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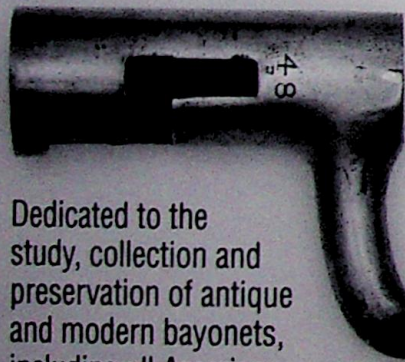
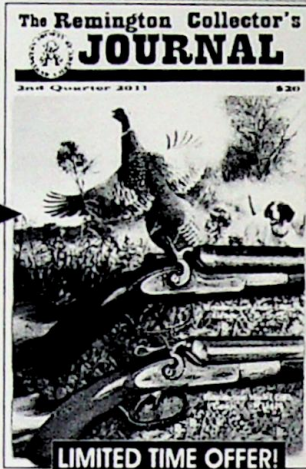
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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

"Fast and Furious". The program is still under investigation. Congressman Issa has set a deadline of Memorial Day to receive answers to his questions on what people were involved; who knew of the operations; and the extent of the management of Justice and BATF. Attorney General Holder is holding back the information or sending edited versions to Congress. This may lead to Congressional action as well as contempt charges. It may require scheduling by the Congressional Leader for hearings.

CURRENT RESEARCH

Research has been done on Colt 1911 pistols in various time frames including World War 1 manufacture. Model 1922 and 1922M1 rifles have been reviewed for manufacture and the various forms and configurations that were made during the production times at Springfield Armory. Many Colt percussion revolvers have been reviewed for Civil War unit usage.

In some cases we have also included a serial number of both a handgun and a carbine issued to the same trooper in the same unit. This offers more data and adds to the data base with factors such as the exact type of weapon chosen for a specific military unit.

Our efforts to extend Sharps carbines and rifles records include some serial number records that have been accumulated with limited information obtained from factory records in Hartford, CT.

We continually gain large amounts of data but are also somewhat slow in sorting and making an easy-to-use data base. It is a never-ending process. Information always assists in supporting official documents. Most of this data comes from gun shows where a specific weapon can be looked at with information from known government documents.

Our gun shows seem to be changing and many of them have a lot of activity for modern rifles and hand guns. It seems that most activity is in World War II weapons and current assault type rifles. Modern hand guns and ammunition have strong sales. The antique and high-end collectibles are lagging in strong sales. The exception is high-quality items that are excellent with no modifications. Buyers are always eager to find the best and appear to be able to pay high prices. There are now many good references in all forms of book and on-line services.

There is a well educated gun buyer group that continues to appear at all shows. Many times they are not noticed and they have personal collection requirements as well as sales interest. Many people scout all shows to buy and immediately send the item to one of the large auction houses for resale. The bigger antique and high-end shows still draw a big crowd, but some are slowing down due to travel, time, and other interests. It is always a balance of dealing directly at a show, visiting a known gun shop, or using auction services.

There is no formula for collectors. SRS still enjoys a location to visit shows easily and see unknown items and look at the current trends.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

We have rebuilt our subscription data base due to several power and system failures. We hope this will solve the past problems. Please email any problems to the editor.

NOTE. *Please send an email if you receive any subscription data that is incorrect.* We can also answer a mailed note but it takes longer to use both the mail inquiry and the response. We appreciate comments and emails when they solve mistakes or problems.

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We will always continue to answer mail from our subscribers that do not have email capability. Issue number 131 is current and is dated June 2012.

Number 132, and 133 will be sent in 2012.

Our advertising deadlines are the Friday two weeks before the date of a publication. Our standard is March, June, September, and December for each year.

SPRINGFIELD RESEARCH LETTERS

We are writing more letters for our subscribers, and extensive research takes more time. We will continue this endeavor as time permits and are always trying to upgrade our data as well as our system. It is always a matter of time and we are behind as part of the operation. We plan on as many as we can accomplish each year. 2012 looks like the same time as last year and we will get research out as fast as we are able. Basic and sales letters are faster but may have limited data. The sales letters usually will be accompanied by sales information if it is available. Basic letters are \$ 50. We can also supply data on a sales rifle and general officers' pistols. These efforts will cost \$ 65 and a copy of the Springfield document will be included if available. 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 two 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 only. Complete analysis by any category is a major effort. 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 to \$ 250 for standard arms. There are additional costs for most early Colts used in the Civil War and by the 1st Cavalry (Spanish American War), 2nd, 5th, 7th and other unique units. The costs may run above \$ 250, if additional research is required..

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.

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

Issues number 55 through 127 are available for \$ 10 each postpaid and there are several issued that have run out. Copies may be made. 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.

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LETTERS WRITTEN DURING THIS PERIOD

U.S. Model 1903 Rifle, Cal. 30, U.S. Sporting Model, serial number 1 265 181 Sold to: L. C. Leighton, Cristobal, CZ. November 3, 1924.

U.S. 1903 COLT Automatic Pistol, serial number 568955, Colt Pistol, Caliber .32. Issued To: Brigadier General H. M. Hoban. January 16, 1956.

U.S. Model 1898 Rifle, Serial Number 309016. WW11 Donation To The United States Navy. November 9, 1943.

Carbine, Sharps U.S. Model 1863. Shipped To: U.S. Government from Sharps factory, Hartford, Connecticut. February 23, 1864.

Rifle, Cal. 22, M1922 M1, NRA. Number 20 322. Sold To: John H. Skinkle, Lowell, Massachusetts. October 7, 1932.

Colt Pistol, Caliber .45. Receiver only. Manufactured By: Colt Firearms Co. For the United States Military in 1916.

U.S. Model 1903 Rifle, Cal. 30, U.S. Sporting Model, serial number 1 295 293 Sold To: B. P. Leeds, Allendale, Ill. June 7, 1929.

U.S. Model 1903 Rifle, Cal. 30,

U.S. Sporting Model, serial number 1 276 147, Sold To: Harold Collings, Danville, IL. May 25, 1928.

Springfield Model 1884 Experimental Rifle serial number 321110, The Model 1884 Rifle was issued to Fort Macinac , 23rd Infantry, August 5, 1887 for field testing. It is one of the rarest of the 45/70 rifles and is documented in U. S. Army records, and also is listed in Al Frasca's book "The 45/70 Springfield" on page 265 of Book 11. Most of the 1,013 rifles were taken apart and disassembled after the testing.

U.S. Model 1903 Rifle, Cal. 30, U.S. Sporting Model, serial number 1 277 572, Sold To: D. A. Grondona, Tucson, Arizona. September 16, 1927.

U.S. Model 1884 Rifle, Cal. 45/70, serial number 562 214 Issued To: Clifton E. Smith, Company D 8th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. 1898.

Model 1903 COLT Automatic Pistol, serial number 569773, Caliber .32. Issued to Brigadier General D R Pepke. September 18, 1964.

U.S. Model 1922M1 Rifle, Cal. 22, serial number 19595, Cal. 22, M 1922M1. Fred C. Best, Milwaukee , WI.

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World War 1 Colt 1911 Order For Receivers Only

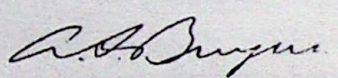
The U.S. War Department issued a major contract for Colt Receivers for the then current Model 1911 pistols. Production requirements were started to support the WW 1 forces, which were in short supply of handguns and rifles. The Colt startup requirements were subject to extensive build-up of production facilities and the Army took receipt of completely finished receivers in 1916. Production of complete pistols was not possible at that time. This production has led to a variety of 1911 pistols that cause questions and concerns about different configurations from the many differences in that time frame of production. The serial numbers were assigned in a large block and the units delivered. Receivers were used to complete weapons, used as test fixtures, potential company production samples, and use by various Arsenals, and other facilities for complete weapons. Examples could be in many forms including original blue finish pistols, rebuilt weapons, test weapons, pistols with different frame markings and later government rebuilds with both parkerized or blue finish. There are also upgraded models with the most recent improvements. Many are original as produced and many others are unique in configurations of the time. Inspector marks may also vary and include original and refinished manufacture. The following 1911 appears to be an original U.S. configuration with a later parkerized finish. We have located the serial numbers and there are examples with known history, but there are also many numbers with unknown original configuration. The serial number of this 1911 is 132530 and the hammer, sights, and markings appear all original for an early model. The finish is parkerized. Serial numbers include many consecutive numbers in the 132530 to 133186 range.

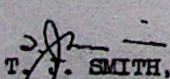


Springfield Model 1922 Variants

We receive many comments and questions concerning serial numbers, different stocks, finish, drawing numbers, and markings on the many variations of the Springfield Armory 22 caliber training rifles. The following are selected government papers on a few of the subjects. SRS has generated a very large data base on the Springfield rifles and will assemble this data as time permits. This section describes several issues including finish on some models and NRA stamps on NRA model stocks.

Colonel T. J. Smith sent out this document on December 20, 1937 concerning the availability of U.S. Rifle, caliber 22., M2 with NRA stocks made for sales purposes. It lists drilling and tapping, finish, and cost data.

O.O. 474.3/1052 SA 474.3/390	9th Ind.	IBM/vn
War Department, Ordnance Office, Washington, D. C. April 3, 1936. - To: C.O., Springfield Armory, Springfield, Mass.		
1. In regard to paragraph two of 6th Indorsement attention is invited to preceding indorsement.		
By order of the Chief of Ordnance:		
SPRINGFIELD ARMORY, MAS		
PR 7 Nov 2 1936 1 Encl. n/c	 A. S. Buyers, Lt. Col., Ord. Dept., Assistant.	

O.O. 474.3/1052 S.A. 474.3/390	10th Ind. 3	TFL/bbb
Springfield Armory, Mass., December 20, 1937. To: Chief of Ordnance, War Department, Washington, D. C.		
1. With reference to paragraph two, 3rd Ind. hereon, the manufacture of the 200 U. S. Rifles, Cal..22, M2, 50 of which are drilled and tapped for telescope blocks and equipped with N.R.A. stocks, for sales purposes, has been completed.		
2. There are now available for sale at the Armory to members of the National Rifle Association and others authorized to purchase, the following Caliber .22, M2 Type, rifles:		
U. S. Rifle, Cal..22, M1922MII, N.R.A., Browned, at \$55.79 each		
U. S. Rifle, Cal..22, M2, N.R.A., Parkerized, at. \$55.79 each.		
1 Incl. n/c.	 T. J. SMITH, Colonel, Ordnance Department, Commanding.	

Col. Smith's memo on Cal. 22 M2 rifles drilled and tapped with NRA stocks. It also described Model 1922 M1 rifles with parkerized finish and NRA stocks. The last lot of Browning finish was manufactured during 1932. These documents are part of a large series of data on many other M1922 Springfields in many variations through the late 1930's.

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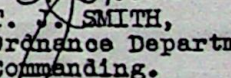
ELB/gmm

Springfield Armory, Mass., March 20, 1936. To: Chief of Ordnance, War Department, Washington, D.C.

1. Referring to Procurement Authority Ord-6545, and in accordance with 3rd Ind., par. 2 herein, it is noted that 50 of the Rifles, U.S., Cal..22, M2, to be manufactured, will be drilled and tapped for 'scope blocks and fitted with N.R.A. stocks and held for sales purposes on approval of the Director of Civilian Marksmanship.

2. It is presumed that these fifty rifles should otherwise be of the regular M2 grade, but information is requested whether the finish should be "Parkerized" or "Browned". The U.S. Rifles, Cal..22, M1922M1, N.R.A. Type, previously manufactured for sales purposes, (consisting of 1000 Rifles Ord.2664, 300 rifles Ord. 2849, 200 Rifles Ord.6647, 300 Rifles Ord. 8150) were of the "Browned" finish. All other M1922M1 rifles and all M2 service rifles manufactured to date have had the "Parkerized" finish. The last lot of Browning rifles was manufactured during year 1932.

3. The previous Cal..22 rifles for sales purposes had the "Browned" finish in order to improve appearance and be similar to commercial rifles of this type. There will be some additional expense in order to produce "Browned" rifles, which will add to sale price.


T. J. SMITH,
Lt-Colonel, Ordnance Department,
Commanding.

1 Incl. n/c

NRA Marking on M2 Sales Rifle



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Col. J. S. Hatcher wrote the following memo concerning the Marking of NRA on stocks followed by the drawing number ("N.R.A. should be an additional marking on the stock in a suitable location where it can be easily seen".) SRS collection has an NRA stock with NRA markings.

O.O.474.3/813
S.A.474.3/211

11th Ind. Cont'd.

- (b) The rifle now known as "U.S. Rifle, Caliber .22, Model 1922 M1, with N.R.A. Stock and Butt Plate," should be known as "U.S. Rifle, Caliber .22 M1, N.R.A.," the receiver to be marked "U.S. Springfield Armory, Caliber .22 M1," and "N.R.A." should be an additional marking on the stock in a suitable location where it can be easily seen.
- (c) The new rifle having the T2-E2 Bolt and the T1 Magazine should be known as "U.S. Rifle, Caliber .22 M2," and be marked on the receiver "U.S. Springfield Armory, Caliber .22 M2."
- (d) The new rifle, M2, for N.R.A. use should be known as "U.S. Rifle, Caliber .22 M2, N.R.A.," the receiver to be marked "U.S. Springfield Armory, Caliber .22 M2," and "N.R.A." should be an additional marking on the stock in a suitable location where it can be easily seen.

5. Springfield Armory's comments on the above changes in nomenclature are requested.

6. In connection with paragraph 8 of the 10th indorsement, this office is particularly pleased with the action taken by the Commanding Officer in regard to Captain G. A. Woody and it is further felt that Mr. John Garand should receive an entry on his efficiency report relative to the creditable work he did in connection with the development of the U.S. Rifle, Caliber .22, Model 1922, T1-EL, and the U.S. Rifle, Caliber .22, Model 1922, T1. Also, Major Guy Drewry did very creditable work in a conference with representatives of this office at Washington, D.C., outlining the methods of overcoming some of the difficulties and which recommendations were incorporated in the 5th Indorsement above. However, this should not detract in any way from Captain G. A. Woody's work as he deserves particular credit in carrying out his own ideas and others to a definite and workable conclusion.

By order of the Chief of Ordnance:

J. S. Hatcher
J. S. Hatcher,
Major, Ord. Dept.,
Assistant.

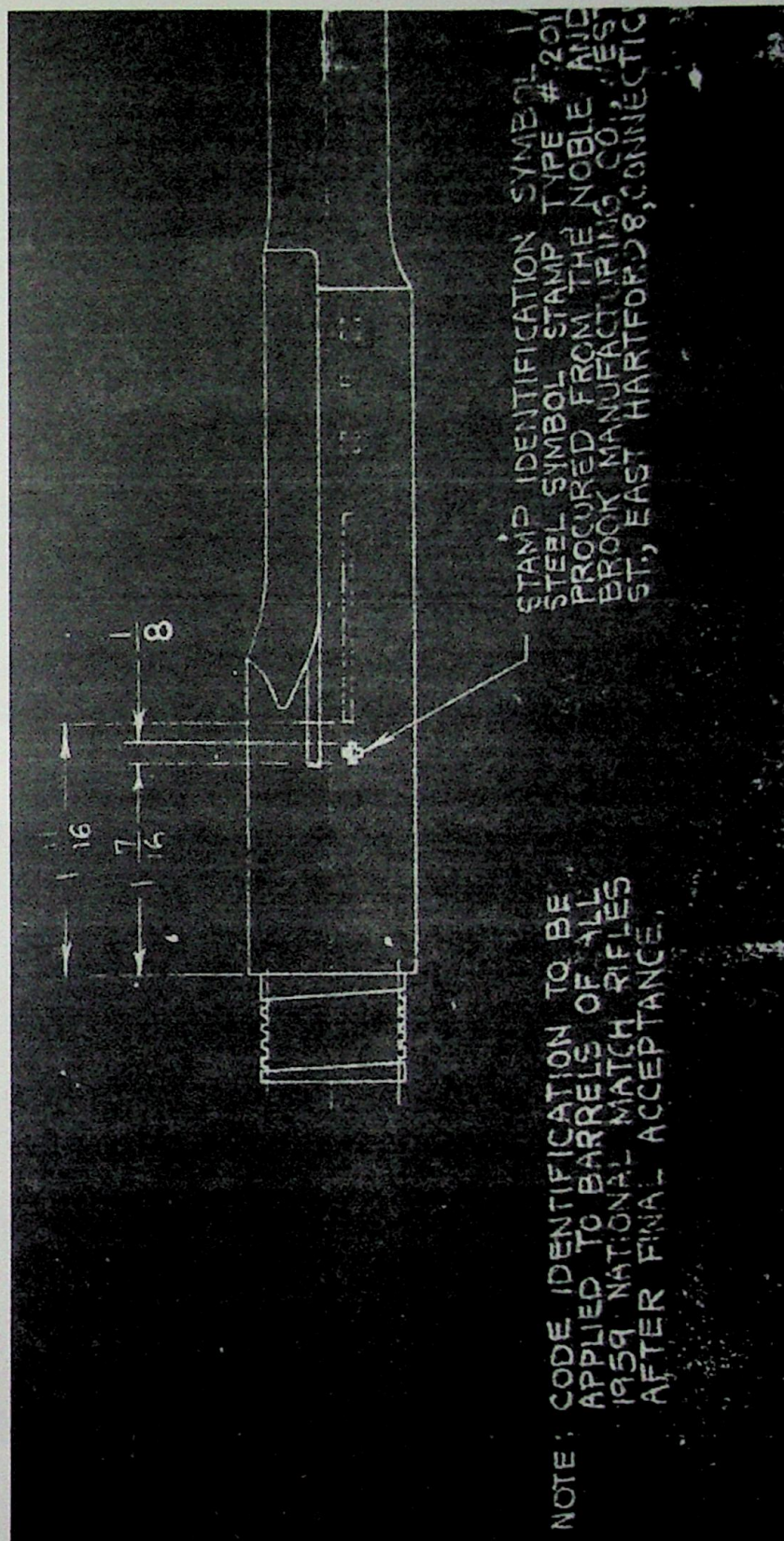
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1959 National Match Rifle Marks

This drawing indicates the symbol and position of the NM marking.

The drawing shows the 1959 date and directive to mark all barrels after final acceptance.



Colt Aircrewman Serial Number 1

Serial number 1 of the Colt lightweight Aircrewman 38 special revolver was presented to General Hoyt S. Vandenberg. The Vandenberg family is a famous USAF family, for which Vandenberg Air Force base was named. The following pictures show all of the inscriptions and markings of this historic United States Colt Revolver that was specially designed for its light weight and for use by crews on USAF aircraft. This type revolver was also made as a Smith and Wesson model with different finishes and engineering. Colt number 1 is very unique and is also the rarest of the Aircrewman weapons. The USAF weapons were assigned the following serial numbers and were produced for a limited time. Most variations were destroyed and this perfect example is supported by the ownership by the famous USAF General, H. C. Vandenberg.

A.F. No. 1 thru AF No. 1189. Assigned to Colt's Mfg Co.- per telephone conversation between John Monaghan, S.D. and V. W. Grant, 12 Feb 52.

A.F. No 1190 thru A.F. No. 2407. Assigned to Smith & Wesson, Contract DA 19-059 ord-721. (Ltr 3 Apr 52, S.A. SA 474.69/172.)





General Vandenberg Name On Grip



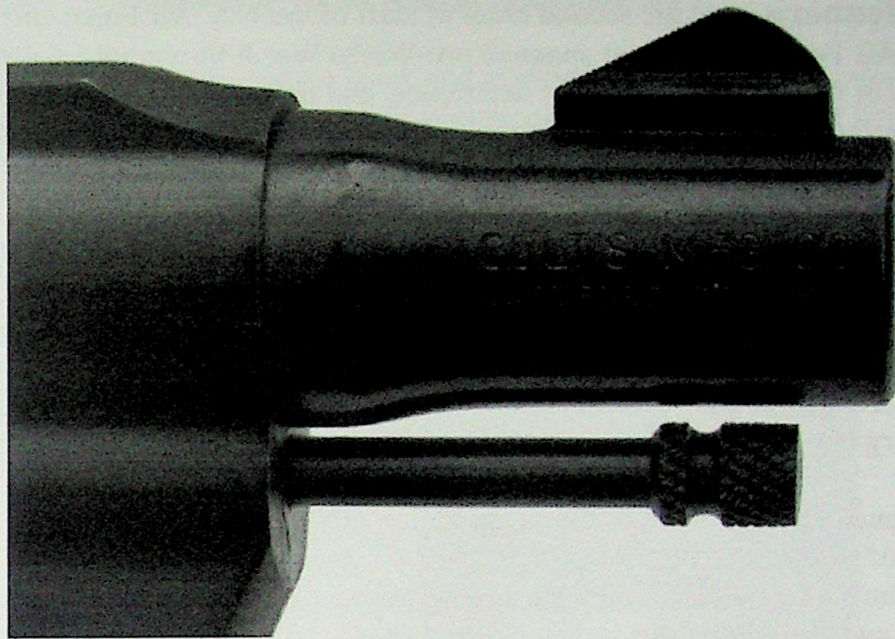
Serial Number On Butt



USAF Markings On Grip



USAF Emblem On Left Grip



Right Side Colt Barrel Marking



Left Side AIRCREWMAN Barrel Marking

Hoyt S. Vandenberg was the second chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force and the "builder" of an independent Air Force. His career spanned pre-World War II through the Korean War. He was a proponent of the strategy of nuclear deterrence, and inaugurated the strategic forces in the Air Force. He pushed for rocket development, computer proliferation, thermonuclear experimentation and the transition to an all-jet inventory.

Vandenberg was born in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1899. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy June 12, 1923, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Service.

His early assignments were at Kelly Field, Texas; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Randolph Field, Texas; Maxwell Field, Ala. After graduating from the War College in June 1939, Vandenberg became operations and training officer of the Air Staff for World War II.

In June 1943, Vandenberg assisted in the organization of the Air Forces in North Africa and was appointed chief of staff of the 12th Air Force, 1943. Vandenberg became chief of staff of the Northwest African Strategic Air Force and flew on numerous missions over Tunisia, Italy, Sardinia, Sicily, and Pantelleria during the North African campaign. He was awarded both the Silver Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross. At the 12th Air Force and as chief of staff of the Northwest African Strategic Air Force, he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Vandenberg was assigned to Air Corps headquarters as deputy chief of air staff, and became head of an air mission to Russia, under Ambassador Harriman. He was transferred to the European theater, and in April 1944, was designated deputy air commander in chief of the Allied Expeditionary Forces and commander of its American Air Component. In August 1944, Vandenberg assumed command of the Ninth Air Force.

He was director of Intelligence and appointed director of Central Intelligence and vice chief of staff on Oct. 1, 1947. He was promoted to the rank of general on April 30, 1948. Vandenberg was the chief of staff and re-nominated by President Harry S. Truman for a second term.

He led the Air Force during the Korean War and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star, Victory Medal, American Campaign Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon and the European-African-Middle East Campaign Ribbon.

He also received decorations from Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, China, Egypt, England, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland and Portugal.

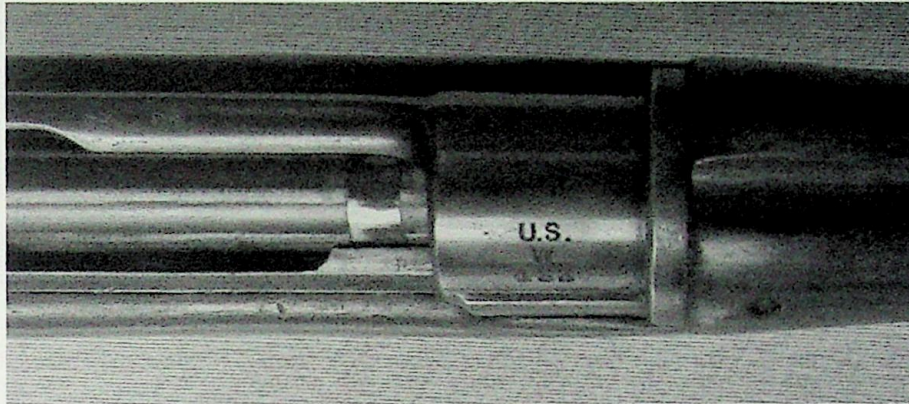
General Vandenberg retired from active duty June 30, 1953, and died 10 months later on April 2, 1954. Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., is named in his honor.

Sources compiled from the Air Force History Support Office.

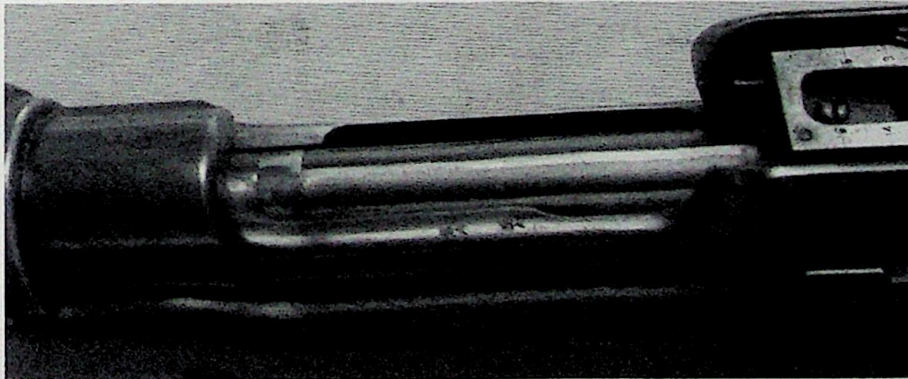
Early Model 1917 Winchester Rifle Serial Number 433.

Courtesy of Ed Kemp

Extraordinary original blue finish, walnut stock and markings from the first production in June 1917. The full markings with Model 1917 and Winchester were not used until latter in production. and it appears that there may have been a few thousand with early markings.

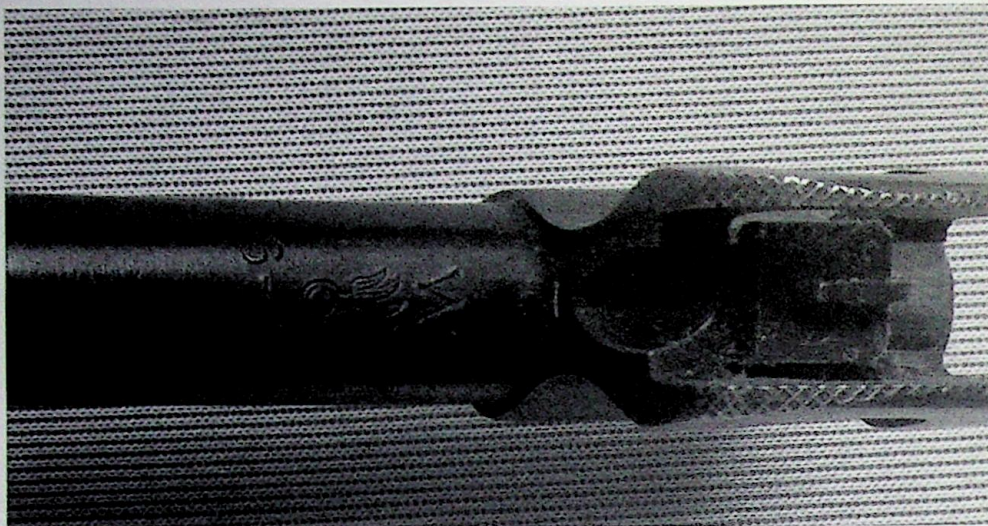


Receiver marked U.S. W Serial number 433. Manufactured in the first series of production.



Left top of receiver rail marked with 2 early inspection and proof marks.

The metal is a perfect Winchester blue and polished bright muzzle.



Winchester marked barrel with U.S. Ordnance Bomb dated 6-17.



Stock with 2 Eagle Inspection Marks. (No P on M1917 Enfield).
No other stock markings.

Supporting data courtesy of Nick Ferris, author of the book on U.S. M1917 rifles.

Krag

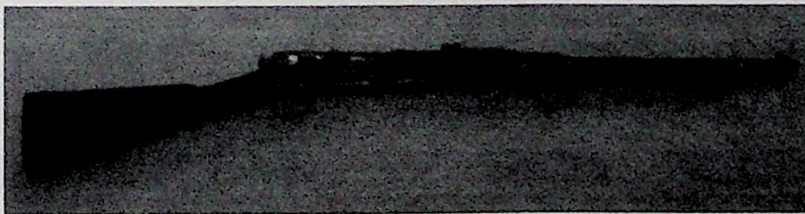
U.S. Magazine Carbine, Caliber .30 model of 1899, altered for knife bayonet and gun sling.

The Krag rifle shown is also known as the Philippine Constabulary Rifle. The origin of this rifle came from two sources. The sources were the Girard College of Philadelphia in 1900 and the requirement by the Philippine Bureau of Constabulary in 1905.

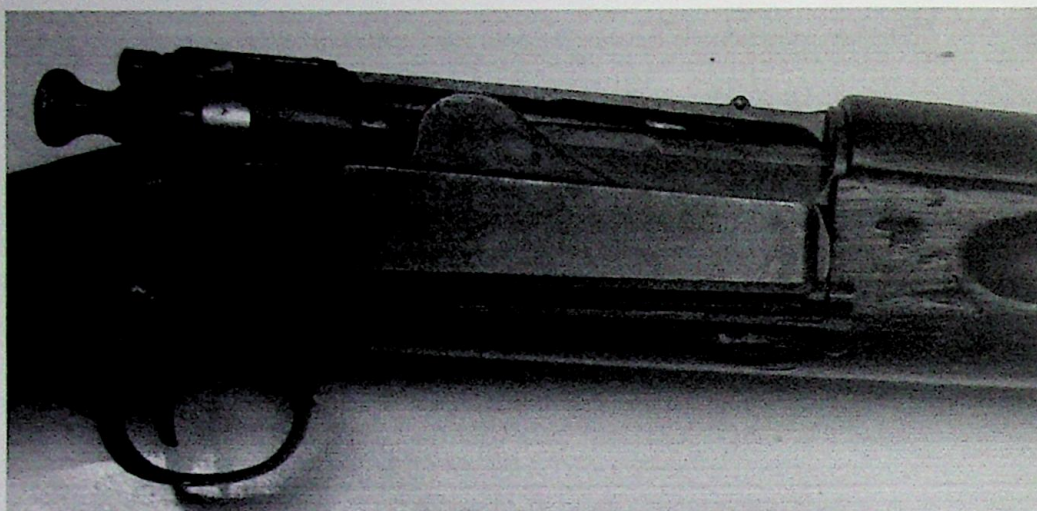
Captain P. L. Miles, commander of Cadets of Girard College was instrumental in this action, which was made official by War Department General Orders of 1911.

The first batch of 350 Philippine Constabulary Rifles was completed in June of 1906, and shipped to Girard College in November of 1906. They were paid for by the college. There were many rifles made with and without stocks for the Philippine Ordnance depot. Many others were made for various schools. Work was performed by Springfield and Rock Island.

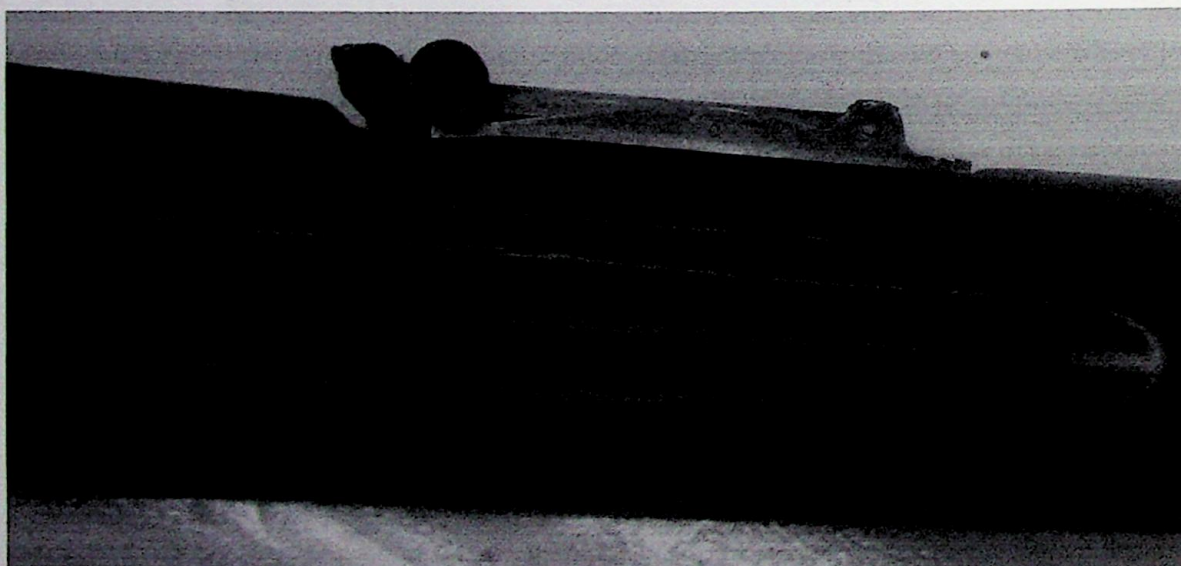
- (a) The carbine front sight blade, band and stock were removed. The outside of the barrel forward of the front sight stud was turned down to 0.62" diameter, and then rebrowned.
- (b) A model 1898 rifle stock was reduced in length by 8" , the lightening groove in the fore-end was opened slightly, and a square-section wooden filler block was inserted .The fore-end was then inletted for the barrel, turned for the rifle upper band, and drilled for the band screw.
- (c) The rifle upper band was mandreled to fit the larger diameter of the carbine barrel.
- (d) The modified rifle stock and bands along with the carbine sights were then assembled to the carbine barreled action.



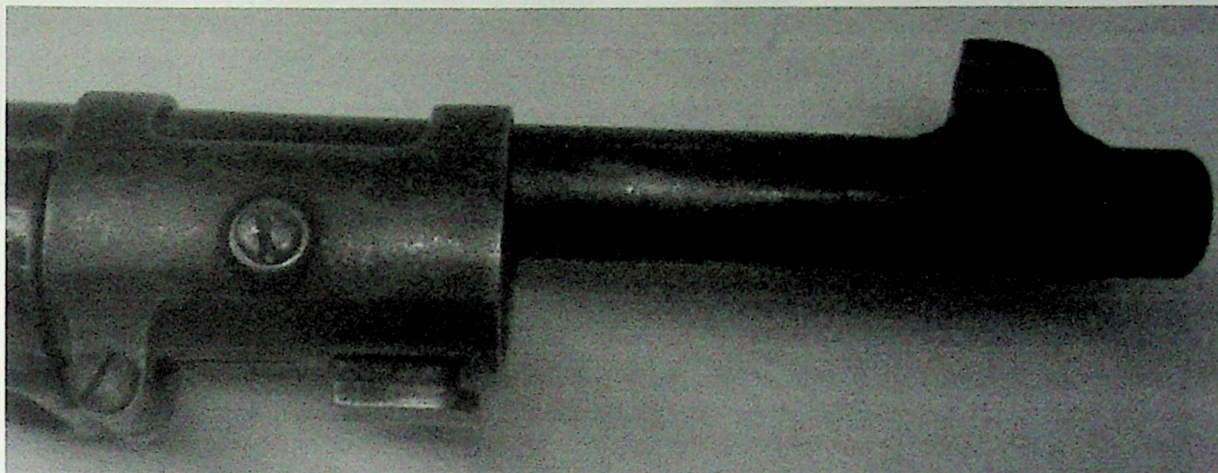
Full side view of rifle.



Right side view of 1899 Constabulary serial number 227420



Right side of model 1898 carbine rear sight.



Right side of modified band (no machined edge on bayonet lug), front sight, and turned down muzzle.



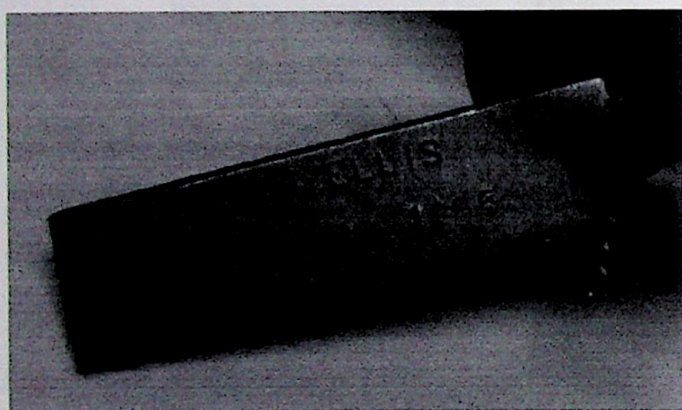
Right side of 1899 carbine receiver and serial number 227420



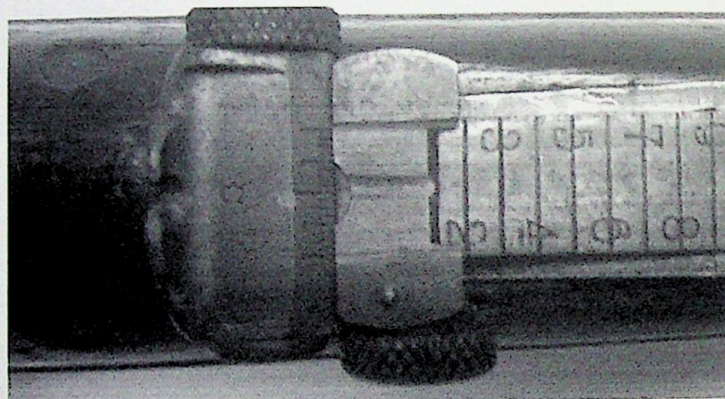
1902 Cartouche on left side



Lower butt swivel



Fort Ellis Abington 1895 tag



Top 1898 Carbine rear sight

Editor's notes: Photos courtesy Tom Butts (Krag Collectors Association), data from SRS Krag book by Frank Mallory, and the "School Gun" term from the late Bill Mook.

We would look forward to any comments and inputs on the Fort Ellis tag, and any additional data.

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U.S. Cavalry canteen with 2 quart capacity and filter. Designed for health trials with a larger neck and larger size for cavalymen.

Courtesy: Ed Kemp



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SPRINGFIELD M1903 METAL FINISH

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Springfield Armory, June 17, 1919-To Ordnance Office, Small Arms Division, Operating Section, Production Branch, Washington, D.C.

1. Returned. Insert in body letter noted.

2. This Armory concurs with Colonel Fuller that the appearance of rifles is not as satisfactory as could be expected from methods of coloring. At no time during the war was the Parker equipment adequate to process all components and was not put in operation until October 1918. First deliveries in quantity of barrel, receiver and bayonet were made about Oct. 14. Previously, barrel, receiver, bolt and upper band were browned. The guard, floor plate, lower band, lower band swivel, butt swivel and sight were blue; the cut-off, safety, lock thumb piece and butt plate were case hardened and quenched in water, giving a mottled appearance; the trigger, cocking piece, sleeve and extractor were tempered in oil and in all cases were the assemblies such as sights, bands and swivels of the same color.

3. Part of production of guards was parkerized in October; the first delivery of floor plates and sears was made on December 24 to January 6; trigger, January 6; follower, January 8; sleeve, January 6 and swivels during January. Safety lock thumb pieces and cocking pieces were never processed in quantities nor lower bands.

4. In order to use up supply of components not parkerized, an order was issued to assemble 75% of non-parkerized parts with those of the new process. An effort was made, however, not to assemble two adjacent parts with conflicting coloring of finish. Production, however, was the chief object during the war and such cases may have arisen due to this reason.

5. Since the reduction in schedule the Parker Room has been able to take care of production and is now being enlarged to handle 1000 per day.

L. D. Hubble
Lt. Col. Ord. Dept. U.S.A.
Commanding
By H. A. Willis
1st Lt. Ord. Dept. U.S.A.

Editors Note: The 1903 Rifle has had many variations in the finish of parts. The June 17, 1919 description gives an excellent review of the use of different finishes on parts; and dates at various productions.

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At the time purchase was made I was member of Maryland Civilian Rifle team in the National Match held at Jacksonville, Fla.. I subsequently served as 2nd Lieut. K Co., 319th Inf. and took this rifle to France with me. It was carried by Sgt. Joseph Robbins of my platoon and was in his possession when I last saw it before being sent to Base Hospital at Le Treport.

I understand that Sgt. Robbins was later sent to an officers' training school, and in all probability he turned in this rifle with other equipment.

Because of the associations with this particular rifle I am extremely anxious to regain it, but if this is impractical I should like to have another as near like it as possible.

Anything you can do for me will be thoroughly appreciated. If more information is desired, I shall be pleased to furnish it if possible.

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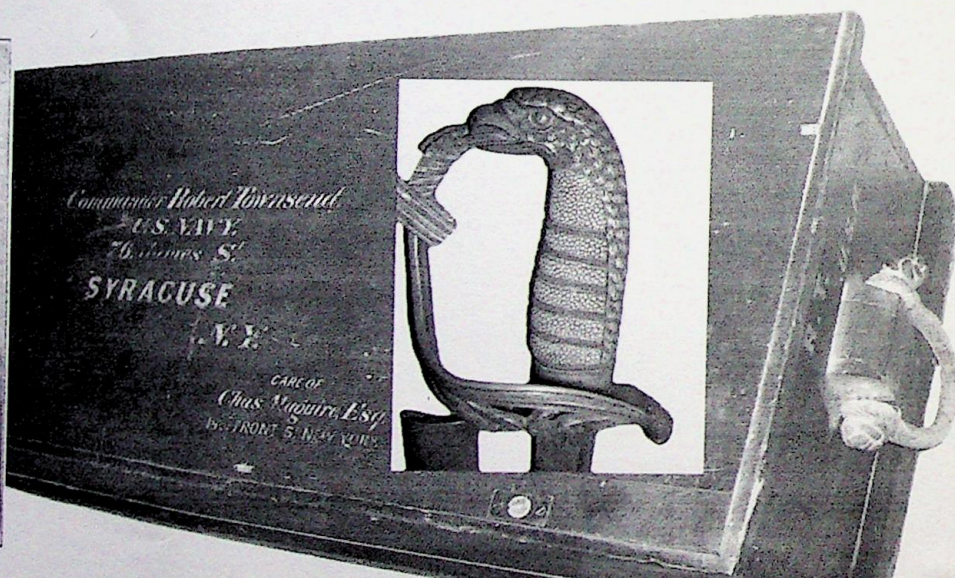
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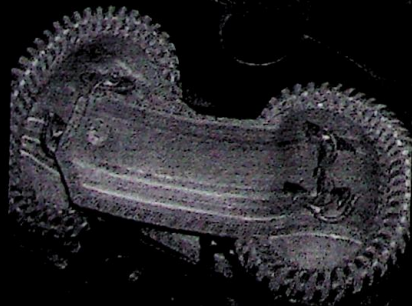


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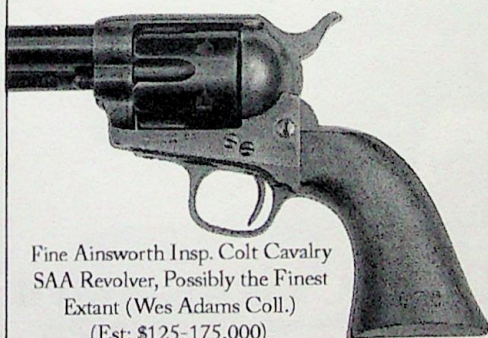
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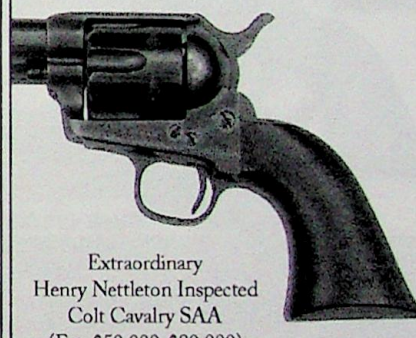
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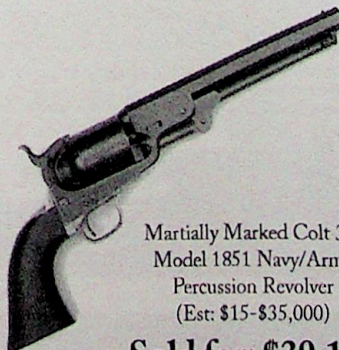
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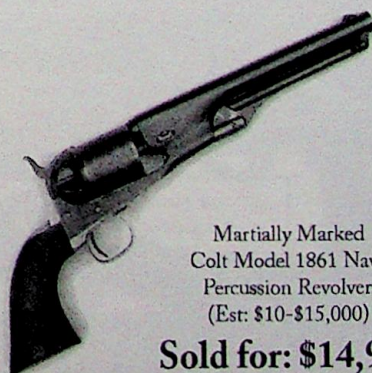
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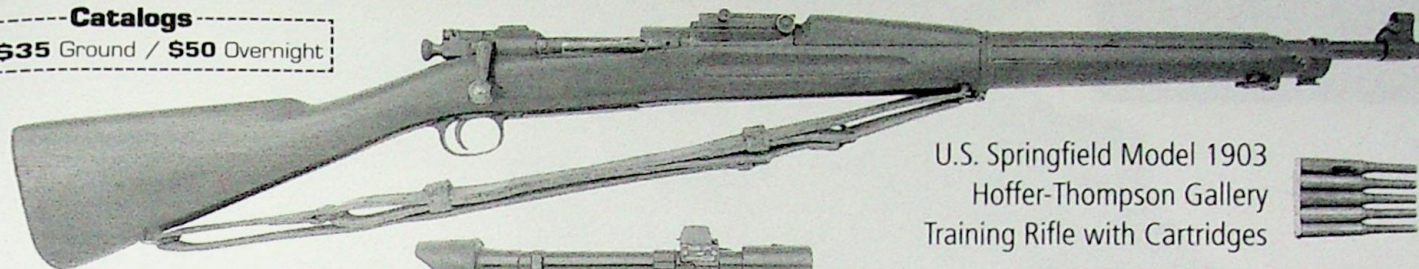
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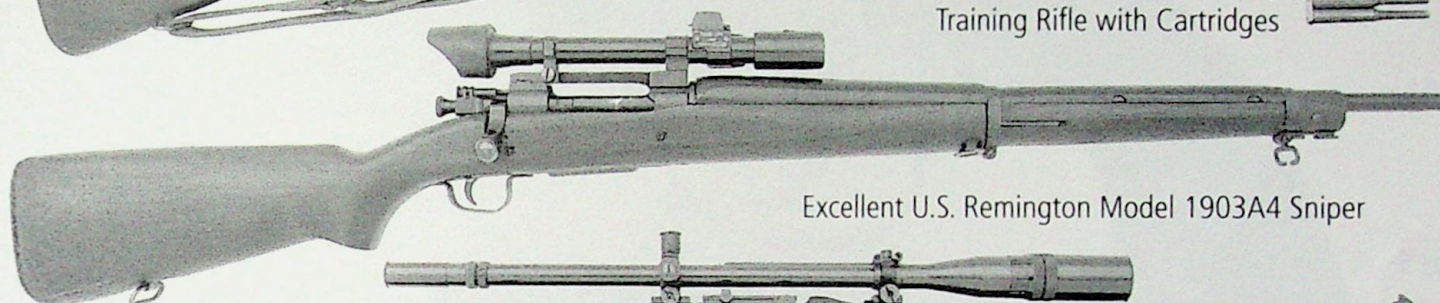
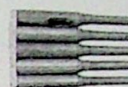
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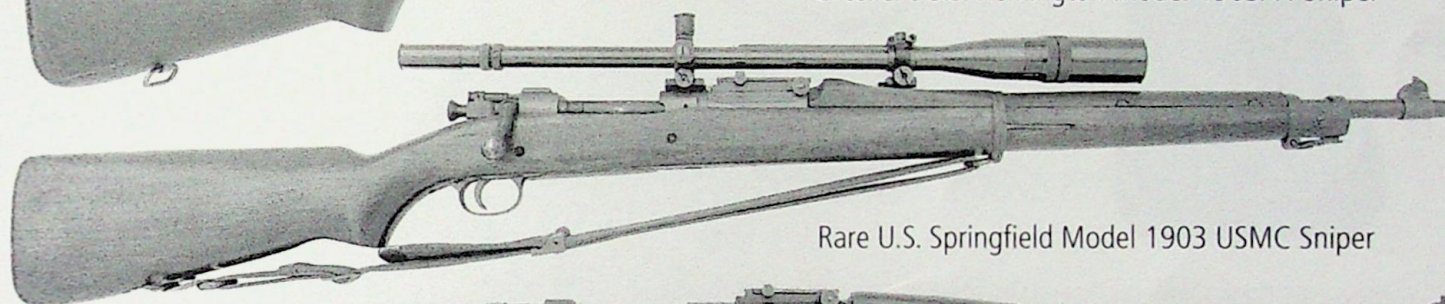
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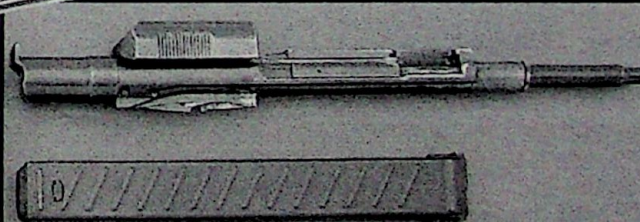
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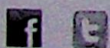
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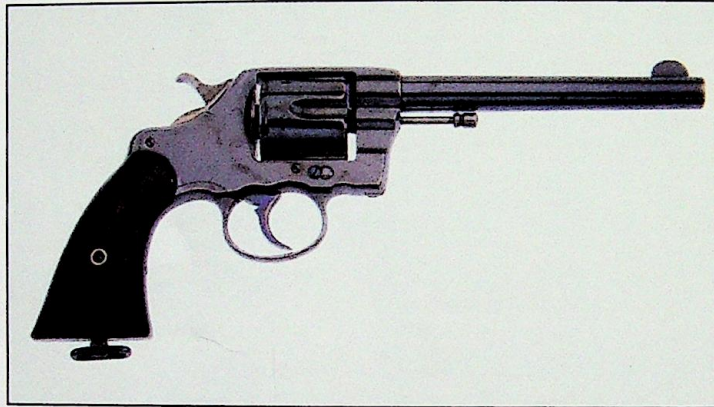
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