged south to Washington, D.C. He was finally stopped by reinforced Union troops from an extensive list of units that were hurriedly assembled and shipped to Washington. The Sharps carbine was in the hands of the tenant farming family on the Best farm from the days of the battle until about 1990.

Many weapons are showing up from all sources including auctions, gun shows, estates, and gun shops. Many are

unknown unless a buyer has specific data on the serial number or knowledge of its unique characteristics.

## **RECENT RESEARCH**

SRS has been busy in areas of Springfield trap door rifles and carbines with their early parts, serial numbers, and different parts according to date of manufacture and upgrades. This is also true of 1903 heavy barrel rifles, 1903A3 models, and sniper rifles. This will continue in the future as there is a continual flow of data becoming available. It is still taking more time to visit government facilities and it takes more time to revisit previous documents. In many cases older documents cannot be found and may be lost. There is no way to quickly visit the U.S. Archives and search for a serial number. Many times it takes 2 or more visits and this is limiting our searches and costing more in time and travel. There is no solution to shorten the time at this point.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Please look at the number on your magazine envelope. The number is the last issue for your subscription. We are at the mercy of the post office and have experienced delays. Our only quality control is an email from our subscribers. We always send a letter advising our subscribers of their expiration date. We are examining the possibility of emailing an expiration notice. Any ideas are appreciated. This current issue is number 128 dated September 2011. Number 129 is scheduled for December. Please email if you have any questions or comments.

The current year of 2011 will have issues 126, 127, 128, and 129.

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Our advertising deadlines are the last week of the month that is prior to our new issue. At this time we are standardizing our issues to March, June, September, and December for each year.

### **RARE WEAPONS**

There are still many rare weapons showing up for sale from all sources. It is unknown the exact reason but the obvious ones are liquidation of collections, older collectors selling large collections, knowledge of the cost of many weapons based on many publications, and the use of auctions throughout the United States.

SRS does not provide cost evaluations of individual weapons nor any request to verify authentic without seeing the weapon. We are working on this issue and will try to formulate a procedure.

### **RESEARCH DATA**

Quite often, we receive an inquiry concerning a search for data that can be matched to a serial number. We only use United States Archive or military documents that can be verified. We do not use third-party letters or notes concerning the giving of a weapon from one person to another. We have received inquiries that have a factory letter saying that a weapon was sent to the U.S. Military. We may not be able to find a factual document stating that the weapon was used by a specific person or a specific unit. If there are no documents available, there is no way that we can write a letter. Our research continues but it takes months and years.

### **SPRINGFIELD RESEARCH LETTERS**

We are writing letters for our subscribers, and extensive research takes more time. We will continue and our back-up varies from month to month. A letter may take several months to complete. It is a matter of searching all available sources and relying on government personnel. One cannot order several different groups of documents and in most cases only a single group, and we can only look at one box at a time. We must wait in line for a time to address a new box and only look at it after the previous one is returned.

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 or combat operations. That data requires us to travel and perform research through extensive visits at government facilities. Basic letters are \$ 50. We can also supply data on a sales rifle. If a copy of the Springfield document is included, the cost will be \$ 65. Additional documentation will require additional research and charges.

Research letter -This letter requires travel to government facilities and research of government records. It takes a minimum of one day of analysis and most often 2 or more days. We can only do a limited number of research letters per year. The more valuable weapons require this type of effort. All of our searches are done by serial number.



There is no way to do any other procedure without many days of searching. Completion of the search is based on time and availability to visit the government facilities as well as their regulations. Additional data will be listed on our web as it becomes available. The cost is \$ 175.00 for standard arms. There are additional costs for most early Colts used in the Civil War and by the 1st Cavalry (Spanish American War), 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and other unique units. The costs will run from \$ 250, with additional costs for other relative documents.

#### **COMMENTS AND INPUTS**

Please send inquiries and questions to: editor@usmartialarmscollector.com  
An inquiry can be made by mail to SRS Box 126, Cabin John, MD 20818. This may take an extended time to look up the number and send a letter by mail.

#### **SPRINGFIELD RESEARCH DATA BASE**

We are reviewing more ways to manage the data base and provide service. On-line service is still an option. We have received many inputs and are always interested in your inputs.  
SRS and US Martial Arms Collector Web site is: usmartialarmscollector.com  
All of our products are only available to our subscribers and are mailed from:  
U.S. Martial Arms Collector, Box 126, Cabin John, MD 20818.

#### **BACK ISSUES OF THE U.S. MARTIAL ARMS COLLECTOR MAGAZINES.**

The older newsletters (number 1 through 54) must be obtained by special request. Issues number 55 through 127 are

available for \$ 10 each postpaid. There are several issued that have run out. Order from U.S. Martial Arms Collector Box 126, Cabin John, MD 20818.

#### **KRAG RIFLE STORY**

Original new (1999 updated) editions with serial numbers are available for \$ 100 postpaid. They are limited in number and are below costs posted by many book dealers. They are available for subscribers only.

#### **COVER**

The cover photo is a Model 1892 Colt DA Army revolver. Caliber 38 with 6 inch barrel with all original matching numbers.

#### **DATA ON BOOKS**

All SRS manuals will be copies of original government documents. We are still behind in this area.

#### **LETTERS WRITTEN DURING THIS PERIOD**

Spencer Carbine serial number 31380  
The Model 1860 Carbine was issued to Company D, 6<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteer Cavalry.

Springfield Model 1884 Rifle serial number 84136. The Rifle was issued was issued to Private Hugh Martin of Company D, 6<sup>th</sup> California Volunteer Infantry.  
Private Martin volunteered for duty in 1898.

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He was born in New York and age 31. He joined the Army in Fort Point, California.

M 1903 Springfield, serial number 1,460,700: Model 1903, Springfield National Match, 1938. New With Target And Stargauge Record Card. June 16, 1938.

Springfield Model 1884 Rifle serial number 468,680. The Model 1884 Rifle was issued to Company M, 10<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry in 1898.

Springfield Experimental Model 1884 Rifle serial number 321,110. The Model 1884 Experimental Rifle was issued to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry at Fort Mackinac on August 5, 1887. (Also listed in 45/70 reference books).

U.S. Colt Model 1917, serial number 6,851. Revolver, Caliber .45, Serial Number 6, 851 was at U.S. Army Ft. George D. Meade, Maryland. It was shipped from the U.S. Springfield Armory, Springfield, Massachusetts. March 1, 1938.

U.S. Sharps Carbine serial number C 14,097, issued to Company E 7<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Cavalry. October 1, 1864.

U.S. Springfield 1903 Rifle, serial number 1,314,411, Cal. 30, Style T. Sold to Olaf Otto, Jr., Savannah, GA. January 13, 1931.

U.S. Springfield 1903 Rifle, serial number 1,273,042. Rifle, Cal. 30, National Match, U.S. Springfield. Sold to F.T. Ewald, Brooklyn, NY. March 4, 1929.

Model 1903 Rifle, Cal. 30, U.S. (Sporting Model). Number 1,317,745. Sold to Captain G. H. Stuts, F. A. Ft Francis E. Warren, Wyoming. February 18, 1930.

U.S. Model 1903 Rifle, Cal. 30, U.S. National Match, Serial Number 1, 282,745. Sold to William Troeger, Ridgewood, New Jersey. May 12, 1929.

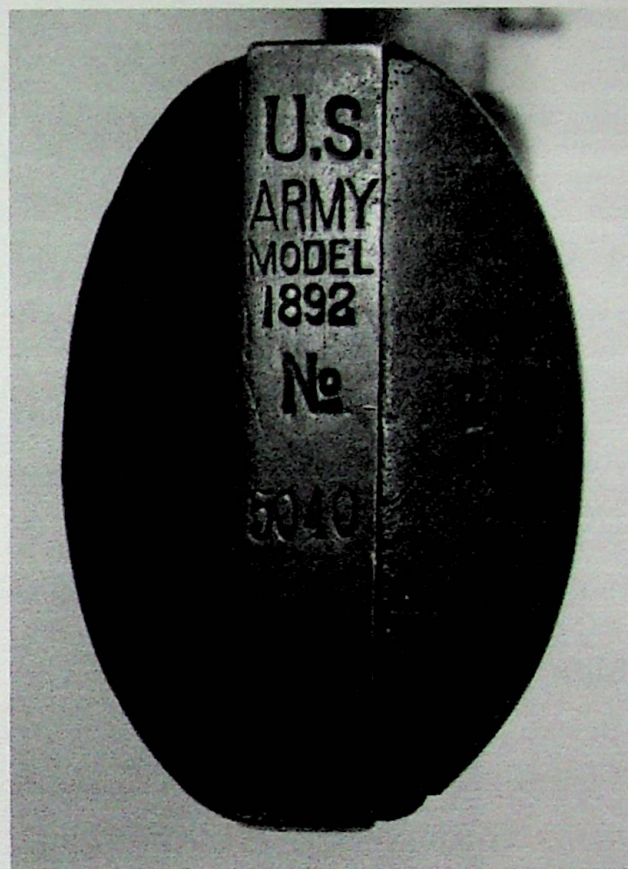


## COLT MODEL 1892 DA ARMY REVOLVER

The Colt 1892 revolver shown is serial number 5040 with military markings and matching numbers. The walnut grips are marked with the RAC inspection mark of Rinaldo A. Carr. The frame, cylinder, barrel, yolk, and cylinder latch are all marked 5040. The 6 inch barrel is marked Colts PT FA MFG CO HARTFORD CT. U.S.A.

PATENTED AUG 5th 1884 NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 1888. This revolver is one of the early Army models with no lanyard swivel. There were quite a few variations in this weapon area with upgrades and arsenal and Colt conversions, as modifications were approved and implemented.

The SRS data base has a Model 1889 Navy with serial number 5040 shipped on January 14, 1896. Unfortunately we have no records on number 5040 Model 1892 Army. There are records of similar 1892 Army Colts being in records for the class of 1908 and 1910 at the U.S. Military Academy and other Army issue. They are in the general serial number numbering areas, but exact numbers are unique to the use and assignment to a specific unit. The revolvers in this general area were made in quite a few different models used by the Army, Navy and other services. They were used in many parts of the world as well as United States conflicts and wars. These models were also manufactured for the commercial trade with many delivered to other countries.



*DA ARMY Model 1892 Butt Markings with serial number, RAC inspection, and US Army markings.*

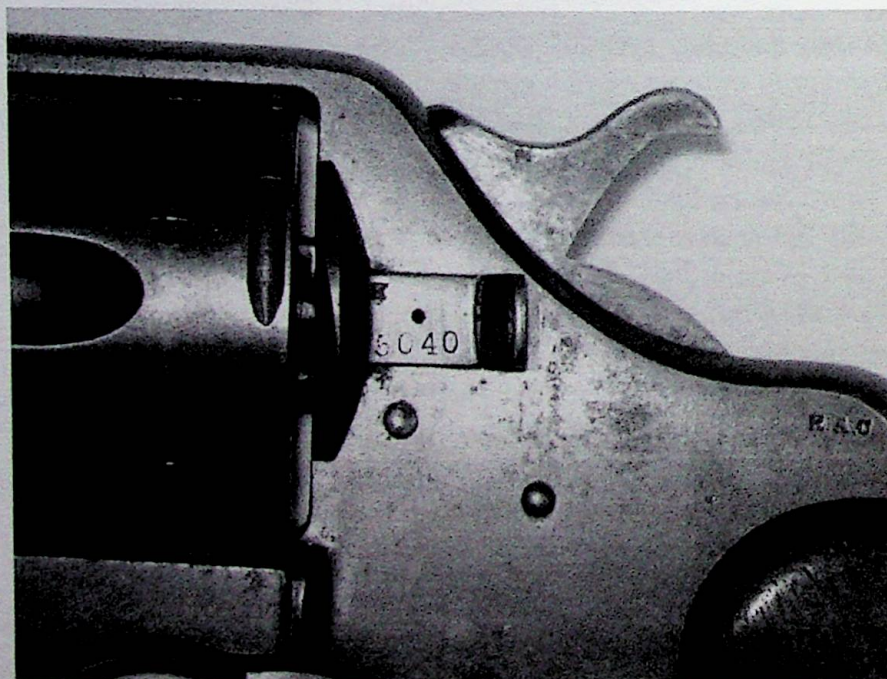
*There was no provision for a swivel on this early model.*

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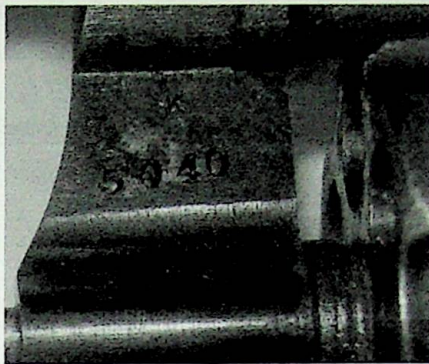
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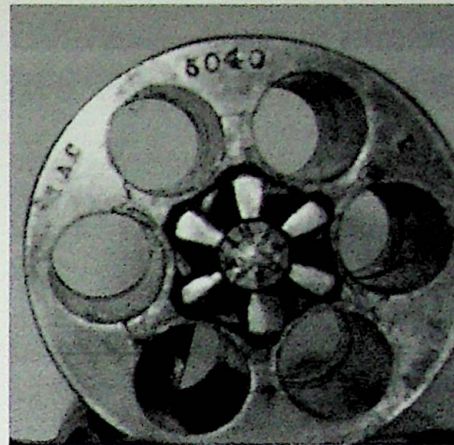
Left Side Serial Number With K Sub Inspector and RAC Marking.

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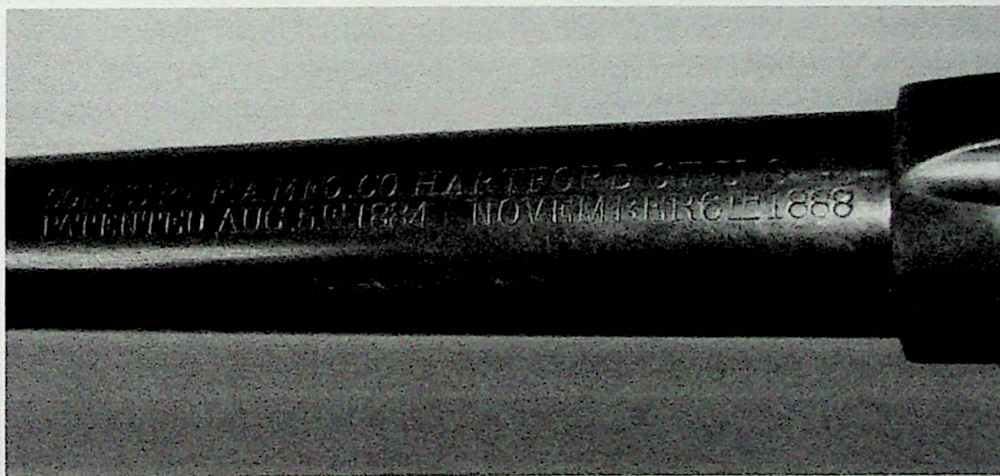




Crane Serial Number.(number is also on  
Frame Facing Crane.

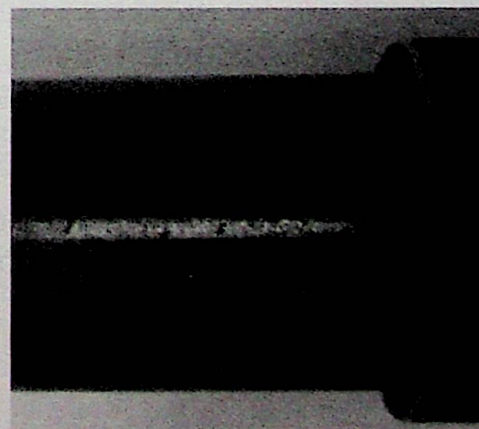


Cylinder Markings.



Barrel  
Markings And Dates.

Serial Number, Bottom Of Barrel.





## LETTERS RECEIVED AND ANSWERED

The last issue I received was Number 127 (June 2011). Please let me know if I need to renew my subscription.

*Thank you for the email. We have had several power outages and may have lost your information. We are searching for your past subscription data and will contact you. Please let me know if you have your last renewal date. Editor.*

Your research service is mentioned in a book by John Kopec (Colt Cavalry & Artillery Revolvers) as a resource to obtain information on the service history of a Colt SAA. I have a Colt SAA that the Colt Archive has verified was manufactured as a martial colt but at some time in its service history was "altered" or remade into a "Artillery" model with the shortened 5½ barrel and mixed serial numbers.

I would like to trace as much history as a can on the (3) mixed serial numbers on the revolver including the Frame – ser no# 131729.

*Thank you for the inquiry. We would look forward to having you as a subscriber. We offer no charge look ups to see if we have any data on your serial number. Editor.*

I am interested in subscribing, however, I am trying to find out if you are still in business? The website still refers to 2010 orders and that you will be taking CC's in 2010, yet there does not appear to be a place to pay via CC. Are you still doing this? If not, do you want to sell your database and past publications? Thanks, came across this email address as a possible source of information on military arms.

*We have continually published all issues of the US Martial Arms Collector and have provided letters that we have data to research and complete. No data base data is for sale. Editor.*

My father has left me a M1903a3 Springfield .30-06. It is in, what I would consider, excellent condition, with almost all of the cartouche stamps visible including: Remington Arms RA, smoke cloud, and 9-43 on the barrel snout, Remington Arms RA on the left of the stock Frank J Atwell FJA on the left of the stock. Test Fired circled P near the footplate. The weapon is serial number 4082269 which places (based on my research) it in the November 1943 production run. Anything you could tell me about this weapon would be greatly appreciated.

*Please send \$35 for a subscription to our magazine. Thanks, Editor*

.I recently acquired a pistol which seems to fit the description of those used in Canadian Military Service During the early 1900's. It has what appears to be a battalion marking on the frame at the rear of the pistol in between the grips. I was hoping that there was a way to find out if this pistol was used in Canadian Military Service and if possible by who (person or unit). If you are unable to answer this request, I would greatly appreciate any suggestion on where I might look next. Of course I could be wrong- it is identical (except the markings) to photos of a 4825 Colt Model 1917 US ARMY Revolver seen

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[//www.cowanauctions.com/auctions/item.aspx?ItemId=37418](http://www.cowanauctions.com/auctions/item.aspx?ItemId=37418).

*We have very little information on Canadian arms. Please let me know the serial number. Our subscription data has been forwarded to you. Editor.*

Regarding S/N - It is a Colt "receiver only" 1911 manufactured in 1916. Want to purchase whatever information you have for it. Just let me know the cost and who address the check to. Regarding the 1911 back issues - Sounds like there could be several. Is there someplace on your website that summarizes what might be in each issue? If not I can hold off.

*Thank you for the inquiry. We provide no charge look ups for our subscribers The data is on the web site. It would take us quite a while to sort out various articles on the 1911. It may be in the future, but not at this time. Thanks, Editor.*

The rifle is Serial No. 65,969, 31 cuts and notches on butt, old initials JR, presumably the user and his record of victims in the Civil War, any chance of identifying the unit which used the weapon. ( Regards from Tarporley, England.

*I am afraid that we cannot help without more data.  
(a serial number is incorrect).*

Are you still doing research?  
Cabelas.

*More than ever and we are behind in research and letters. US Martial Arms*

*Collector is coming out with our December issue next time. Editor.*

Read your article on the Model 1922 rifle in the #127 U.S. Martial Arms Collector. I have a 1922 rifle that was once a target rifle. Serial #1825 I believe it was re barreled. Barrel date is 25. It has the correct Lyman 48 rear sight ( 1 minute click adjustments ) It has the original magazine and stock. The original trigger is modified with a small screw to make it adjustable. The bolt is correct for the rifle, but it has a cocking knob like an O3. My question is if this rifle is worth looking into.

*We do not have data on that number, but any original 1922 is scarce and in demand. Many rifles were sold to organizations and individuals and, the Army will not release the data. Thanks, Editor.*

The letter for my M2 Springfield rifle may not be correct. It is a Model M2 and not a Model M11. Please advise.

*You are correct. Our data is for an M1 with modifications. We located a 22 Springfield rifle marked M11 and used that data. Your M2 is not in our records. The M2's also had their own numbering system that has duplications with earlier models. This causes questions among Springfield collectors when searching serial number markings. It causes many questions concerning bolt types, stocks, parts and finish. It appears that some collectors have more than 1 Springfield 22 training rifle with the same number. Sorry for the mistake. We are sending a refund. Editor.*

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## M1 GARAND NOTE

Garand Accessory pouch made of plastic  
with a snap cover. Marked D39847

BA1944.

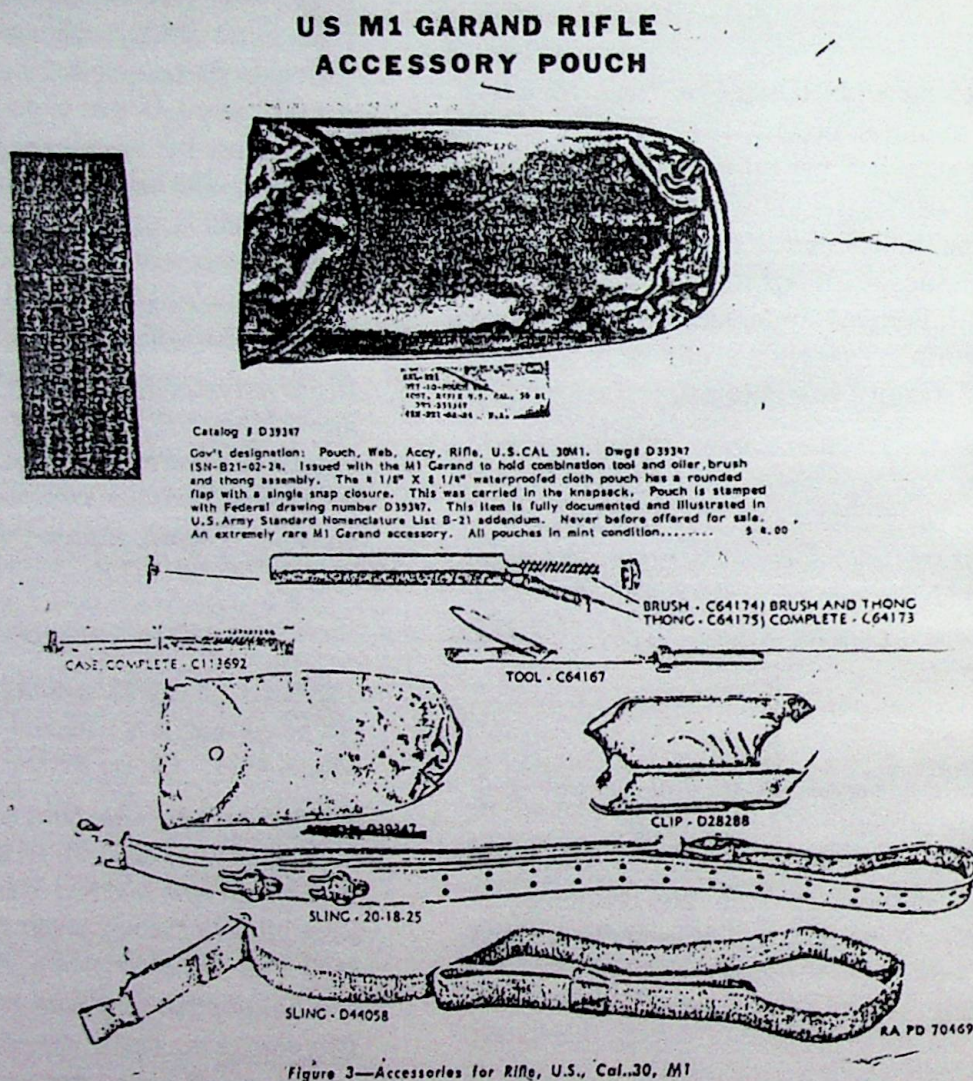
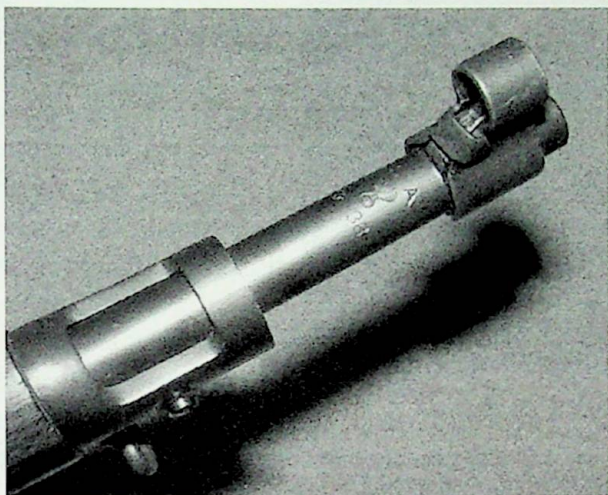


Figure 3—Accessories for Rifle, U.S., Cal..30, M1

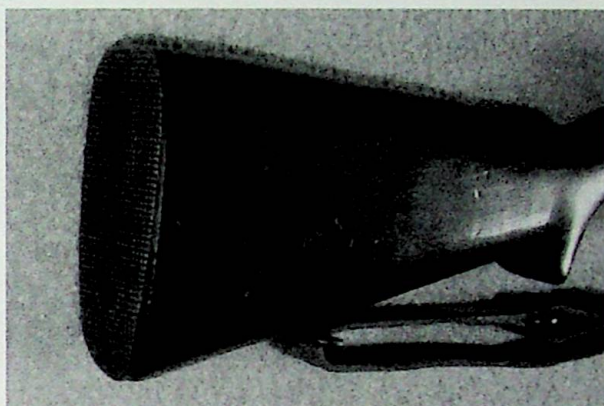


## USMC 1941 SNIPER MODEL

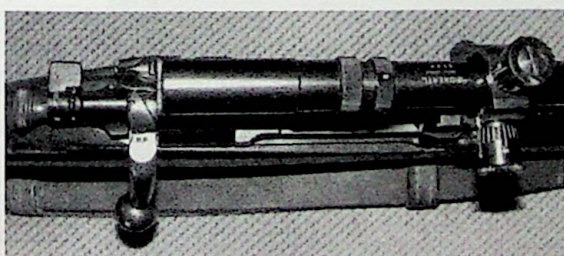
The following data is a sample of a 1941, Model 1903 Springfield modified to a sniper variation with Unertl scope, Unertl O and E sight blocks, modified hand guard, blued bolt, and C type stock. *Photos courtesy of Gerry Lesak.*



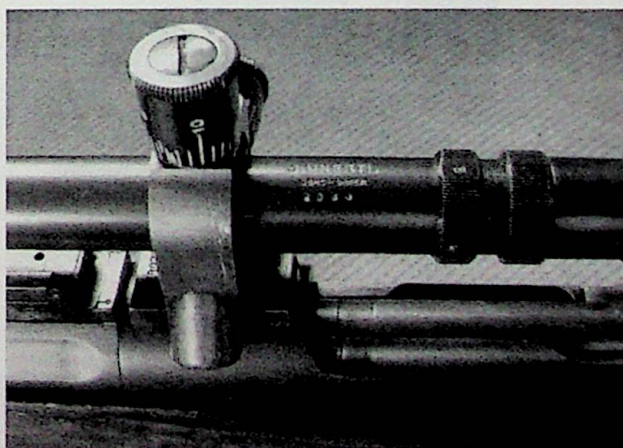
March, 1938 Barrel Markings



National Match Butt Plate

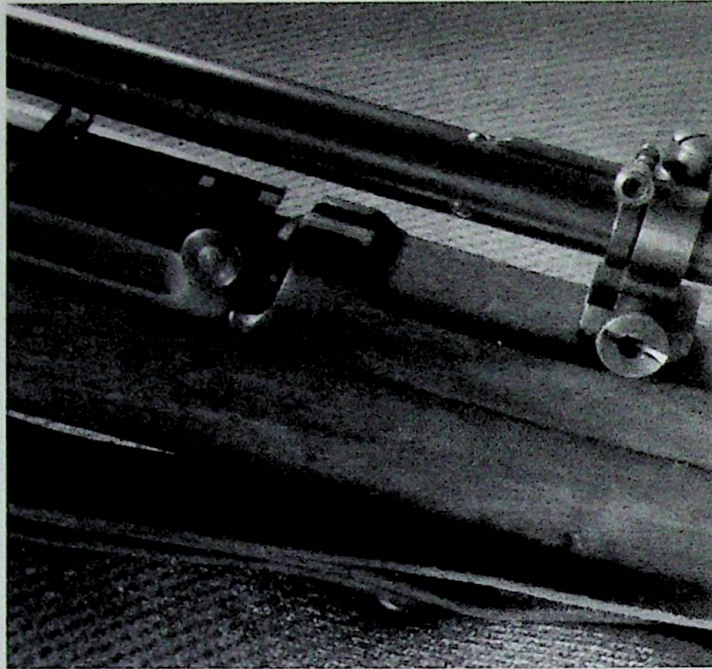


Top View Unertl Markings

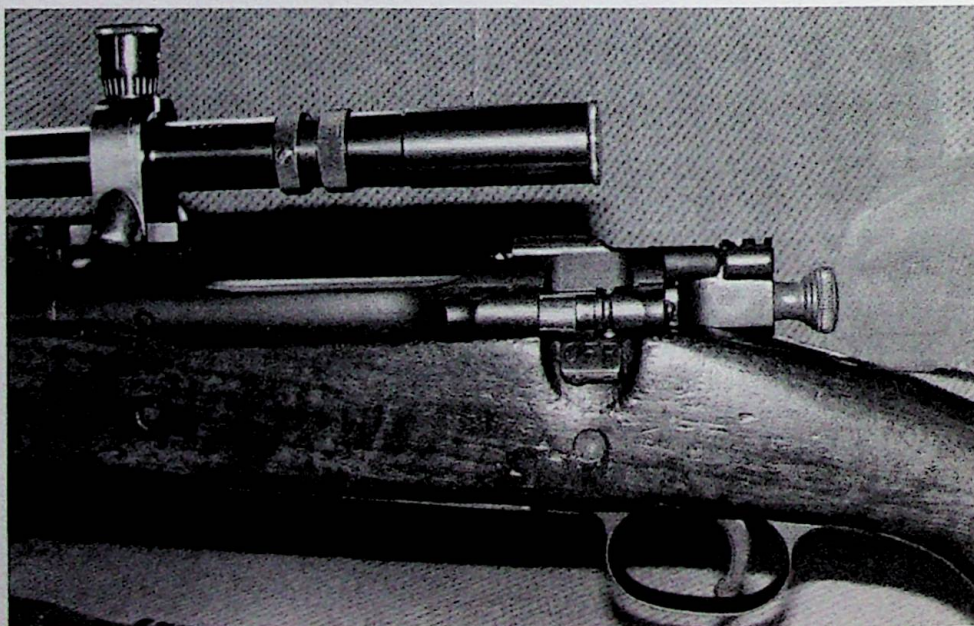


Unertl and USMC Markings





Modified Hand Guard (Match Type)

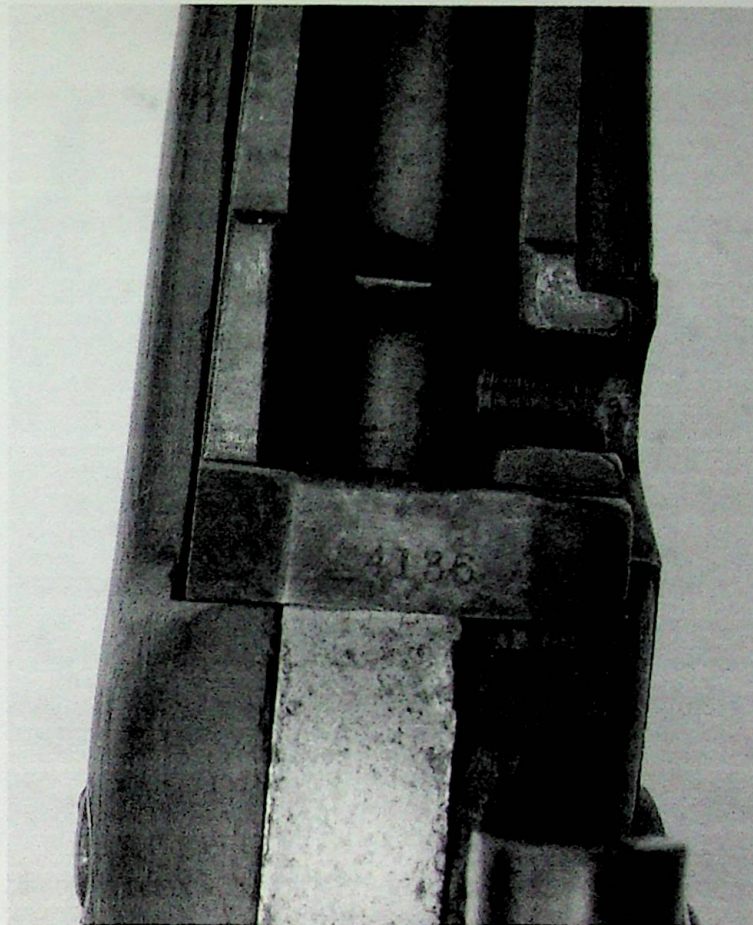


Left side Of 1903 Springfield 1941 Variant Sniper



## CALIFORNIA TRAP DOOR ISSUED FOR SPANISH AMERICAN WAR.

The Springfield Model 1884 Rifle serial number 84,136 was issued to Company D, 6<sup>th</sup> California Volunteer Infantry in 1898. It was issued to Hugh Martin. Private Martin was mustered into the Army in San Francisco, California on May 11, 1898. He was single, 31 years old, with light complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, and was 5 feet 8 ½ inches tall. His occupation was a teamster and he was born in New York City. His residence was Modesto, California and he enrolled in Stockton, California on May 7, 1898. His nearest relative was Barney Martin of Little Springs, California. His record lists him as being in sound condition. Private Martin was mustered out of service at Fort Point, the Presidio, San Francisco, California on December 15, 1898. He was last paid by Major Downey on September 30, 1898.



Early Receiver For Serial Number 84136

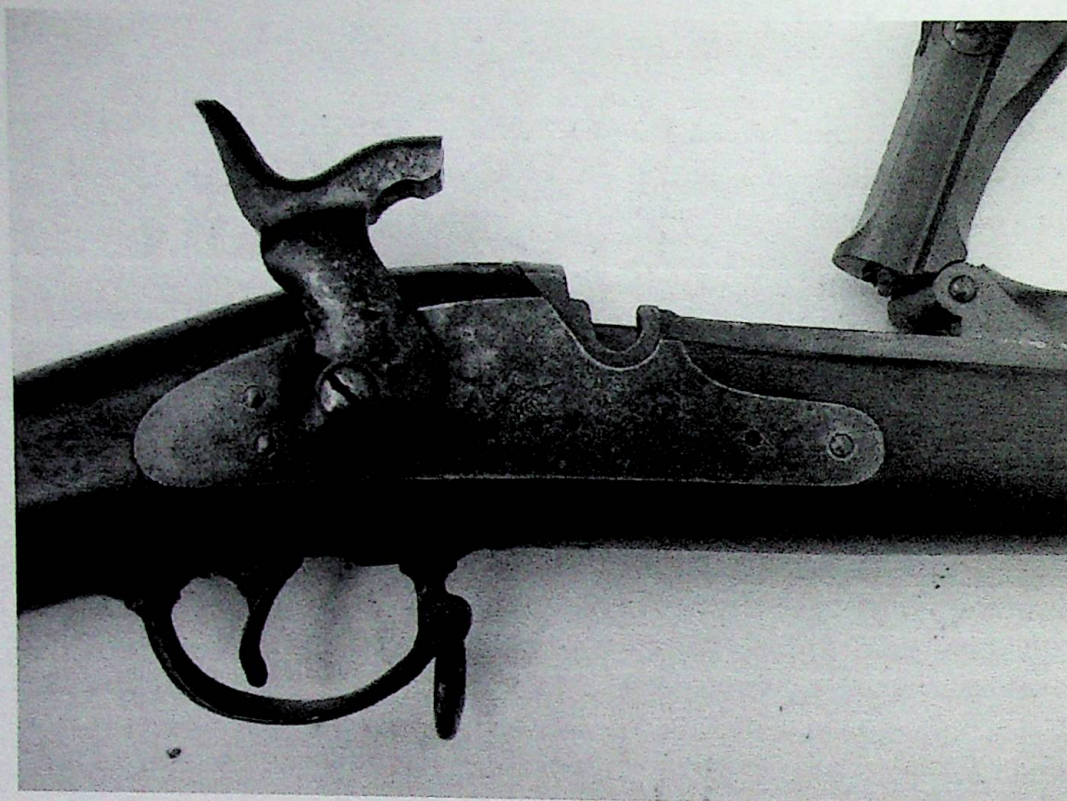
Serial number 84,136 was original manufactured in about 1876 with the current configuration at the time. It was subsequently upgraded in 1897 with new sights, ramrod, lock, and others parts that were part of the rebuilding to new condition.

Receiver Close up

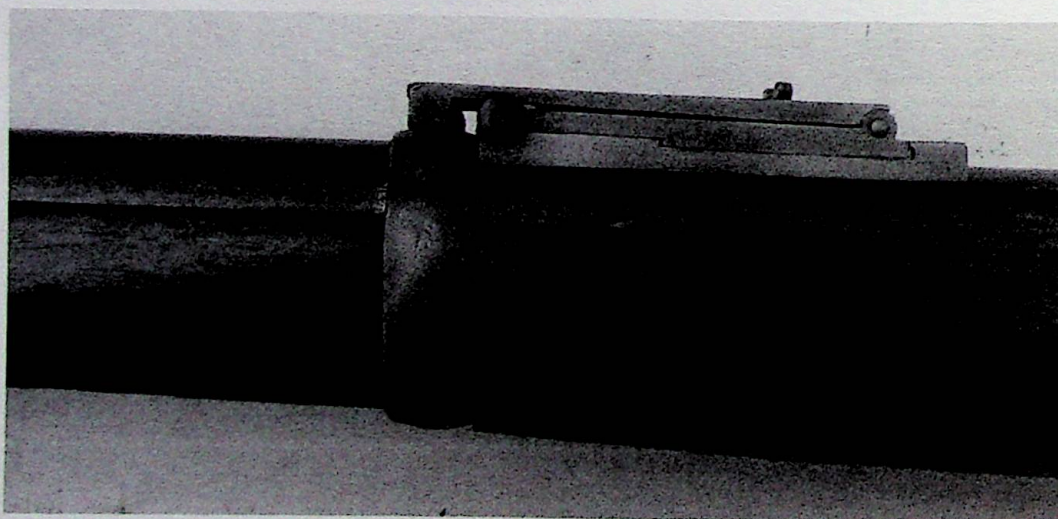


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Right Side Lock Plate and Breech Block

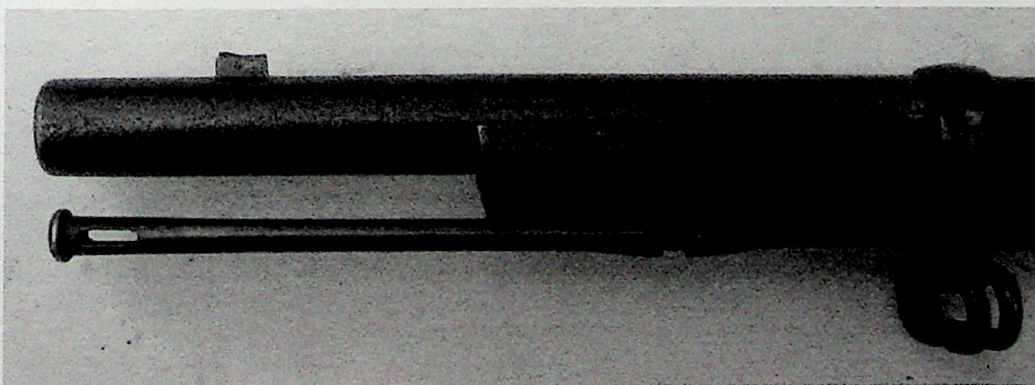


Left Side Buffington Rear Sight and Band





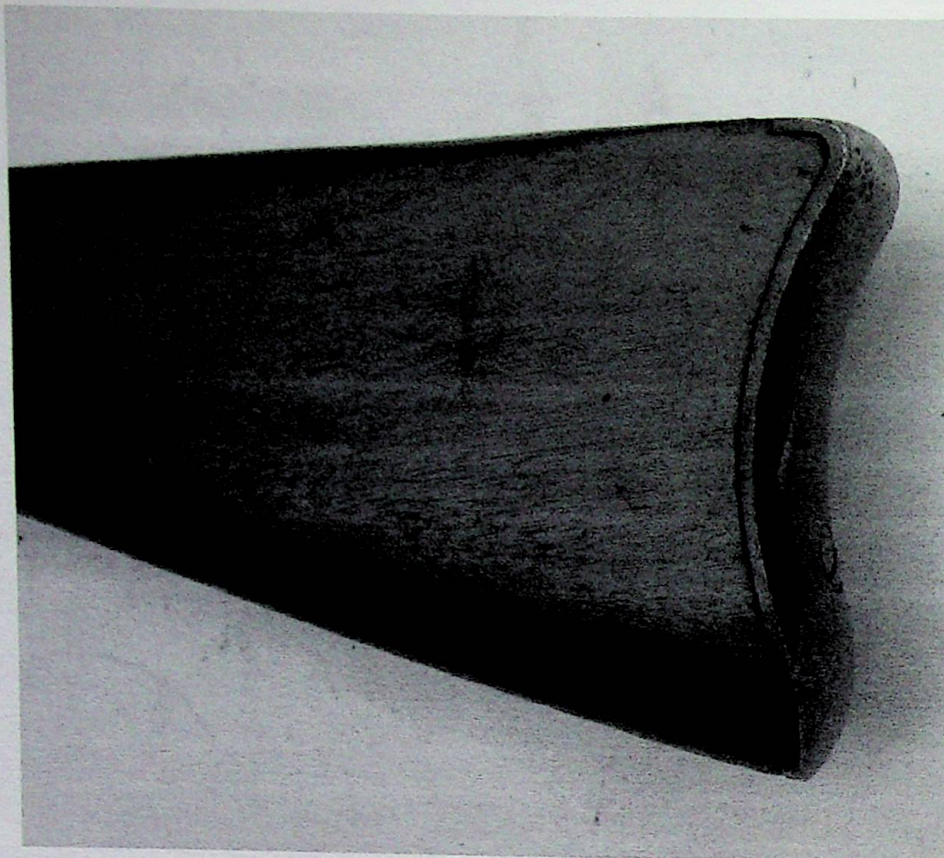
Left Side With 1887 Cartouche



Left Side With Modified Front Sight, 1879 Ram Rod

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Left Side 1879 Type Butt Plate



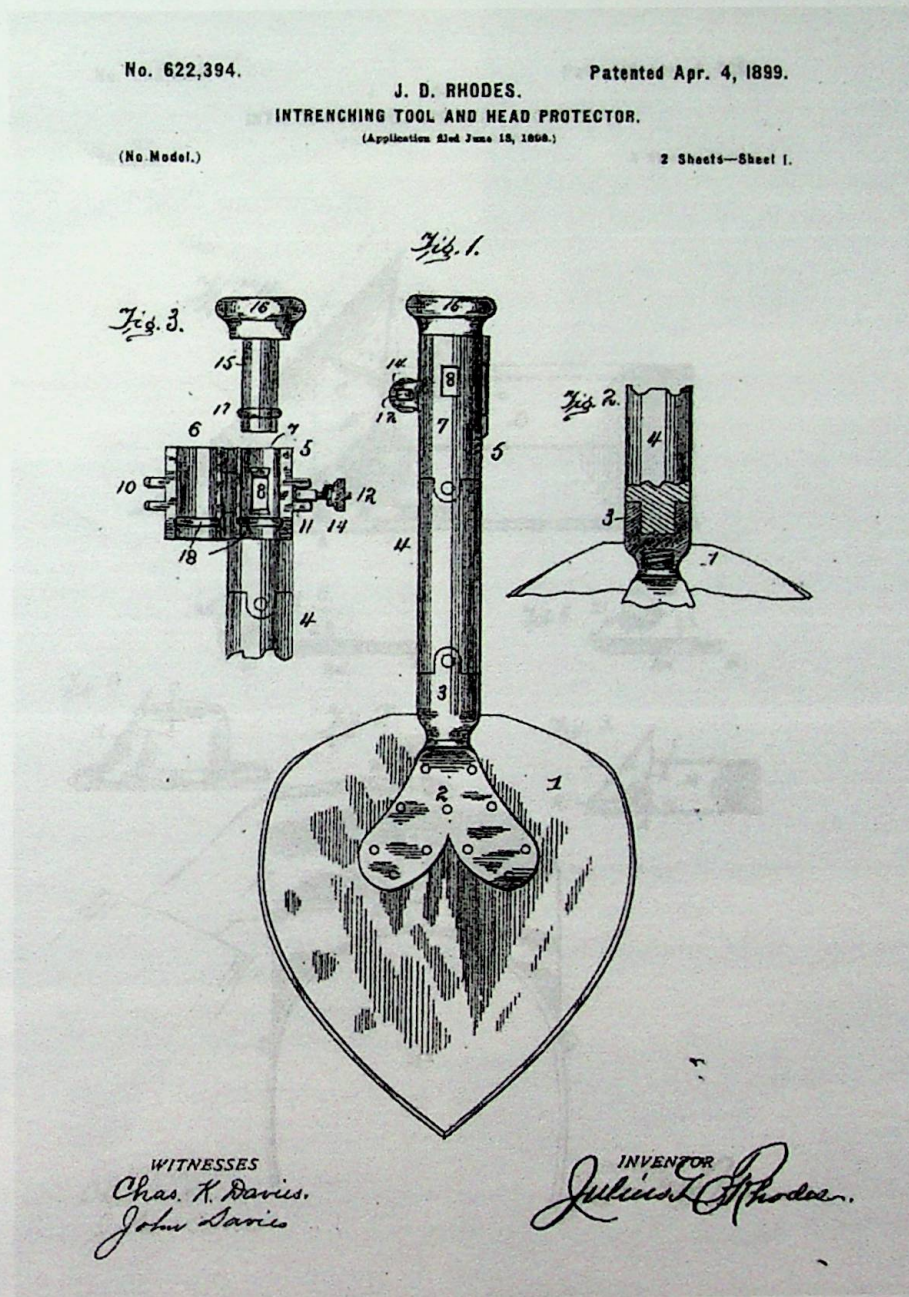
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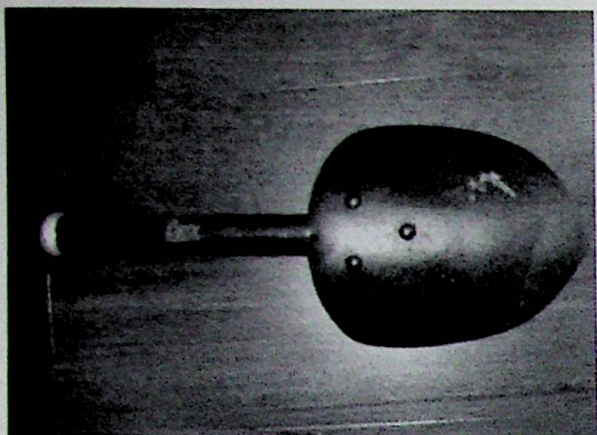


## Intrenching And Head Protector Tool

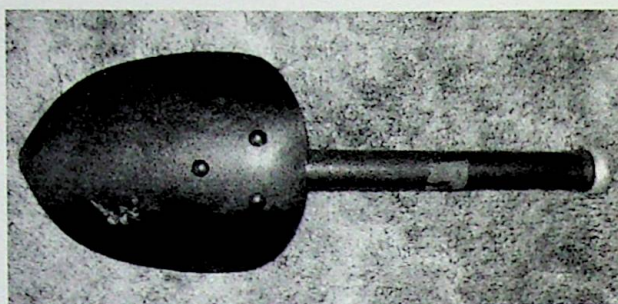
An experimental tool was made for testing by the U.S. Military. It was tested against the Krag Bowie and possibly others. The Krag won. *Photos courtesy of Zack Leiner.*



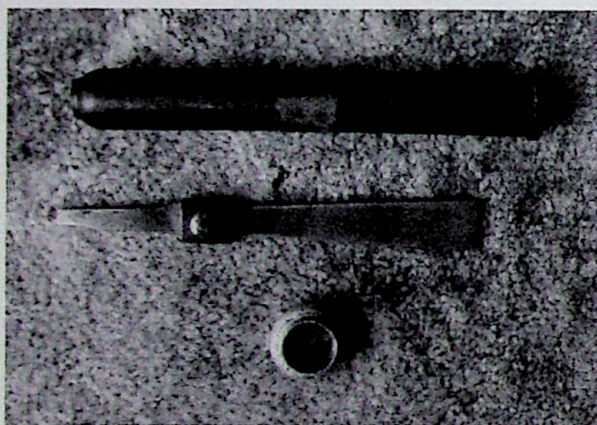




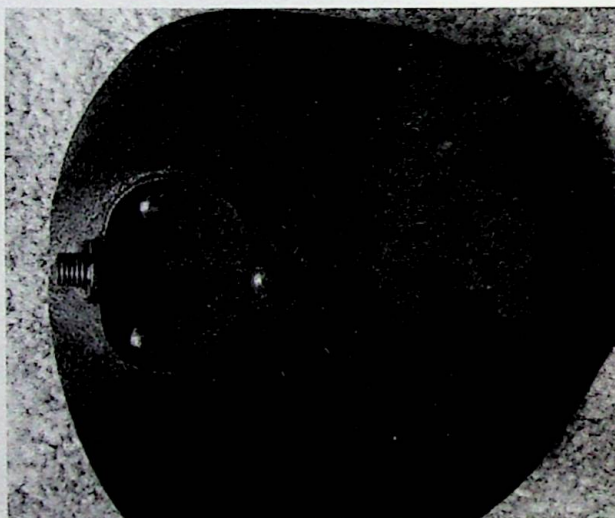
Entrenching Tool Handle and Back



Entrenching Tool Back With Handle on Right



Handle, Bushing, and Components



Opposite side For Attaching Handle Assembly.

This very rare test assembly was patented, used in trials, and finally lost out to the Krag Bowie Knife. The Krag was a great quality, but very fragile multi purpose knife that could be a bayonet, tool, or multiple use accessory. It was made by Springfield Arsenal with excellent fit and finish but unsuited for rough combat use. It also did not last long but is a prized collectors' item. Very few entrenching tools are known.



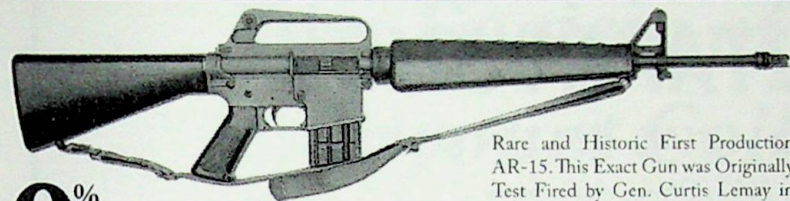


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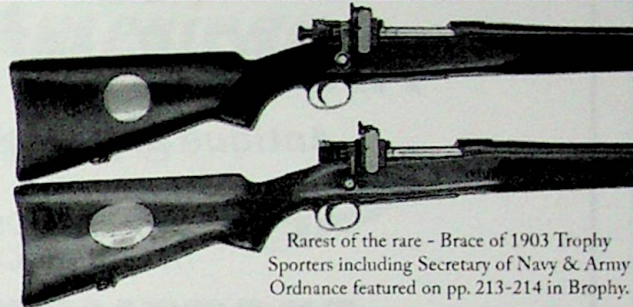
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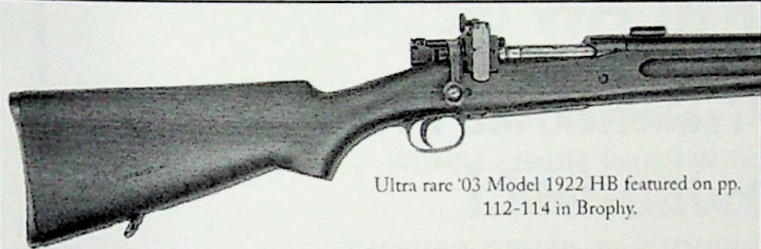


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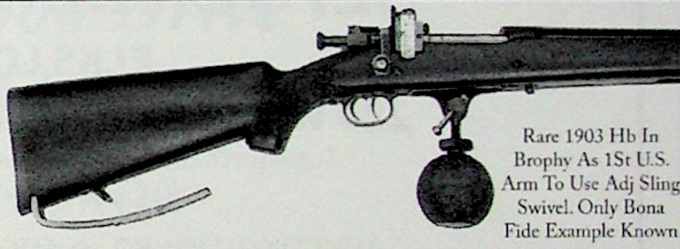
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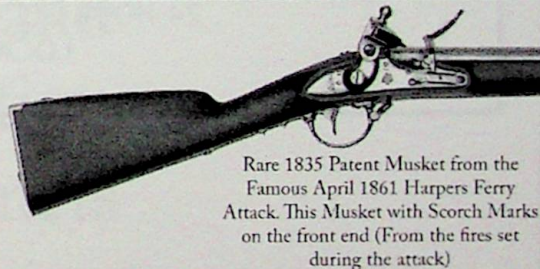
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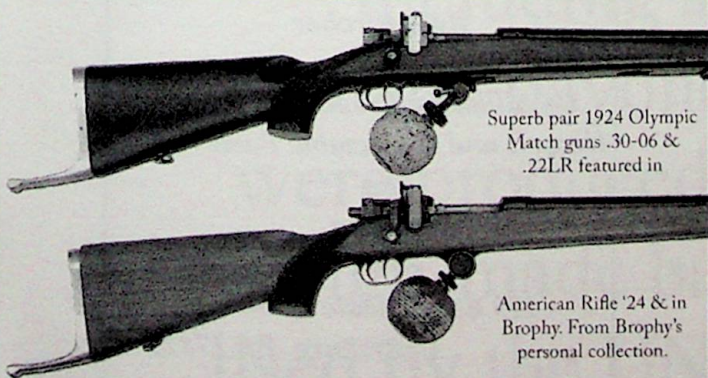
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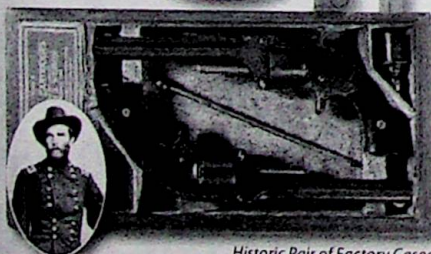
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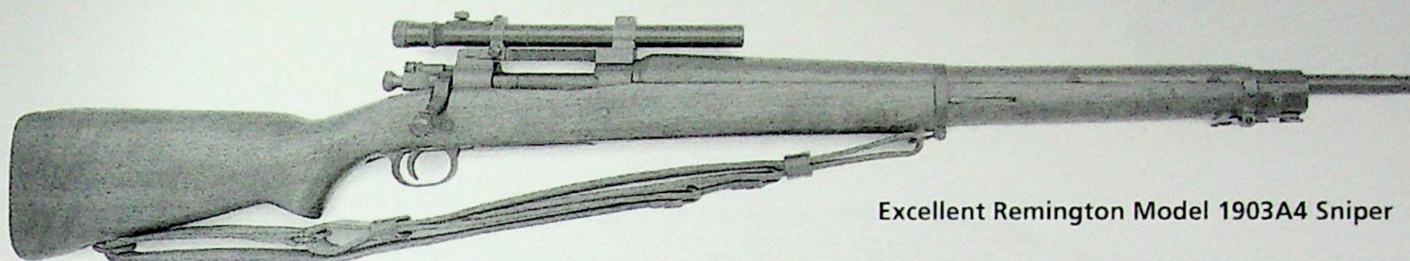
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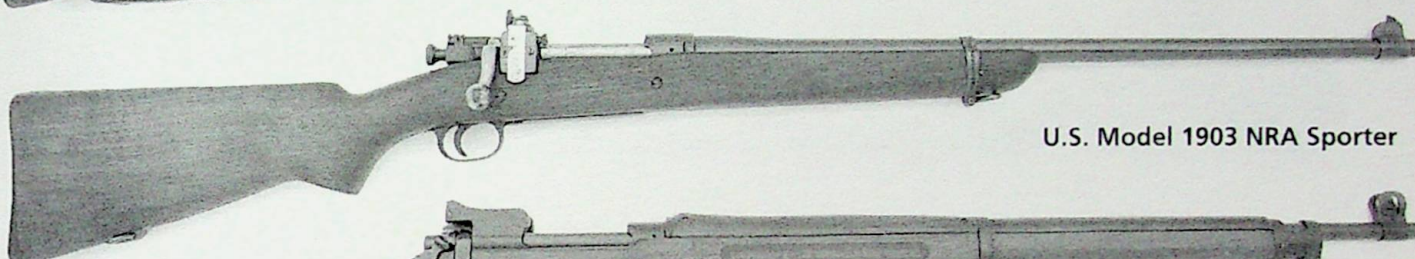
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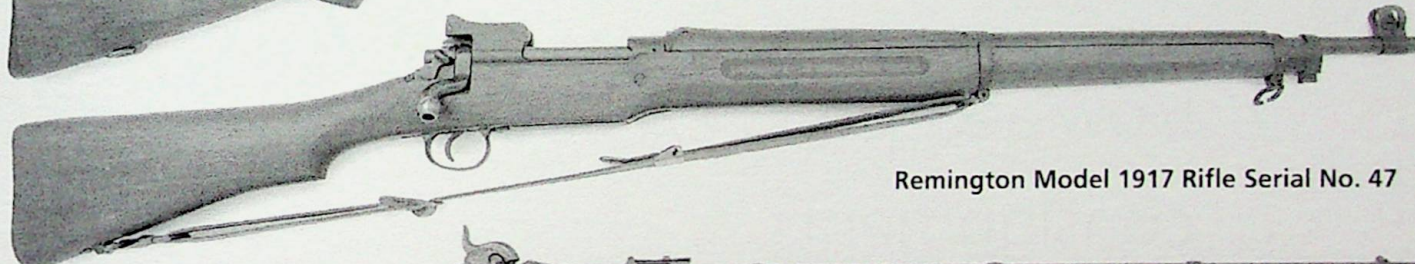
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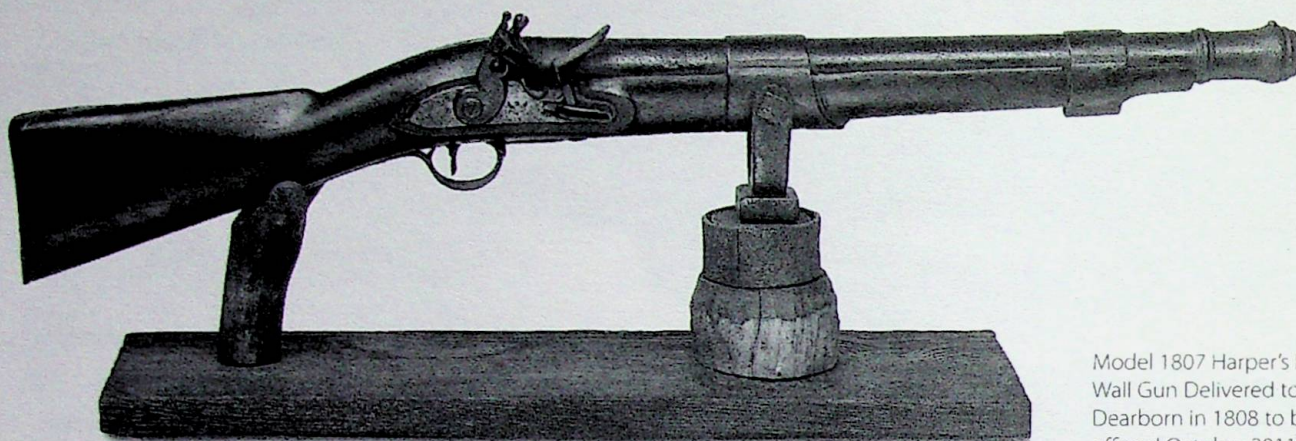
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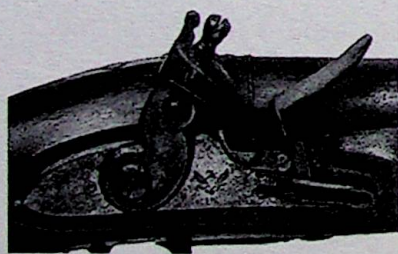


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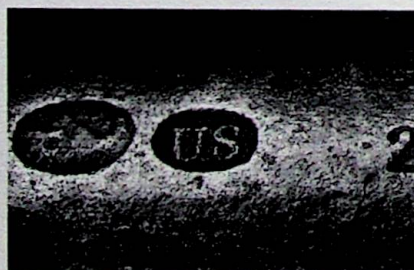


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