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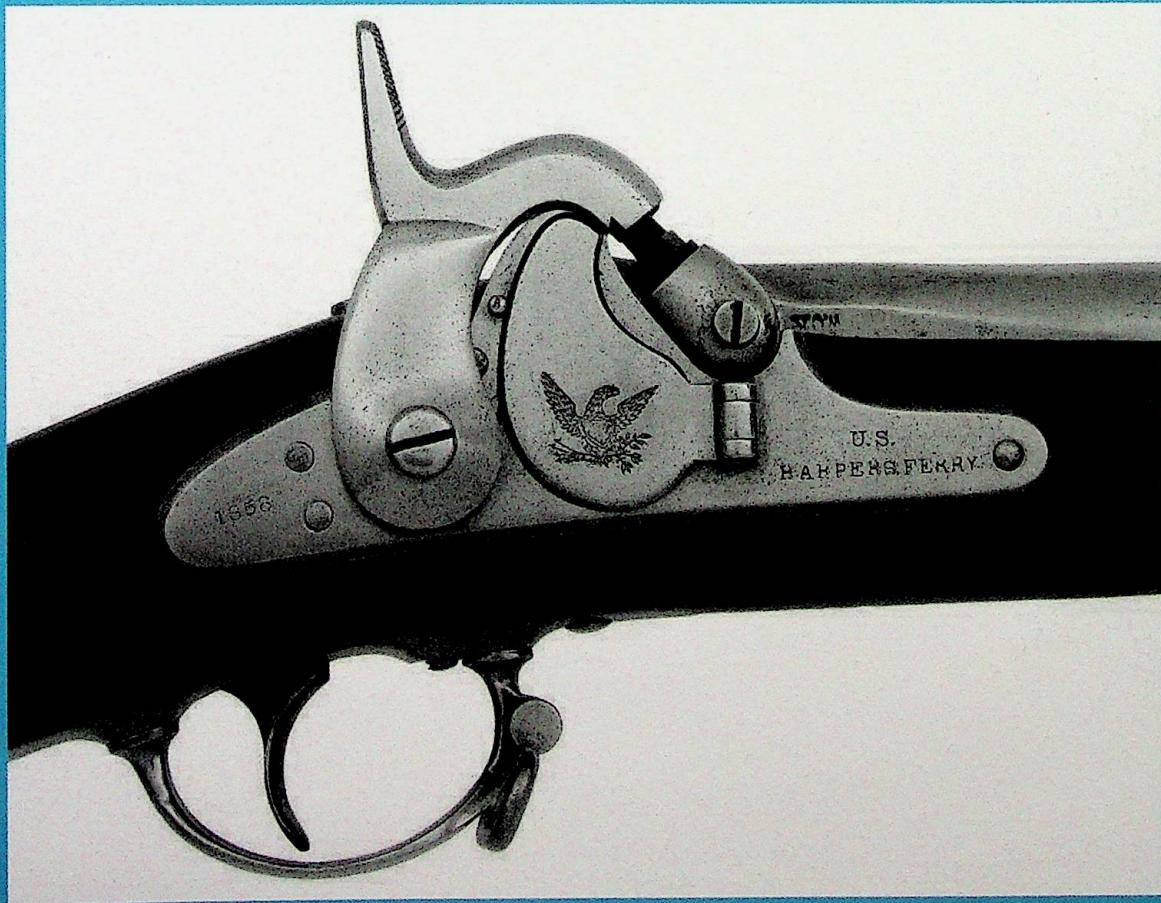
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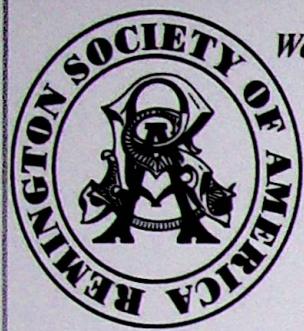
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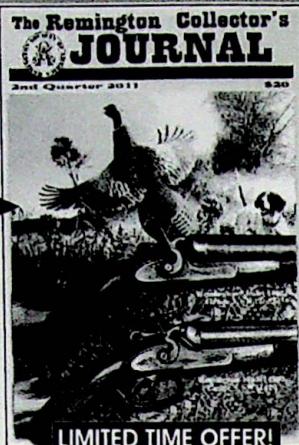
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Our searches require extensive time and many days of effort.

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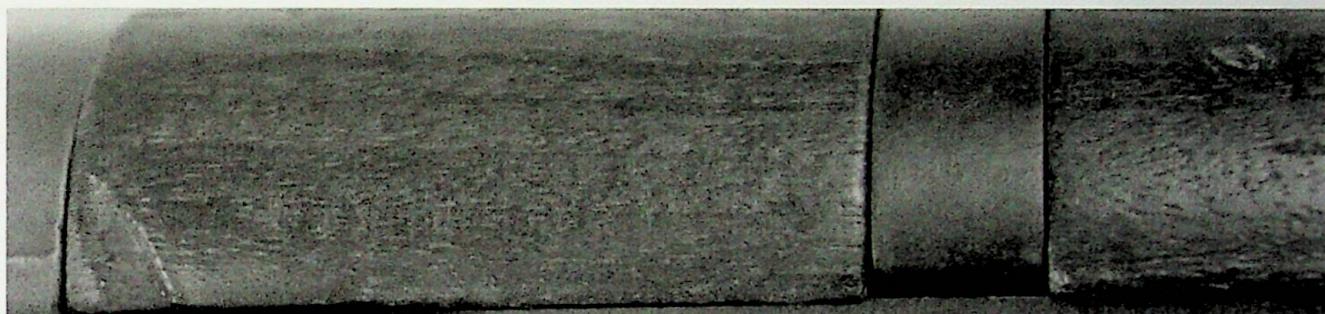
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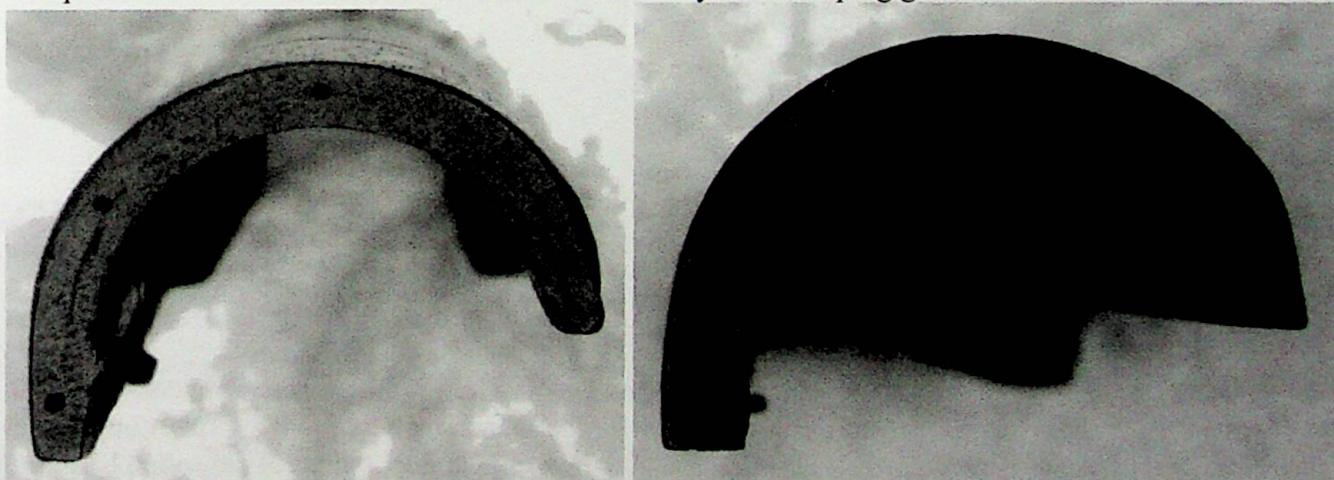
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M1 Garand (forend) hand guards were made from walnut and other hard woods. The purpose of these was to protect from being burnt from the hot gun metal parts. Each of the M1 manufacturers had the same design but the slight variety was the same function. If they had dings, cracks or very rough finish, they were doing there intended job and the rough hand guards are a sign of a beautiful warrior.

The early rear hand guard did not have the Oprod clearance cut as the later ones did.



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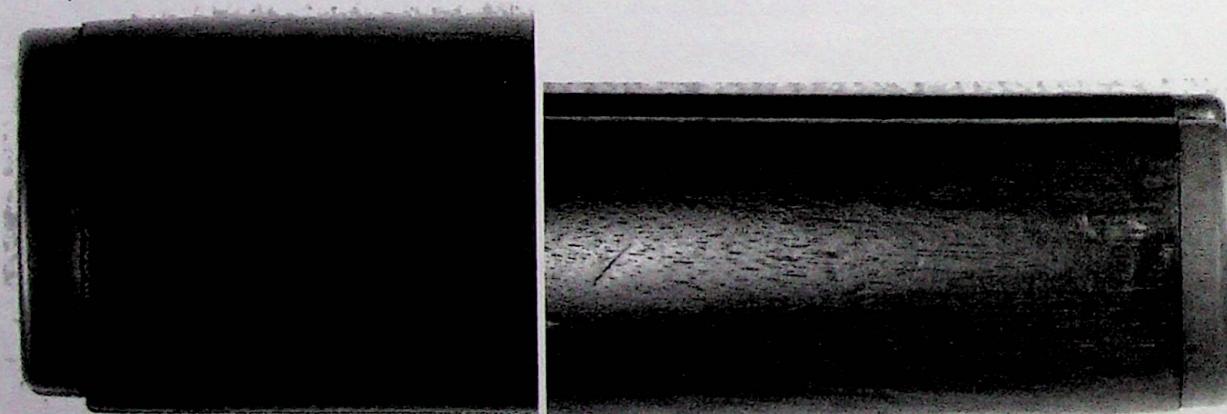




Some wood guards were made using contrace from other contraceres. Overton made hand guarda for IHC and HRA.

“O” on overton made hand gaards.

Front hand gaurdes also had charisterics as well. The metal ends were usely smove stamped and the early ones had what looked as a dash but was a clamping mark were smoth.



HRA and IHC had what looks as a ring.

Thare are many charistics on hand guards and more information can be founng in the book M1 Garand Photo Essay by Larry Babcock.

## Colt M1911 Navy: A Pearl Harbor Survivor?

*Courtesy of James Friedrichs*

I frequent many online Gun Auction websites, and these days it is difficult to find "a diamond in the rough". So when I discovered this Colt Model 1911 Navy and found the matching serial number in the Edward Scott Meadows reference book, I immediately knew I would have to acquire it. This Colt was manufactured in July 1913, and was shipped on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1913, to the U.S. Navy Storekeeper in Brooklyn, New York. It bears Serial Number 40016.



*Above:* Left (Port) side view of Colt M1911, serial number 40016.

All parts are original, which commands a premium for serious Colt collectors. Most 1911's have replacement parts, and a lot of the later Navy 1911A1's that had the serial number stamped under the firing pin stop did not match the one on the frame. Navy Gunner Mates often completed maintenance on their firearms in bulk, without regard to which part was on which pistol. Hence, a mismatching pistol that was still worth some money, but not as would have been had they been kept original.

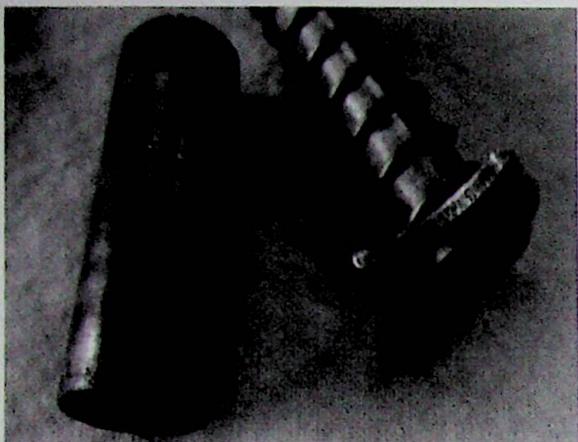


*Above:* Right (Starboard) side view of Colt M1911, serial number 40016.

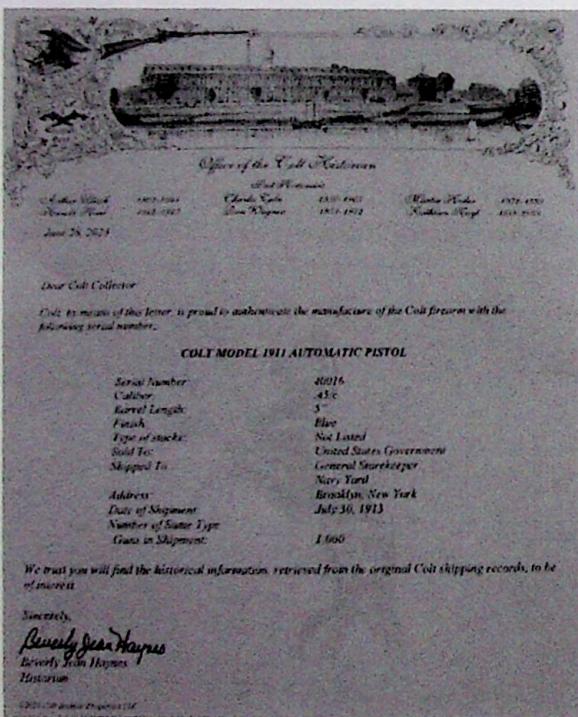
Another common trait on Navy and Marine Corps Model 1911's was minor modifications to accommodate their individual needs. I have seen many examples including the beveling of the magazine port for easier loading of the magazines, and the widening of the rear sight cut to make target acquisition easier for not-so-perfect eyesight. And, as pistols are always inventoried, numbers were often scribed into the grips or stamped onto the frame for easy spot checking.



*Above:* The number "15" stamped on the grip. Could be a rack or pistol number.



**Above:** The recoil spring plug (left) with correct Type 2 rectangular spring retention cut, and the recoil spring guide (right) with the correct Type 1 pointy feet.



**Above:** Colt Letter of Authenticity for M1911 Serial Number 40016.

Colt shipped this 1911 to the Navy in New York. It was most likely issued to a new ship that was later homeported on the West Coast or at Naval Station Hawaii. When data from the archives is retrieved for this pistol, that question should be answered.

In the meantime, what is known about serial number 40016 is its whereabouts during World War II. During wartime, damaged ships (or sunken in shallow water) would have reusable assets removed, re-inventoried, and subsequently re-issued as needed by the Navy. There are 100 Model 1911 .45ACP pistols above and below serial number 40016 that were initially issued to the Battleship USS MAINE (BB-12) in 1913. Though serial number 40016 was not one of those, it likely was issued to another ship that survived World War I, and possibly into World War II. It also could have been removed from a ship after the close of WWI, and sent to the Springfield Armory for re-issue.

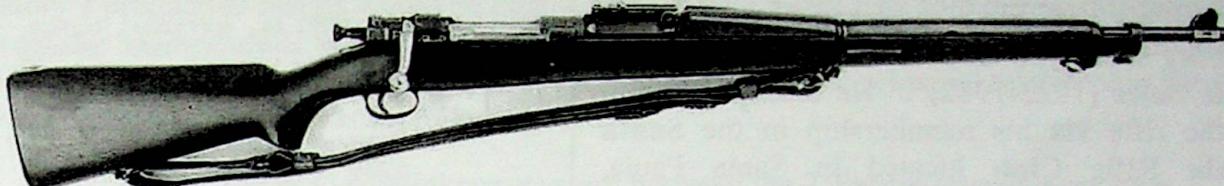
40013	8/13/42	USN - SAN DIEGO
40019	12/30/43	USNR - BROOKLYN
40081	2/15/41	U.S. COAST GUARD STOLEN
40333	12/30/43	HQ DET 115TH CAN (H-MECZ)
40730	8/6/45	USCG-HILO HAWAII
40749	7/16/41	9TH SERVICE CMD
40900	1/13/49	USS CAMDEN
40910	2/9/44	6TH ARMY
40916	6/1/32	USN-PEARL HARBOR
40926	1/13/44	USN - MARE ISLAND NSY
40930	3/13/43	USS SAN JUAN
		USN

**Above:** Page 529 of the reference book "U.S. Military Automatic Pistols 1894 – 1920" by Edward Scott Meadows shows Colt Model 1911, serial number 40016 as being re-issued on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1944, to the Navy in Pearl Harbor.

# Springfield M'03 NMA1 Serial Numbers

An Accuracy Study of pre-WWII DCM sales

By William R. Hansen



**Foreword:** Model 1903 collector curiosity often leads to inquiry about the questionable accuracy of the Springfield Armory's (SA) serial number history. The question is why? For the most part, extant evidence of actual production statistics doesn't appear to have been consistently well documented or supported. Efforts to explain it have led to many attempts to resolve troublesome questions regarding the SA's '03 production accounting practices over time. Indeed, many known experts over the years have made credible attempts at taking on this task with arguable success, particularly for military production. Even William Brophy of M1903 fame who had unequalled access to original SA production data and records eventually chose to politely conclude it was "...sometimes confusing, incomplete and inconsistent".

Most gun manufacturing operations normally realize the critical importance of being able to track the life-journey of rifle manufacture from beginning to end in comprehensive detail. Without doing so, credible data feedback is lost to learning curve maintenance of many system processes important to tracking evolutionary progress. The fact remains such oversight failure is also critical for arms collectors, historians and writers; including key statistical data that responsibly links a manufacturing time-table to accurate production inventory records after rifle assembly. But, for the SA it came too late if at all...and there was no going back.

That being said, it was indeed timely for the life work of Frank Mallory's **Springfield Research Service (SRS)** to introduce his landmark 1975 undertaking known as "*Summary of D.C.M. RIFLE SALES 1922-1942*", to wit... from this author's perspective, he effectively established a partnership with the historical work of William Brophy. To many historian-researchers, it essentially became a most valuable tool for addressing the issues posed in the foregoing paragraphs. In other words, while Brophy revealed the Ordnance M1903 production timetable records (date, FY period, etc.), Mallory supplemented and clarified it with production identification details regarding when and what was actually manufactured through publishing the rifle serial numbers permitted by the U.S. Army for the NRA/DCM Sales program. Yes, without that mutual interest connection, this discourse would have proven impossible to compose.

It is also the reason why the focus of this article is being limited to closely examining the serial number history of the **Model 1903A1 National Match (NMA1)** rifle only. Once again, the reason relates to the credible correlation between Bill Brophy's 1985 M1903 book when tactically linked with Frank Mallory's SRS life-work, inasmuch as the SRS database enables potential answers and clarification to far more questions than relying on sketchy speculation or no relevant information at all.

**Introduction:** First of all, a rifle representing the discussion for this writing is identified hereon for illustration purposes. It was sold on January 19, 1940 (FY1940) to Dirk John Vanderwal through the NRA/DCM sales program. He purchased it "NEW" from the Springfield Armory as a very late edition described as **Model 1903, SN 1526153 NMA1** with a March 1939 (3-39) dated barrel. More to the point, he learned of the rifle's identity evidence from Frank Mallory's 1975 publication "Summary of DCM Rifle Sales (1922-1942)". He took possession of the rifle via his membership in the **Santa Paula Rifle Club** located in Santa Paula, California. (Note: A brief biography of Mr. Vanderwal is also provided at the conclusion of this composition for readers also curious about who first owned the rifle.)

It is reported by some surviving "rifle club" members...to the best of their knowledge, Mr. Vanderwal seldom, if ever, fired the rifle after receiving it. The presence of old grease in various crevices seems to point in that direction. Indeed, some were surprised after his death that the family still had the rifle. Vanderwal was apparently persuaded to become a member of the "Club" by close associates and made the purchase based on good intentions. But, with the onset of WWII along with pursuit of family life and business, he simply was unable to realistically make shooting activities a serious priority during these pressing times.

The rifle appears to be unquestionably one of the very last "NMA1" National Match rifles assembled and sold "NEW" through the DCM... as will be revealed herein. It remains in superb condition for which NRA author/historian Bruce Canfield once commented if "...still in original factory configuration, are quite uncommon and highly valued by collectors".

**Discussion: Observations & Commentary:** The principal mission of this writing is to not only validate why SN 1526153 was among the highest NMA1 serial numbered rifles produced by the SA, but how critically valuable the SRS contribution has become over the years for making it possible. Yes, even though the sales data posted herein is an incomplete record of all sales by the SA, including what the highest SN might have been, the volume of numbers available provide a substantive indicator far superior than to remain otherwise clueless.

**Table 1: Rifle and Receiver Production for the M1903 NMA1 Program**

Fiscal Year	NMA1 Rifles	Extra Receivers (M1903)
1929	2535	16,440
1930	805	32,338
1931	1404	34,184
1932	815	24,456
1933	260	19,364
1934	0	27,719
1935	0	29,759
1936	1200*	3,409
1937	1020*	0
1938	1605*	17,502
1939	710*	7,740
1940	290*	8,601
Totals	10,644	221,512

\* NEW rifles

Serial No. 1526153
Mfg. By: SPRINGFIELD ARMORY
RIFLE, U. S. CAL. .30, M1903 A1, NATIONAL MATCH, 1939, NEW WITH TARGET AND STARGAUGE RECORD CARD.
Sold By: SPRINGFIELD ARMORY, MASS.
To: (Name) MR. DIRK JOHN VANDERWAL,
(Address) C/O E. D. STUART SEC.,
SANTA PAULA RIFLE CLUB,
1245 MAIN STREET,
SANTA PAULA, CALIFORNIA.
Date 1/19/40
Voucher No. S-727
S. A. Form M-6
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numbered NMA1 rifles assembled between FY 1936 and FY1940 having the honor, even though identity of the actual highest numbered or last rifle sold remains factually unknown.

**Table 2** on this page depicts the closing last page (page 60) covering data-linkage for these same referenced NMA1 rifles from Frank Mallory's "*Summary of DCM Rifle Sales (1922-1942)*" (...sometimes casually referred to by collectors as the little "*blue booklet*"). While it is known that Mallory's production results would be unable to document every rifle sold during this time in history due to imposed U.S. Army restrictions, the numbers available are more than sufficient to satisfactorily demonstrate the range of scope accomplished. The principal relationship between these **2 Tables** is summarized as follows.

The quick answer to any linkage mystery between the **2 Tables** reveals a positive connection if for no other reason they represent the end of both Brophy and Mallory's efforts regarding the NMA1 rifle. In other words, Brophy revealed that the NMA1 rifle program was indeed the last of DCM sales of M1903 rifles assembled in FY 1939-40. Subsequently, it would be no coincidence if Mallory could validate sales within the same NMA1 serial number range to end up within a likewise comparable last page. With the manufacture date being 1939 and the sales date given as FY40 for the illustration rifle, it's a further positive sign in favor of a "yes" answer given to the author's primary mission question. Moreover, it is noted the rifle has a barrel date of 3-39, thus representing further certainty of corroborating evidence. Whilst on a roll here, let's probe the situation further ...

Obviously from **Table 1**, a total of **290 + 710** = exactly 1000 rifles were respectively sold in FY1939 and 40. Moreover, upon a closer look at the entire SN 1526XXX block of serial numbers shown on **Table 2**, it spans a representative cross-section of nearly all 1000 rifles credited these last 2 years. Coincidence? Perhaps...but without much effort, the author was able to determine a substantial number of nearly all 95 documented rifles attributed this SN block to have the same 3-39 barrel date. This includes companion rifles SN 1526131 and SN 1526685 on **Table 2** having also been sold in FY40. (Note: Both rifles are owned by a currently known expert collector, thus adding further supportable evidence. Also noted in closing this commentary, it has been shown definitively in Mallory's "*blue booklet*" that it wasn't unusual for the SA to reserve an entire serial number block for special projects...such as for 1000 NMA1 rifles.)

A few other observations are worthy of commentary regarding the Brophy-Mallory connection before going on. First, it is interesting the very last NEW assembled NMA1

SERIAL #	TYPE						
1 516 674	NMA1	1 520 057	NMA1	1 526 207	NMA1	1 526 798	NMA1
681	NMA1	455	NMA1	208	NMA1	807	NMA1
687	NMA1	1 522 837	NMA1	217	NMA1	809	NMA1
700	NMA1	838	NMA1	222	NMA1	812	NMA1
707	NMA1	1 523 320	NMA1	261	NMA1	815	NMA1
740	NMA1	427	NMA1	304	NMA1	818	NMA1
744	NMA1	428	NMA1	308	NMA1	821	NMA1
793	NMA1	468	NMA1	313	NMA1	828	NMA1
799	NMA1	1 525 091		330	NMA1	836	NMA1
813	NMA1	102		341	NMA1	860	NMA1
830	NMA1	145		353	NMA1	863	A1
831	NMA1	154		357	NMA1	868	NMA1
842	NMA1	165		358	NMA1	872	NMA1
843	NMA1	185		361	NMA1	877	NMA1
844	NMA1	186		364	NMA1	884	NMA1
848	NMA1	199		366	NMA1	900	NMA1
849	NMA1	256		416	NMA1	914	NMA1
866	NMA1	275		420	NMA1	893	NMA1
876	NMA1	284		421	NMA1	921	NMA1
895	NMA1	382		453	NMA1	940	NMA1
903	NMA1	390		462	NMA1	954	NMA1
914	NMA1	426		469	NMA1	958	NMA1
920	NMA1	483		476	NMA1	965	NMA1
931	NMA1	522		485	NMA1	1 527	003
937	NMA1	579		497	NMA1	028	NMA1
943	NMA1	614		508	NMA1	1 528	927
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956	NMA1	708		519	NMA1	1 532	627
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095		110	NMA1	640	NMA1	864	
114		119	NMA1	644	NMA1	875	
115		124	NMA1	685	NMA1	1 535	831
137		126	NMA1	711	NMA1	1 547	987
138		131	NMA1	729	NMA1		
341		140	NMA1	742	NMA1		
640		146	NMA1	746	NMA1		
683	NMA1	152	NMA1	748	NMA1		
805	NMA1	153	NMA1	759	NMA1		
830	NMA1	155	NMA1	760	NMA1		
860	NMA1	163	NMA1	771	NMA1		
875	NMA1	173	NMA1	774	NMA1		
954	NMA1	196	NMA1	791	NMA1		
967	NMA1	205	NMA1	793	NMA1		

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**Table 2:** Mallory's "*Blue Booklet*", Pg. 60

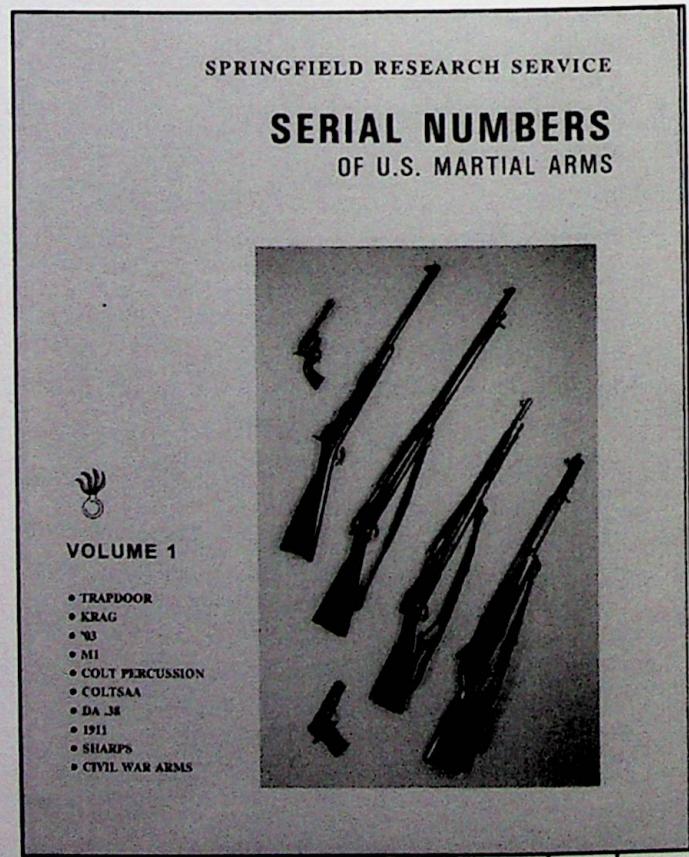
rifle with a 3-39 barrel listed in Mallory's "Blue booklet" was SN 1527028 sold March 27, 1940. Was it the last NMA1 assembled? Maye not since Brophy shows SN 1532681 (on page 64) of his book allegedly containing a 3-39 dated barrel, but not listed in Mallory's DCM sales.

In spite of the foregoing, some readers may be curious to know why the last page of Mallory's **Table 2** ending the NMA1 rifle typology closes thereafter with a relatively short list of unidentified "type" entries spanning almost 20,000 serial numbers stamped between SN1528927 and SN 1547987, none of which are assembled rifles, per se. Why? Follow-up research discloses these were predominantly parts-only sales ... especially new receivers to replace condemned early '03 receivers declared defective or dangerous, and/or sold to private manufacture for match and custom rifles, etc. Of course, such transactions were also a part of the NRA/DCM sales program directed to the overhaul and repair of civilian and member owned guns, including "service" rifles. Incidentally, that too was soon to come to a close as further noted below...and which likely explains why there are so few unspecified "type" entries listed.

Secondly, it is noted that both of these sales transactions were sold in calendar year 1940 as receivers (Note: 1528927 sold as a receiver only by the SA on March 26, 1940; and **1547987** sold as a receiver only by the Benicia Arsenal on August 25, 1940 to replace a condemned receiver); additionally, it is pointed out that receiver SN 1535831, which is 12,156 numbers previous to SN 1547987, was sold on the same day, August 25, 1940. These dates are not merely accidental! Why again? It is also evident from **Table 2** that huge increases in "**Extra Receivers**" were authorized each of FY 1938, 39 and 40 not only for the **NEW NMA1** series identified by an asterisk on **Table 1**, but in anticipation of a forthcoming war-time parts deficit. It is likewise curious that Mallory (**Table 2**) not only acknowledges SN 1547987 as a DCM sales reality, but Brophy also specifically references it on page 426 of his book with the inference of being reasonably consistent with his calculated SN 1548621 postulated for ending the Dec. 1940/Jan. 1941 DCM sales program.

One other observation is made at this time related to the Mallory's SRS serial number records. This author's research has failed to document any M1903 rifle assembled in the SN 1529XXX nor 1530XXX range, whether appearing in the "Blue Booklet" or more likely in one of the SRS "**SERIAL NUMBERS** of U.S. Martial Arms (4 volume series)" (see sample front cover hereon). Question? Did these 2000 numbers go unused by the SA? Were they deliberately over-looked in ignorance of any orderly accounting management of all serial numbers assigned

Serial No. 1527028
Mfg. By: SPRINGFIELD ARMORY
RIFLE, U. S. CAL. .30, M1903 A1, NATIONAL MATCH, NEW, 1940
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Sold By: SPRINGFIELD ARMORY, MASS.
To: (Name) JOHN EDWARD BUHBE,
(Address) C/O LEHN AND FINK PROD. CORP.,
BLOOMFIELD, NEW JERSEY.
12747
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Voucher No. S-1010
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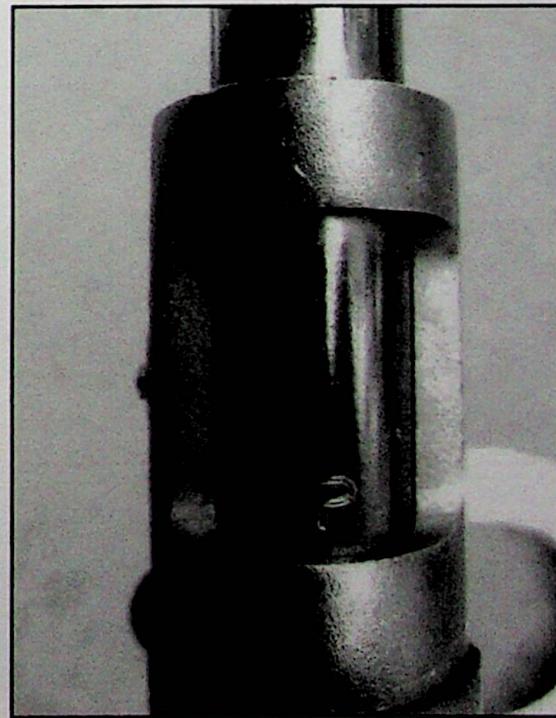


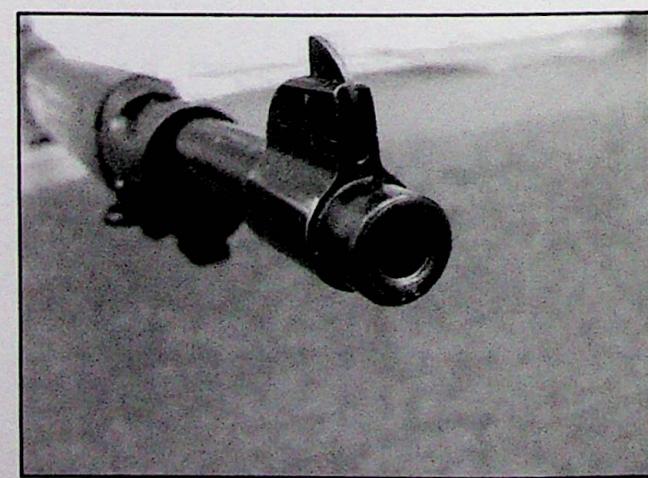
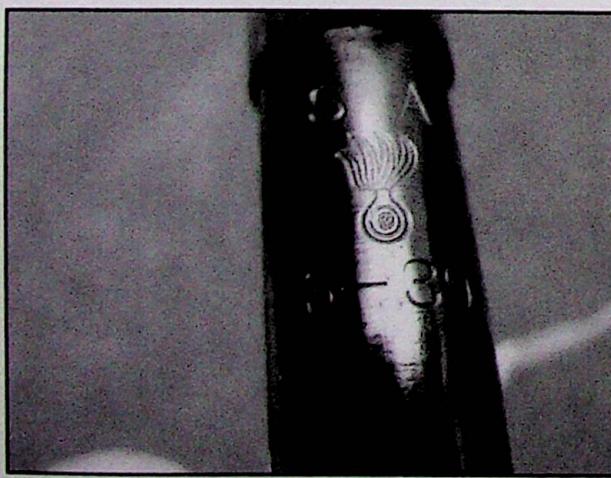
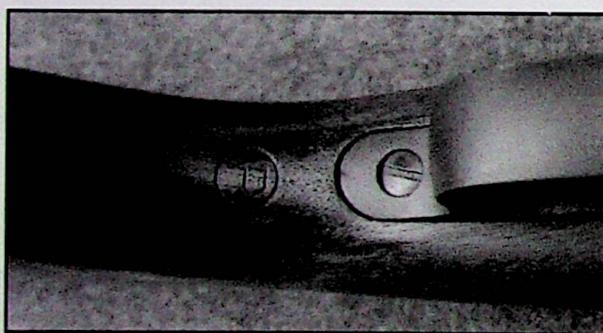
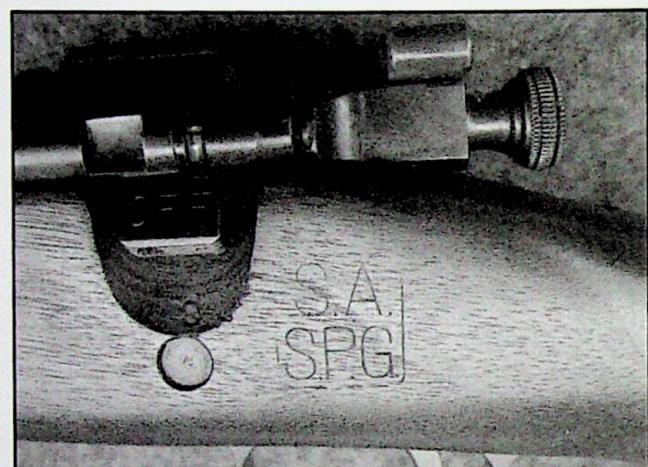
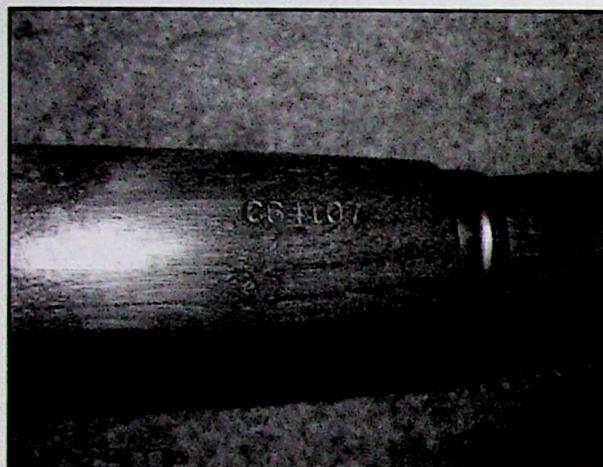
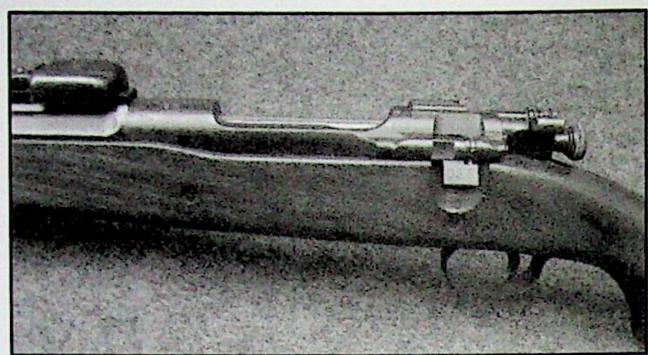
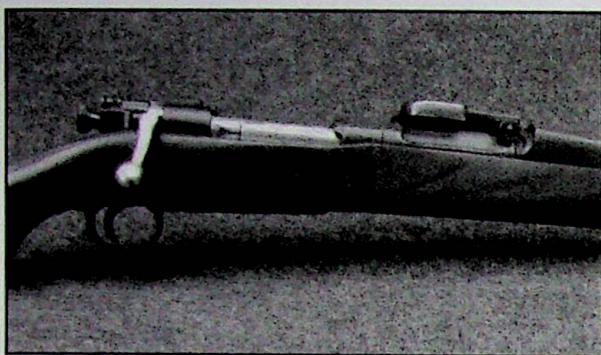
or rifles produced for the M1903 series? Brophy doesn't appear to have addressed the issue of illicit or "ghost" production or skipping SN blocks. Then again, maybe the omission didn't happen at all. If so, we'll likely never know the answer to the question without more archival revelation presently lacking published reality available to this writer.

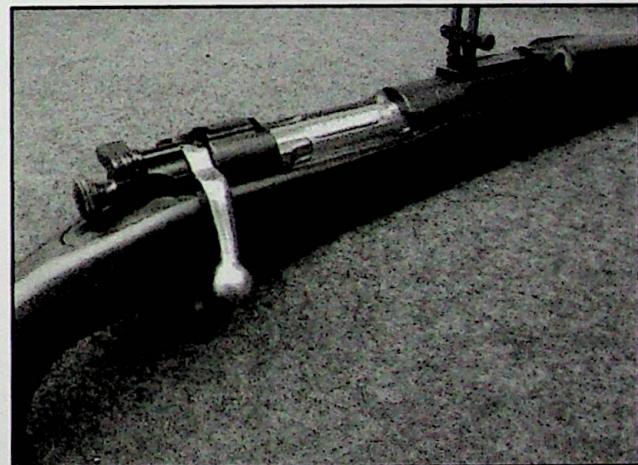
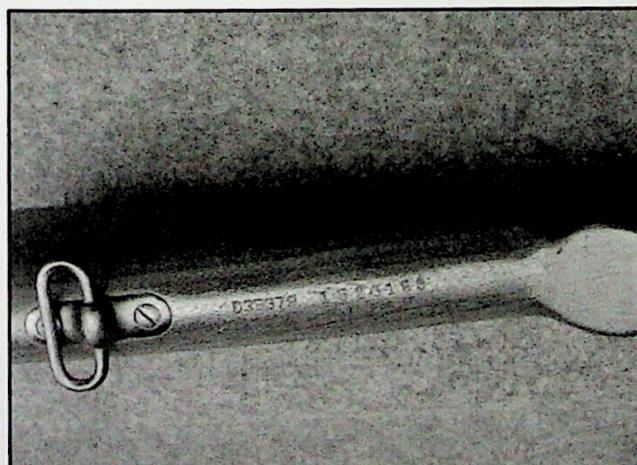
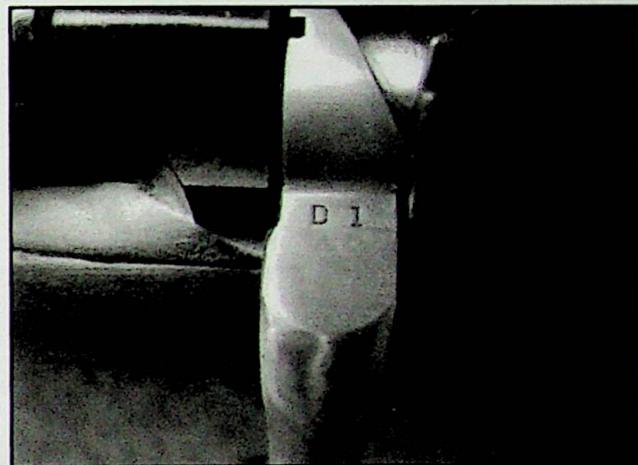
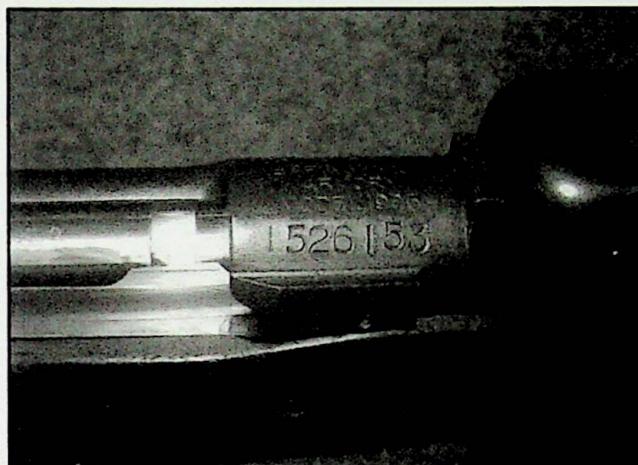
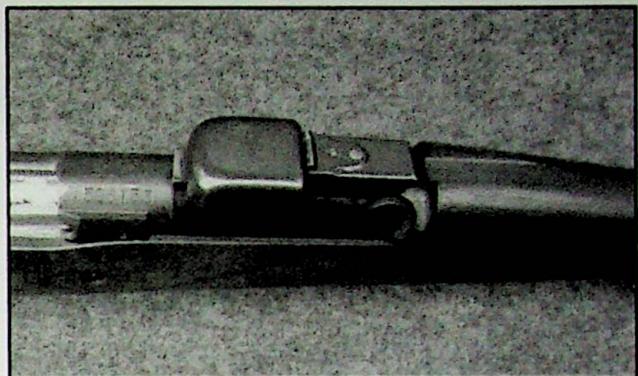
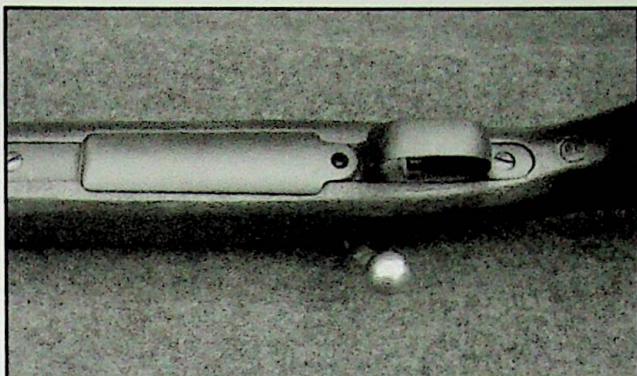
In concluding this article section, the reader is informed of a decision that should now come as no surprise. On May 31, 1940 the SA received notice from the War Department that all future subsidies to the M1903 **National Match** rifle's official use at Camp Perry were herewith terminated after 1940. Pursuant thereto, the DCM was also ordered by the Secretary of War to "...to discontinue all sales of arms, spare parts, ammunition, and components of ammunition to members of the National Rifle Association, and all issues of arms and ammunition to rifle clubs" ...which likely explains Mallory's abbreviated **Table 2** closure. The end result soon led to a complete suspension of all NRA/DCM/civilian sales activity, thus leaving much needed M1903 military "service" rifle overhaul and repair operations by the SA until that too was suspended through transference to *Ordnance Field Service Depots* beginning in FY1942.

Incidentally, the SA did not react favorably to this curtailment of their work program. But, it was only the beginning. Persistent failure to meet budget guidelines and production schedules on behalf of the M1 Garand had finally triggered a war-time crisis within the SA that would lead to further cutbacks plus a commensurate increase in the use of private contracting. Yes, it would also ultimately lead to SA's eventual demise altogether in 1968 as "*The Small Arms Center of the Ordnance Department*." But, that's another story for another time.

**SN 1526153 Rifle Photos:** Upon close inspection, the "Illustration" rifle's over all condition appears to verify the foregoing "Introduction" commentary. It is seldom such a rifle doesn't show obvious indications of past use if significantly fired for match purposes. This particular arm reveals locations where grease would have long since been removed; powder burn residual would be clearly in evidence; bolt turning markings would show up its polished surfaces; including the usual handling dents, scratches, high point wear, etc. However, this particular rifle is essentially absent of such signs as well as having been stored well.







**Dirk John Vanderwal...Rifle Owner:** He was born August 4, 1903 in Morgan Park, Chicago-Cook County, Illinois. His father (John Dirk) was born in Friesland, Holland and came to America as an immigrant. His mother was U.S. born in Chicago, but of a Holland born mother. Dirk was the eldest of 4 children.

Dirk lived and attended local schools in Ward 33 of Chicago and worked different jobs during his youth while cultivating a strong interest in music and ornamental horticulture. He eventually met and married the love of his life, Helen Gertrude Martin at the age of 22 in 1925. Helen was the same age, a college graduate and a public school teacher while Dirk worked in a florist shop at the time. Soon Dirk decided that he would likewise seek a college education and enrolled at the University of Illinois the next year. He finally graduated in 1931 with a degree in "floriculture" during which he was very active in the First Regimental Band, the Concert Band, the Gregorian Literary Society, Pi Alpha Xi and the Floricultural Club.

In pursuit of their dreams, Dirk and Helen decided to leave the mid-west a few years later and move to California where growing things was world renown. They initially settled in Vista (San Diego, County), California where Dirk labored in the farming/ranching industry while Helen continued as an educator. Another move occurred in 1936, after discovering the fertile growing lands of the Ojai Valley in nearby Santa Paula and Ventura northwest of Los Angeles. This general area, including the San Fernando Valley, came to be where they were to have a family and live for most of the remainder of their lives. They were blessed with an only son born John Dirk Vanderwal on August 8, 1941.

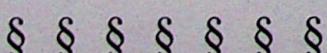
Eventually, they were to build a permanent residence in San Fernando (City of Los Angeles).

Dirk was to never depart from his fascination with what grows in dirt ...moreover the dirt itself. While he began his agri-business career as a laborer for others, it wasn't long before becoming a nursery manager. His love affair with mother earth grew and would eventually catapult him into becoming a well-respected soil conservationist. By the 1960's, he was well entrenched as an executive with the San Fernando Valley Conservation District. In 1970 he became an officer and director of the West Los Angeles Soil Conservation District. Such activity would occupy his professional indulgence not only until retirement, but for the remainder of his life.

Dirk and Helen eventually spent the last few years after retirement living in the Laguna Niguel area of Orange County, California while keeping their home in San Fernando. Meanwhile his "*National Match*" Springfield continued to remain silent. Dirk passed away on September 7, 1979 and Helen a few years later on February 27, 1982.



Dirk John Vanderwal - 1942

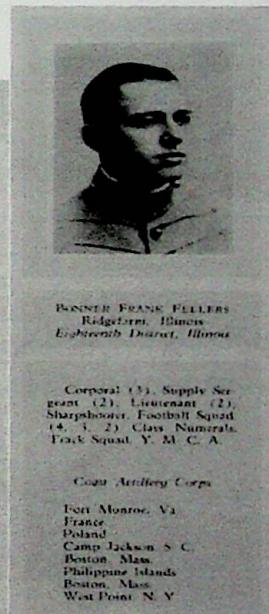


# ARMORY SALES RIFLE *courtesy of Charles Pate*

## SPRINGFIELD MODEL 1903 SPORTING RIFLE



Rifle, Cal..30, M1903, U.S. (Sporting Model)	SERIAL <del>4720727</del> 1273 407
FILE O. O. none	5/4/27
LOCATION Spring. Armory	
DISPOSITION Sale	
REMARKS: Sold to Lt. B.F. Fellers, C.A.C., West Point N.Y. 4/20/27	

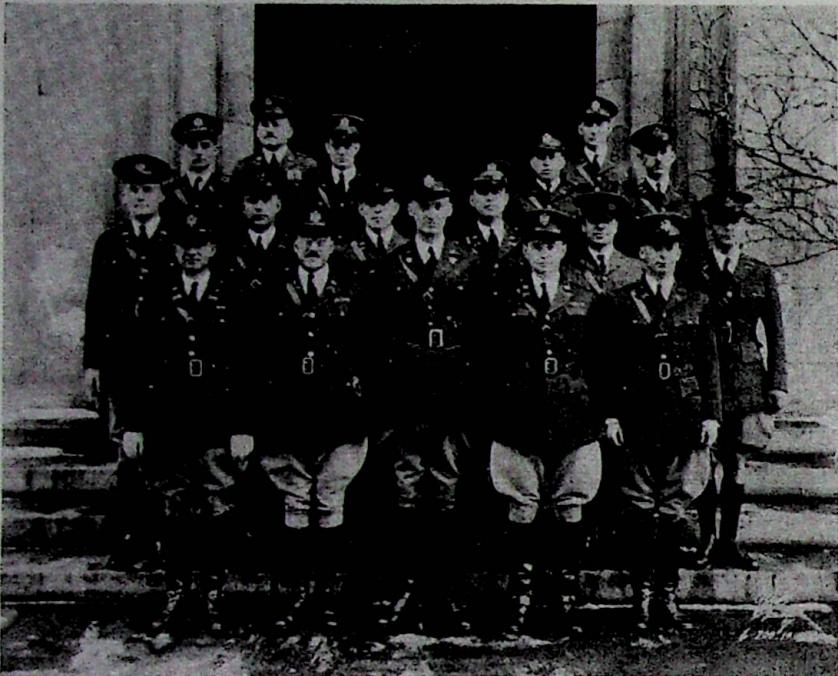


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Ridgefarm, Illinois  
Eighteenth District, Illinois

Corporal (33), Supply Sergeant (2), Lieutenant (2)  
Sharpshooter, Football Squad  
(4, 3, 2) Class Numerals  
Track Squad, Y. M. C. A.

Coast Artillery Corps  
Fort Monroe, Va.  
France  
Poland  
Camp Jackson, S. C.  
Boston, Mass.  
Philippines Islands  
Boston, Mass.  
West Point, N. Y.

*Above:* Original Springfield Armory Sales Card for Lt. B. F. Fellers  
West Point, NY, April 20, 1927. Model 1903 Sporting Model.



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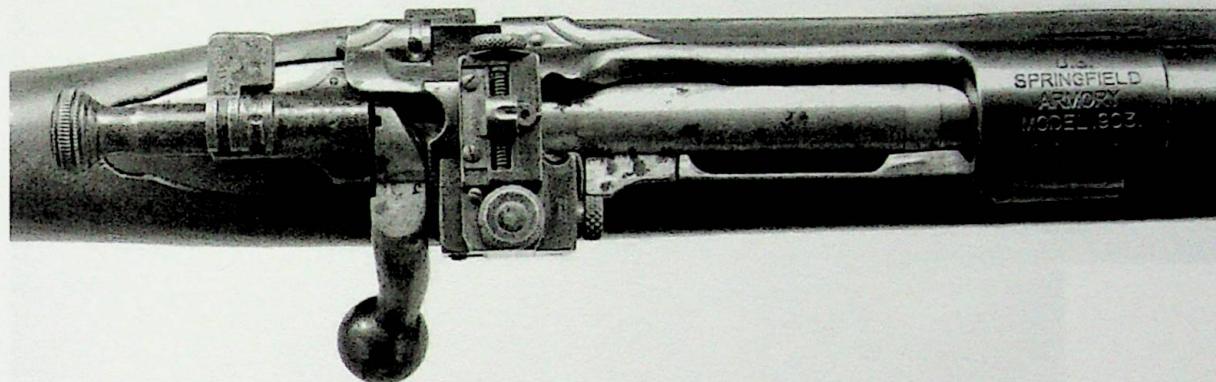
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Lt. PHILIP M. WHITNEY  
Lt. FRED L. HAMILTON

*Lt. Fellers-1stRow, 1<sup>st</sup> Right*



**ABOVE:** Right Side of Sporter with Polished bolt, Sporter Middle band and Swivel, Rear Receiver Target Sight, Shotgun Style Butt plate, and 1903Front sight. Serial Number 1273407.

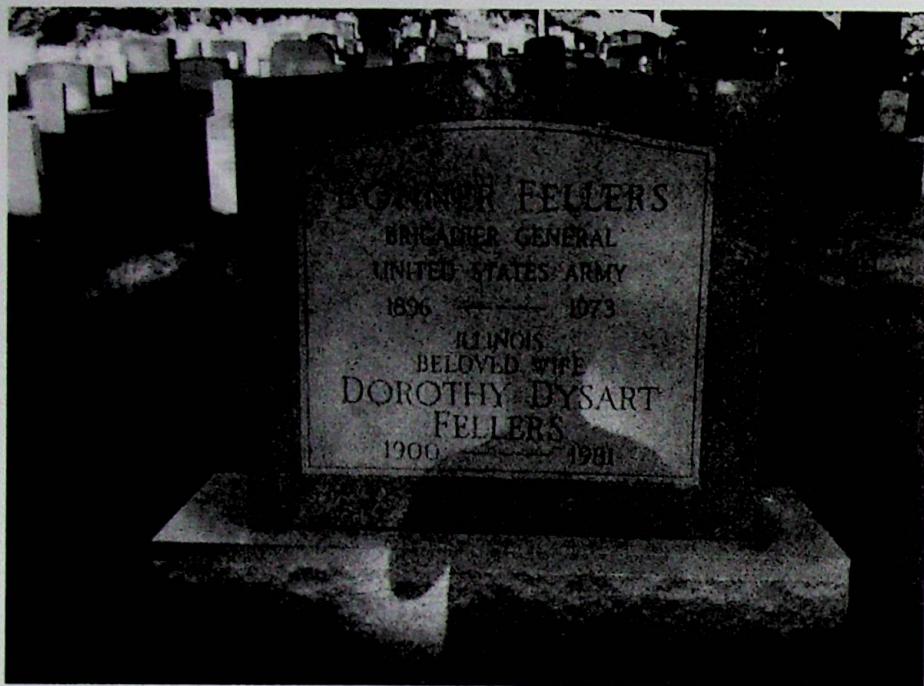
The model 1903 Sporting rifles were manufactured with approval of the Commanding Officer of Springfield Armory. They were of the highest quality, finished with star gage barrels marked with a str on the muzzle and with the air gage number on the underside of the barrel. Fit and finish were superb with a receive rear sight and a fine finished standard 1903 front sight. The bolt has finely finished and polished match quality bolt with serial number etched to match the receiver serial number.



**Above:** Top View Correct Bolt Assembly, Receiver Rear Sight, Armory Markings, Serial number, and W L 3 Bolt. Skilled workers at the Springfield armory used water driven machine tools and were paid about eight dollars a day and were allowed to work during lunch hours and after work hours for extra pay.

The stocks were made of quality straight grain walnut and finished with mahogany powder mixed with linseed oil. A great deal of hand work was needed for fitness and finish. There were separate records kept on these rifles. This record keeping was mandated by Congress and accounted for right down each mil.

Other records indicate that Sporting type rifles were used by the FBI and the United States Marine Corps.

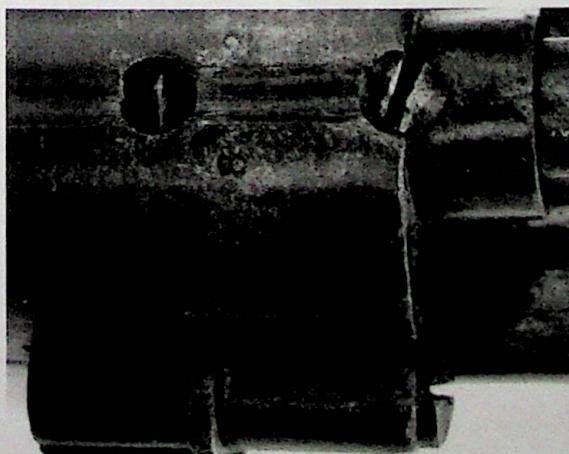


The star mark is stamped on the front of the barrel muzzle. They are similar to National Match, Match model, and custom ordered Springfield produced rifles.

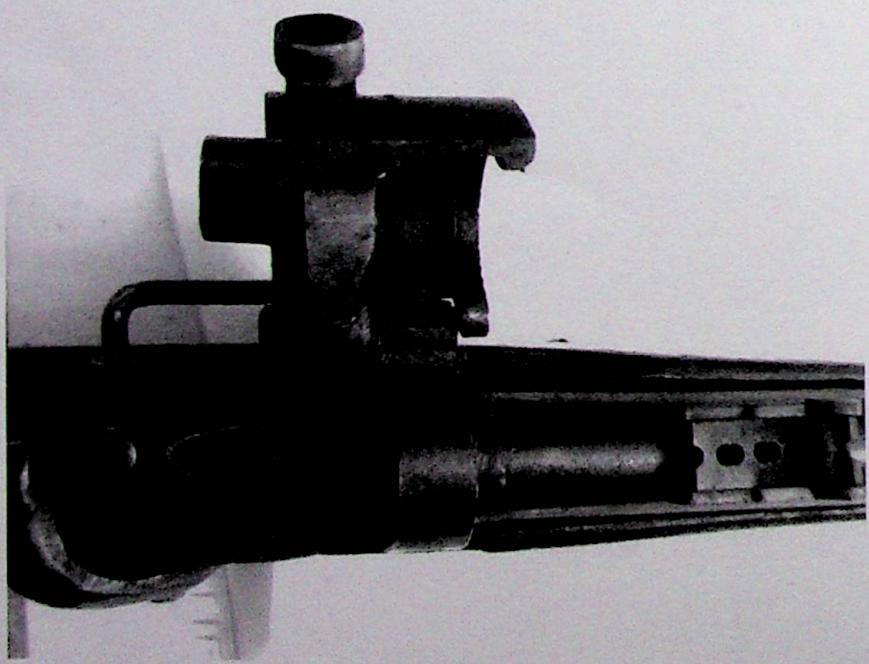
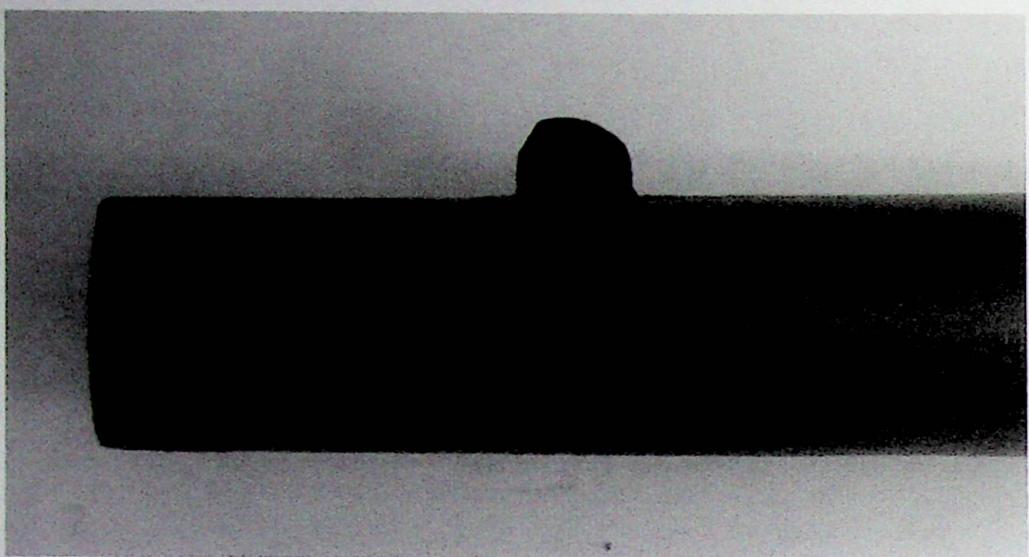


*U.S. Martial Arms Collector 178-20*

**Joslyn Carbine number 8** is a very early carbine marked on the top of the breech block and is documented to Company H 19<sup>th</sup> New York Cavalry on September 25, 1863. There is another single number on the other side of the breech block. There are no other numbers on the carbine. The conversion carbine shows a process that used 1863 carbines as well as later guns and very little data is known about the serial number process. There is no number on the lock plate.



*U.S. Martial Arms Collector 178-21*



*U.S. Martial Arms Collector 178-22*

SERIAL	MODEL	MMDDYY	USAGE
8	C	092563	CO H 19TH NY VOL CAV
22	C	63	CO F 19TH NY VOL CAV
25	C	092563	CO H 19TH NY VOL CAV
32	C	092563	CO H 19TH NY VOL CAV
37	C	092563	CO H 19TH NY VOL CAV
55	C	092563	CO H 19TH NY VOL CAV
66	C	092563	CO H 19TH NY VOL CAV
68	C	63	CO F 19TH NY VOL CAV
74	C	63	CO F 19TH NY VOL CAV
76	C	63	CO F 19TH NY VOL CAV
91	C	63	CO F 19TH NY VOL CAV
97	C	092563	CO H 19TH NY VOL CAV

The above table are known serial numbers of Joslyn Carbines issued to Companies F and H of the 19<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteer Cavalry during 1863 in the Civil war.

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### Civil War Service

(Sometimes designated 7th New York Cavalry.) First organized at New York City as a Squadron of two Companies, "A" and "B," for duty in the Dept. of Virginia, and mustered in at Fortress Monroe, Va., July 30, 1861. Companies "C" and "D" organized at Newburg, N. Y., and mustered in September 18 and October 16, 1861. Companies "E," "F," "G" and "H" organized at New York City and mustered in June to August, 1862. Companies "I," "K," "L" and "M" organized August and September, 1862. Companies "A" and "B" left State for Fortress Monroe, Va., July, 1861; "C" and "D" December 6, 1861; "E," "F," "G" and "H" August, 1862, and "I," "K," "L" and "M" September 19, 1862. Attached to District of Fortress Monroe, Dept. of Virginia, to

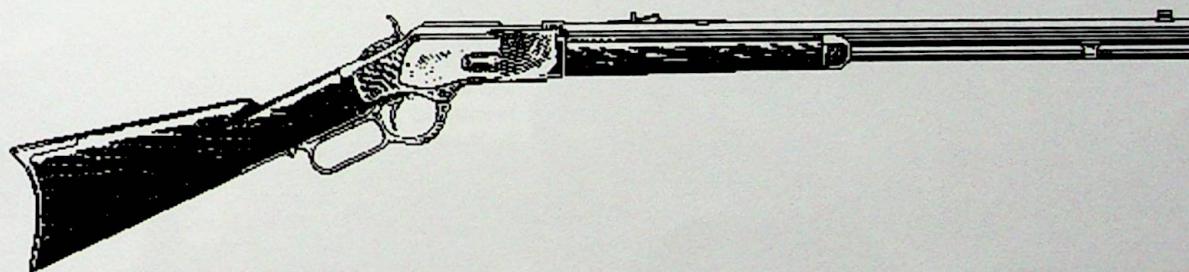
May, 1862. Unattached, Dept. of Virginia, to July, 1862. Unattached, Division at Suffolk, Va., 7th Army Corps, Dept. of Virginia, to April, 1863. Cavalry, 7th Army Corps. Dept. of Virginia, to July, 1863. Cavalry Brigade, U. S. Forces, Portsmouth, Va., Dept. of Virginia and North Carolina, to October, 1863. U. S. Forces, Yorktown, Va., Dept. of Virginia and North Carolina, to January, 1864. Cavalry Brigade and Wistar's Division, 18th Army

Corps, Dept. of Virginia and North Carolina, to April, 1864. Unattached Cavalry, Army of the James, to July, 1864. Cavalry Brigade, Dept. of Virginia and North Carolina, to October, 1864. 3rd Brigade, Kautz's Cavalry Division, Dept. of Virginia and North Carolina, to March, 1865. Headquarters, Dept. of Virginia, to April, 1865. District of Eastern Virginia, Dept. of Virginia, to July, 1865.

Duty at Fortress Monroe and at Camp Hamilton, Va., till May, 1862. Action in Hampton Roads, Newport News, March 8-9, 1862, between "Monitor" and "Merrimac." Howard's Bridge April 4 (Cos. "A" and "B"). Near Lee's Mills April 5 (Cos. "A" and "B"). Tranter's Creek, Norfolk, Va., May 10. Suffolk, Va., May 14. Reconnoissance to Edenton, N. C., May 27-31. Hertford, N. C., June 30. Duty at Suffolk, Va., till June, 1863. Smithfield July 10, 1862. South Mills September 4. Zuni September 15. Blackwater September 28. Blackwater near Zuni October 4. Zuni October 20 and 25. Near Franklin October 31. Zuni November 3. Providence Church November 12. Blackwater Bridge and Zuni November 14. Zuni Bridge November 15. Near Carrsville November 17. Franklin November 18. Zuni November 25. South Quay December 7. Zuni near Blackwater December 8 and 11-13. Joyner's Ford December 12. Isle of Wight Court House December 22. Providence Church Road December 28. Ely's House near Providence Church January 9, 1863. Burnt Ordinary January 11. Jacksonville, N. C., January 20. Deserted House January 30. Edenton, N. C., February 7. Reconnoissance from Suffolk March 7-9. Chuckatuck March 7. Near Windsor March 9. Blackwater Bridge March 31. Siege of Suffolk April 11-May 4. South Quay Road April 11. Elenton, Providence Church and Somerton Roads April 12-13. Edenton Road April 15. Providence Church Road, Chuckatuck and Reed's Ferry May 3. Lake Drummond May 4. Blackwater Bridge May 12. Near Suffolk and Carrsville May 16. Scott's Mills May 17. Near Blackwater, Windsor Road, May 18. Antioch and Barber's Cross Roads May 23. Blackwater Bridge May 31. South Mills June 8. South Quay Road June 12. Camden, N. C., July 5. Currituck July 12 and 22. Raid to destroy railroad at Weldon July 25-August 2. Jackson July 28. Expedition from Portsmouth to Edenton, N. C., August 11-19. Edenton August 15. Pasquotank August 18. Expedition from Williamsburg to Bottom's Bridge August 26-29. Barhamsville, Slatersville, New Kent Court House, Crump's Cross Roads and Bottom's Bridge August 29. Expedition to Matthews County October 4-9. Near Williamsburg November 8. Charles City Cross Roads November 16. Expedition to Charles City Court House December 12-14. Charles City Court House December 13. New Kent Court House January 19, 1864. Scouting from Williamsburg January 19-24. Wistar's Expedition toward Richmond February 6-8. Bottom's Bridge February 7.

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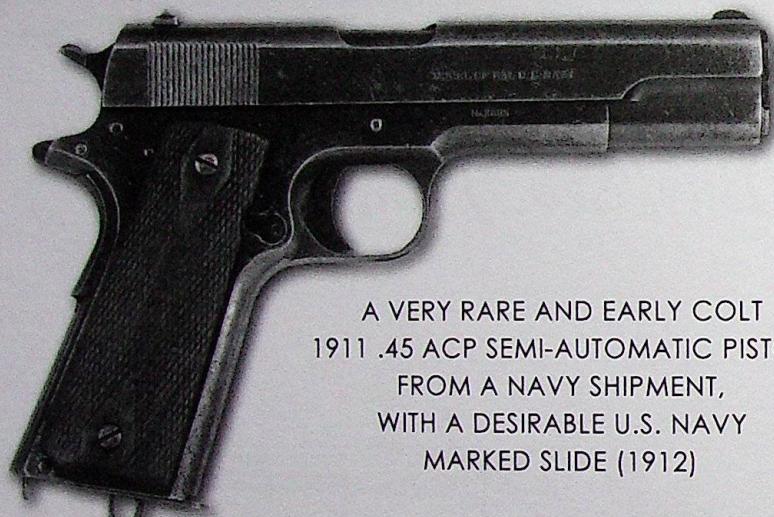
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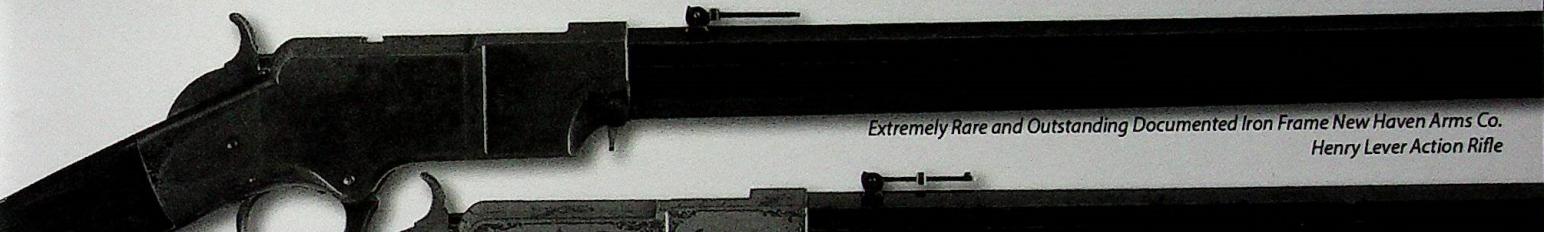
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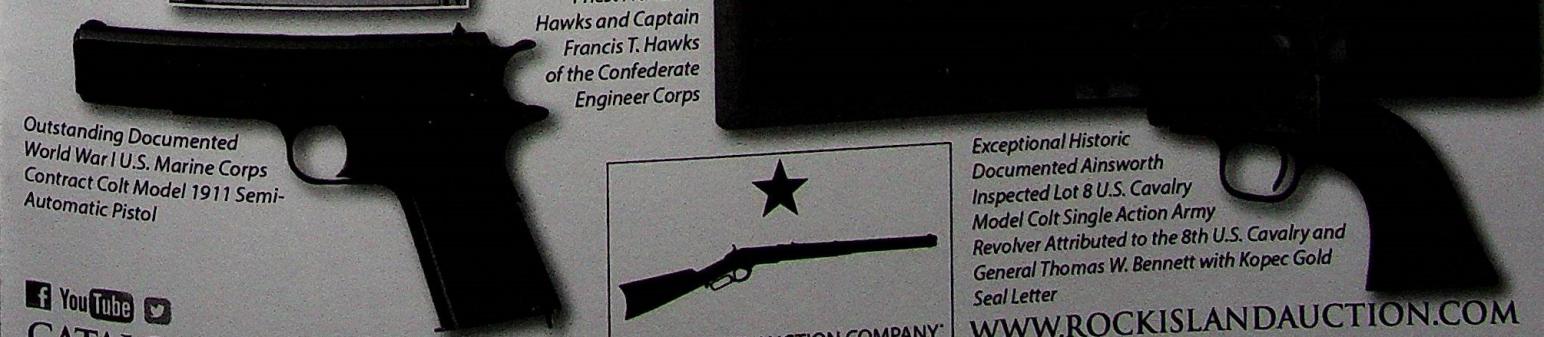
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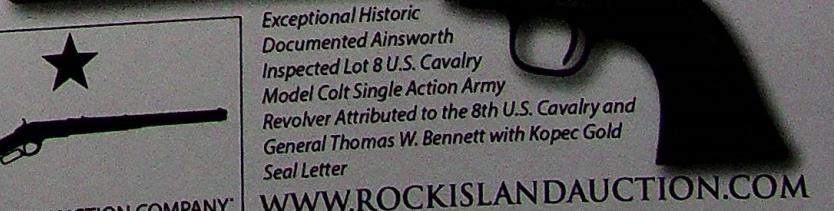


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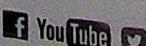
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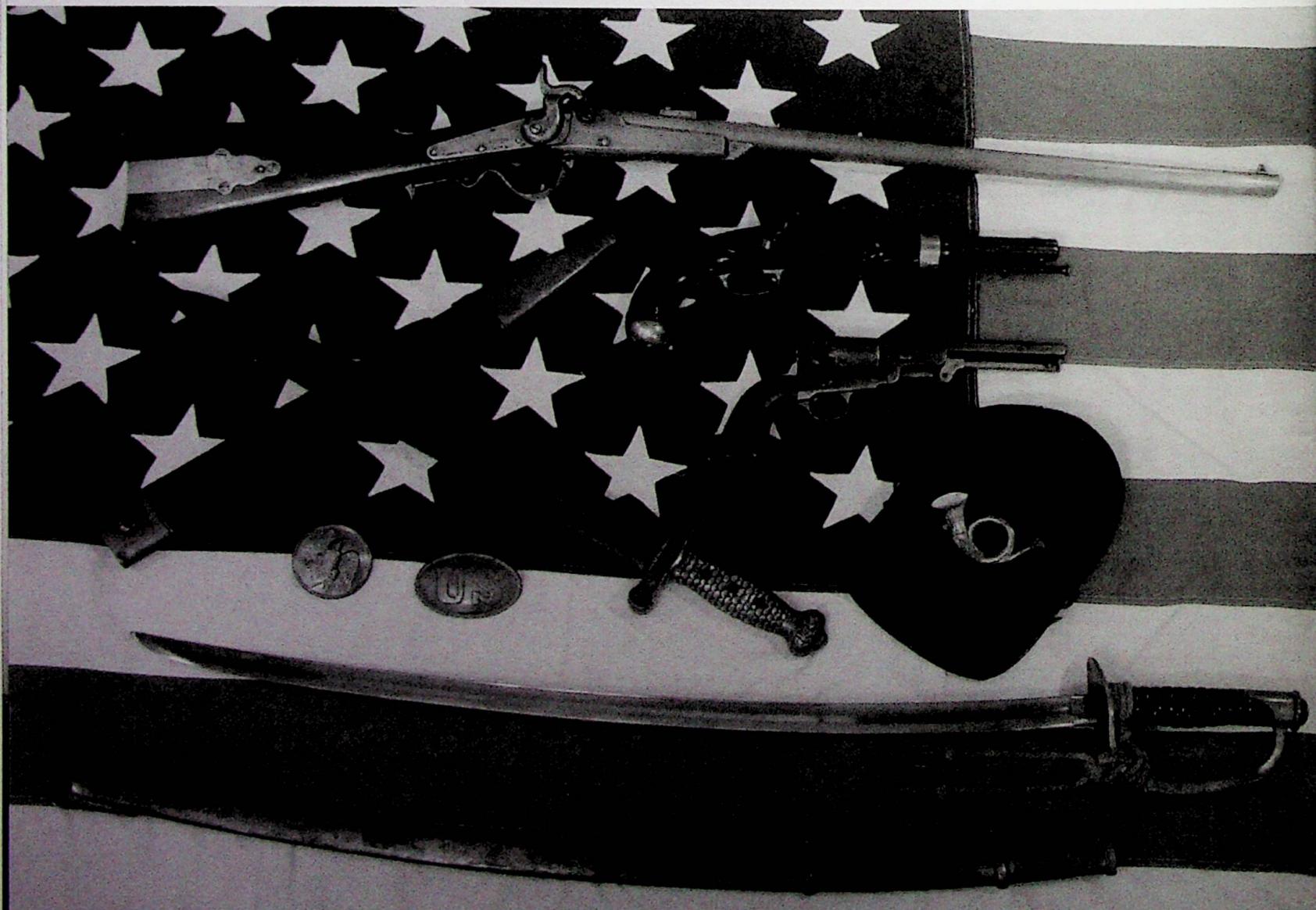
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