

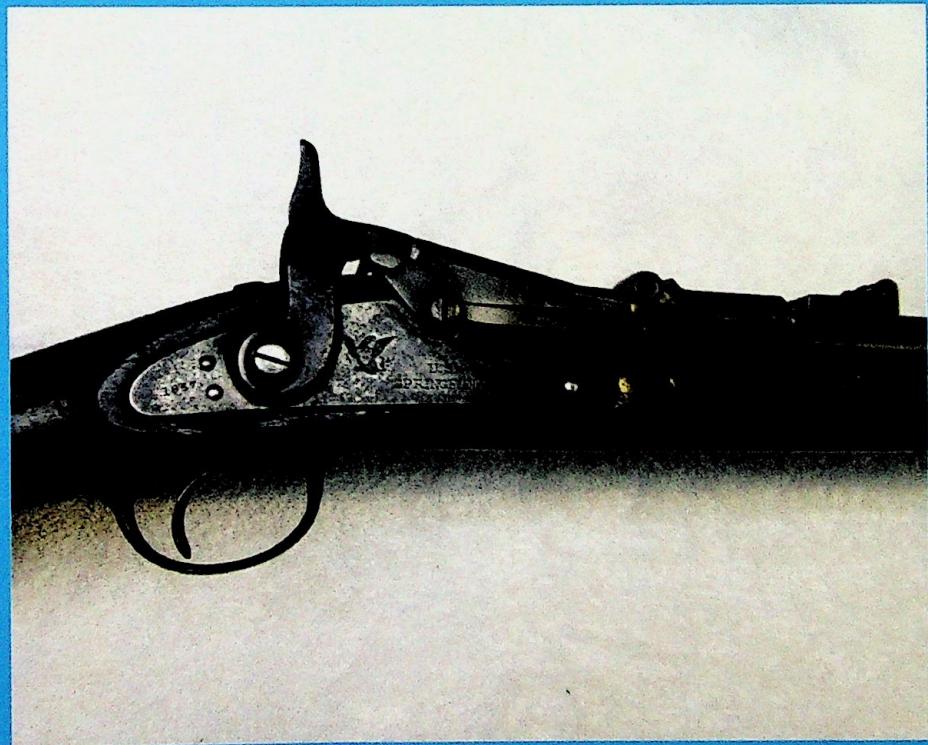
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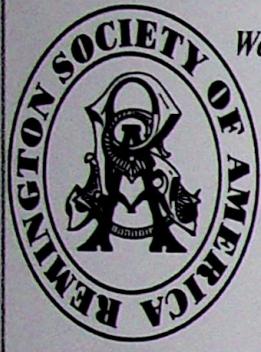
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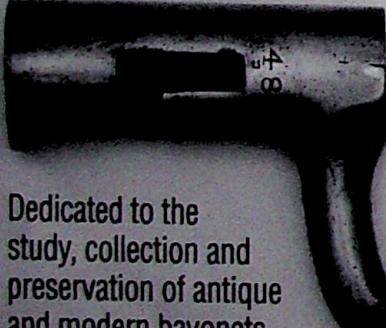
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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

The U.S. Martial Arms area of collection is experiencing changes in direction with new economic and technical changes. The internet market is gaining popularity, although there is still a need for the skilled eye to determine very specific details for any desired weapon. The original-quality weapons continue to be in demand and genuine items are sought after by discriminating collectors.

Collectors would like to have any item to be totally correct, right down to any individual screw. They are becoming increasingly critical of any item for sale. If any item has been changed in any way that alters its authenticity, its desirability is decreased.

Access to the internet and many sites that have cost, evaluations, and histories of sales are readily available to any computer-knowledgeable person. This allows a collector to evaluate almost any weapon for details of original manufacture, condition, and special or rare configurations.

Comments by other collectors and buyers are also available for anyone to research a specific type of weapon. This knowledge capability and printed references add to the ability of a buyer to make informed decisions about an item.

This simple access also allows a collector to search and buy through electronic channels without traveling to visit a gun shop or auction site. This scenario is changing and bringing many more items to a potential buyer with ease.

The only real challenge is the hands-on examination of a piece and the determination that nothing has been altered

or changed. This is often complicated with aged weapons that were upgraded or restored many years ago. It is difficult to determine if the correct changes were made; or if older broken or non original parts were changed with correct original parts. This requires a keen eye and experience.

Histories of old sales add another dimension. If one can locate an old auction description or detailed ad, the desirability increases. They often show the condition from an older time and can be compared with the present condition. Often, we have located an old description with a serial number and other data such as barrel date or other marking. If the present condition is different, it obviously has been changed. We have encountered U.S. Springfield sniper models that have a government sales document in their history. It is very unlikely that an old sales rifle was made into a U.S. Government manufactured or upgraded rifle. Many old parts, scopes, and parts as well as stocks were available at one time or another long after original manufacture.

Another area of concern is the sale of a weapon by Springfield Arsenal that is different from the usual verbal observation standard. Many weapons from the 1860s and on through the 1960s had factory special order and manufacturer changes. This was done by custom order, upgrades with available parts, or work by a skilled government custom work employee.

There are many guns that should be left in their original and sometimes different configuration by an individual who has converted them to look like a standard model.

Other examples include muskets made for sale to another government and made with tight paperwork control due to foreign affairs, contracts, and security.

We have found documents on 1800-era weapons that were classified and then declassified over the years.

Supplies of many arms were in different configurations, depending on which ally ordered the weapons and the use that was intended. This would also include functional changes for soldiers of different sizes and requirements, as well as other soldier characteristics.

Modern-day military weapons had many more export differences than the older percussion weapons. The differences were based on treaties, designs requiring changes to gun stocks and functional operation, and secrecy of the entire program or export details.

One of the most interesting weapons is the MI Garand D model sniper rifle that was modified for a commercial Weaver scope and corresponding 1 inch scope mounts.

The standard D mount was modified to 1 inch from a 7/8 inch diameter. This was done by milling the standard base and fabricating a new top ring part. The Weaver commercial scope was a K4 model bought commercially by the contractor. This rifle was made for a special operations and is seldom or never seen as a complete original rifle unit. The serial numbers of the rifles have never been found, but the contract and costs are in the SRS data base.

The mount assemblies and scopes were sold through the CMP (civilian Marksmanship program) and from Naval surplus activities.

There were sights for the weapons and scopes at National Guard storage facilities, but they were never intended to be manufactured for the National Guard. An original rifle with an original scope assembly is probably the rarest sniper rifle made, and we have not seen or found data on one of the rifles.

There was another similar manufacturing task for Viet Nam where MI D rifles had similar modifications with standard commercial scopes bought from BX(base exchanges) and PX(post exchanges) Facilities. These scopes were sold through Navy surplus and are very rare. The original use was for the United States Marines.

It is probably true that many sniper rifles from the Model 1898 Krag through the M 14 rifle had numerous scope tests and modifications to meet the then- current sniper requirements.

SRS Data Searching

We are finding much more data on Garands and other weapons. This effort will be expanded as we have time. The actual descriptions of manufacture and changes are large volumes and must be read line by line.

SRS has an extensive amount of data on early Sam Colt letters from 1847 on to later years. This will take a large effort to review and determine if it is a task that will enhance our data base. All letters are handwritten and will take hours to read and decide upon so that they can be translated and put into digital format.

Collectors, auction houses, and gun dealers are eagerly searching for weapons and firearms that have a unique history. This includes ownership by famous military and civilian people, as well as museums and other organizations.

We are constantly receiving letters and emails asking if we have data on specific serial numbers. Inquiries also include weapons with no serial numbers that have unique characteristics. SRS is always behind in this area as it takes a great deal of time to research our files. Many of our files have never been published and are in loose leaf files. This will keep us busy for quite some time.

GUN SHOWS

The gun shows are still active with many people visiting and buying. Ammunition is still in demand and there is no certified reason for the continual demand. Many rumors have been made about various agencies having massive buys and it seems there is a general feeling that a buying desire is present by most gun owners.

Modern military style guns are still in demand while antiques are slow to sell. There are a lot of visitors just looking or hoping for a bargain. It appears that this will continue until overall political issues are resolved and local laws are settled.

New and used handgun sales are still very active and there are backlogs on paperwork to meet Federal Firearms laws as well as local requirements.

In many cases there are increases in the cost of show admission and there have been complaints about parking fees and some

increases in table costs. There are many comments that some shows are now saturated with non-weapon sale items. The show managers are using these non-weapon vendors to keep their shows filled for the public. There is no doubt that shows with all gun related items are now strongly supplemented by food concessions and non related items to provide income in addition to admissions to support business and to support many clubs or associations.

CURRENT RESEARCH

We continue with our efforts to find new numbers, add new data, and find more references that can be used to research a specific weapon. We have found additional data on USMC rifles and military units. This data may require more time to research and check.

Time is always a factor and there are always increases in government security that must be observed when searching military data at one of the federal facilities. As usual, parking, traffic and other factors also add time to any searching.

There are still many areas of military records to be sifted through. They are in areas of unit records, general correspondence, general orders, and sometimes very obscure files. Surprises are common but only happen after detailed reading of many pages to find one page of interest. Then there is the decision of copying the data or trying to photocopy, photograph or other reproduction. This effort is also under rules that can be very burdensome.

The combination of federal budget constraints, increased security, changing rules and a general process of finding old documents in often bad condition, are a constant burden.

All of this is part of the task and changes are inevitable, but the search is still on.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

NOTE. Please send an email if you receive any subscription data that is incorrect. We still try to watch for all potential problems and any changes to post office services. We also look for mailed notes and try to send answers as soon as possible. An email concerning any issue helps us maintain an eye out for problems and gives us a heads up for readers concerns.

Current issues

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SPRINGFIELD RESEARCH LETTERS

We are writing more letters for our subscribers. The basic letters are \$ 50.00; sales letters with a document are \$ 65.00; and research letters run from \$ 175.00 and

up depending on travel and extended times to work at the Archives and other facilities.

We are always behind on research letters because of long delays at government offices, government policies, and access to federal buildings. The copying of documents is always a problem and can be helped by using a camera, but it is always a time factor and government approval is required. It is now appearing that smart phones may be the answer.

There may be additional costs for most early Colts used in the Civil War and by the 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th Cavalry (Spanish American War) and other unique units. Some cases require us to have a guard accompany us at all times from finding the document and traveling to the area for research. The system always requires a photo ID card to be scanned at entrances and also at different offices.

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

All data in the Springfield Research Service data base is based on government documents.

We never use third- party comments or other non-verifiable sources. Many times letters from the manufacturing factory stating delivery of a weapons or other data will not have the specific usage or issue to a specific soldier.

We are always searching, and many pieces of data are missing. We are always looking for and finding data. It will be never-ending and we publish new information as it is found.

Our subscribers can email or send to:
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This is an ongoing task and we keep as many old issues as possible.
The older newsletters (number 1 through 54) must be obtained by *special request*.
Issues number 55 through 133 are available for \$ 10 each postpaid but there are several issues that have run out.

Copies can be made on request and we are exploring email delivery. 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 to subscribers only due to the small amount of Krag books we have remaining.

LETTERS WRITTEN DURING THIS PERIOD

U.S. 1911 COLT Automatic Pistol, serial

number 831670, Type: Colt Pistol, Caliber .45. 1911. Manufactured By: Colt Firearms Co. for the United States Military. Issued to: U.S. Coast Guard Cutter COBB. July 20, 1943.

U.S. Model Burnside Carbine, serial number 3683, Type: Carbine, Burnside. Shipped To: Company B, 2nd Illinois Cavalry. Date: 1864.

U.S. Model 1903 Rifle, Cal. 30, Sporting Rifle, serial number 1 317 157, Type: Rifle, Cal. 30, M1903, Sporting Model. Number 1 317 157. Sold to: E. J. Miller, San Francisco, Calif. Date: November 9, 1929.

U.S. 1911 COLT Automatic Pistol, serial number 76382, Type: Colt Pistol, Caliber .45. Model 1911. Manufactured By: Colt Firearms Co. for the United States Military and shipped to the Office of The Chief of Ordnance on September 13, 1914. It was issued by OCO (Chief of Ordnance).

U.S. 1903 COLT Automatic Pistol, serial number 570113, Type: Colt Pistol, Caliber .32. Issued to: Colonel H. K. Benson Jr. Date: March 6, 1961.

U.S. Remington Model New Model Army, serial number 10 567, Type: Remington New Model Army pistol, Serial number 10567. Issued To: Company K 3rd Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry. Date: December 31, 1864.

U.S. 1903 COLT Automatic Pistol, serial number 567877, Type: Colt Pistol, Caliber .32. Issued to: Brigadier General J. B. Faulconer. Date: June 13, 1969.

U.S. 1896 COLT Revolver, serial number 152068, Type: Colt Revolver, Caliber .38. Sent To: Baltimore Zone Supply Officer. Date: March 5, 1920.

U.S. Model 1903 Rifle, Cal. 30, Sporting Rifle, serial number 1 265 017, Type: Rifle, Cal. 30, M1903, Sporting Model. Number 1 265 017. Sold To: T. A. Hord, Dallas, Tex. Date: March 6, 1925.

U.S. Remington Model New Model Army, serial number 57 935, Type: Remington New Model Army pistol Serial number 57 935. Issued to: Company M, 1st Maryland Volunteer Cavalry. Date: December 28, 1864.

U.S. Springfield Rifle model 1884, serial number 226 677, Type: Springfield Armory Model 1884, Serial number 226 677. Issued to: George Hodgins, Company D, 3rd Kentucky Volunteers Infantry. Date: 1898 Spanish American War.

U.S. 1911 COLT Automatic Pistol, serial number 39879, Type: Colt Pistol, Caliber .45. 1911. Manufactured by: Colt Firearms Co. for the United States Military. Issued to: U.S. Coast Guard Cutter GUTHRIE. November 28, 1939.

U.S. COLT Service Model Ace, Automatic Pistol, serial number 1305, Type: Colt

Pistol, Caliber .22. Service Model Ace. manufactured By: Colt Firearms Co. for the United States Military, Issued To: U.S. Naval Operations, Norfolk, Virginia, January 28, 1941.

U.S. Remington Model New Model Army, serial number 10 567, Issued to: Company K 3rd Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry. December 31, 1864.

U.S. 1903 COLT Automatic Pistol, serial number 567877, Type: Colt Pistol, Caliber .32. Issued to: Brigadier General J. B. Faulconer. Date: June 13, 1969.

Letters Received and Answered

I am researching a firearm I recently acquired. The gun is a double barrel 16 gauge (barrel length is 21") that looks like the old stagecoach models. The only markings on the gun besides the serial numbers are "Springfield Arms Company", "16 Gauge", and the city is not legible but you can make out "MASS USA" under the Springfield Arms Company markings.

The serial number markings on the barrels are "T2727" on the barrels and "T2727 V" on the base and butt stock. Can you possibly shed some light on or point me in the right direction to find out exactly what I have and when it was made? Any information you could provide would be very much appreciated.

We believe that you have a commercial/civilian model of a shotgun. U.S. Martial Arms only works on military model weapons and their records. We provide research for our subscribers only. Data was sent to you on subscriptions and other information. Thanks, Editor.

I live in Switzerland and have bought a Springfield 1873 carbine serial number 125403. I have heard about your research service. Can you please let me know if you would be in a position to do a research on the history of my gun.

Please refer to our data on our subscribers that was sent in an email. Thanks, Editor.

Gen Maxwell Taylor's .380 Colt General Officer pistol was researched by your firm and a Certificate issued with this Provenance. Please advise how I could get another copy of this data. Consul General of Pakistan in Boston.

We can provide a letter for you from our data base. Thanks, editor.

My dad was a marine in Korea in 1952. I'm trying to track down the serial number and hopefully the Garand that was issued to him there. Can that be done? Do you do that? If so, how would we set that up? Thanks.

I would like to know if this rifle is in your data base and if not how can I find out more about it. Who had it and where it was used.

Please see attached data concerning subscriptions and research. Most of those numbers would require extensive research and many numbers are not released from the files in Dept. Of Defense. Thanks, Editor.

Do you have any data on 1855 military colt revolving rifle, 44 caliber, ser# 268.

We have no data on that serial number. Thanks, Editor.

Is the book "The Krag Story " still available for \$100 ?

There are only a very few left for subscribers. Thanks, Editor.

I am a new member and would like to know how this all works? Does the quarterly magazine come through the mail or Internet? Does the magazine come this June and will I also get January and March? Does my subscription go from June to June? Is there a forum that I can communicate with other members? Thank you.

Our magazine is a printed issue that is mailed out 4 times a year in March, June, September, and December. Subscriptions are for the 4 issues closest to your order data and run for 1 year. Thanks, Editor.

I was told to contact the editor regarding purchasing previously issued magazines by a friend who subscribes to U.S. Martial Arms Collector Magazine. I am looking for at least two copies of a past issues of US Martial Arms Collector Magazine. It is from 2001 and the article inside the issue I am looking for was written by William R. Hansen titled: The World War II Remington Model 1903 Rifle from Myth to Modified. It is from the 2001 issue or volume No 96. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Best Regards.

We can provide old issues for \$10 each. Thanks, Editor.

I sent you an email last week with questions regarding a 1851 Colt Navy, but have not received your reply?

I would really appreciate it if you could help

me with info on where I can get info/documentation on this revolver.

Best regards // Per Diesen.

We sent a reply to you earlier. Thanks, Editor.

My father has been curious about his 1863 or possible 1873 Springfield Rifle Short 22". The U.S. Serial Number is: #37499., and Model # on the breach reads U.S. Model 1873. He has been quite ill and recently asked me again if I have learned anything about his rifle.

His father who passed approx. 30 yrs ago had the rifle prior and my dad remembers him firing it, oh when he was just a small boy. He does not know where his dad Mr. Choma got the rifle, "says back then no paper data was passed".

However, do you know how I might learn where this gun was issued or to whom. The rifle is in near perfect condition. He has no interest in the value, maybe a little, but is curious as to whether or not it was in the Civil War serving as a Custer Gun.

He will be donating the rifle to the Springfield Armory Museum in Springfield MA. Has many additional markings as well, with (M) on the trigger and (A) on top of the barrel. Also has Letters, (VP) Eagles Head A,- engraved clearly. Thanks for your time.

Thank you for the inquiry. We have no data on that carbine. It was made sometime in the first 2 years of production at the Springfield Armory in Springfield, Massachusetts. Many were issued to the U.S. Cavalry in the 1870's through the 1890's. Carbines in original condition are in great demand. The trapdoor Springfield that you have was in production from 1873 to about 1874. Thanks, Editor.

Subject: '73 Carbines. Sorry we didn't get more time to chat at Baltimore. I'm finding some interesting '73 TD Carbines.

Have seen three in the serial number range

6328, 6353 and 6832. Some say there are no records of '73 carbines in this serial number range. How does your data comport with this? Thanks.

We have about 95 numbers but only a few issued as carbines. Based on other sightings and manufacture records, we believe that more were made. We do not have data on any serial numbers that show that some were modified from rifles or if receivers were used at a later date to be made as carbines. Thanks, Editor.

Just purchased an M1860 Spencer carbine, has a serial number 32546 and was told your organization may be able to help identify the history of the gun. I'm planning on giving it as a birthday gift in Oct 2013. After membership, would a letter be able to be received before then. In other words, what is the average turnaround period for a letter request.

A basic letter with data from our files is about 1 to 2 weeks and often faster. A detailed research letter can run many months and require several trips and travel to government buildings. We are always behind as we receive many emails per month and many inquiries about research. Thanks, Editor.

We are doing research on the Marshall Plan and are searching for some good primary materials and possibly artifacts. Would you know of any museums that I could also contact and see if they could loan me any of these things? Would you know of any veterans of WWII, in our area, that may have helped with the Marshall Plan?

Anything you send to me will be helpful. Even if you could refer me to some history

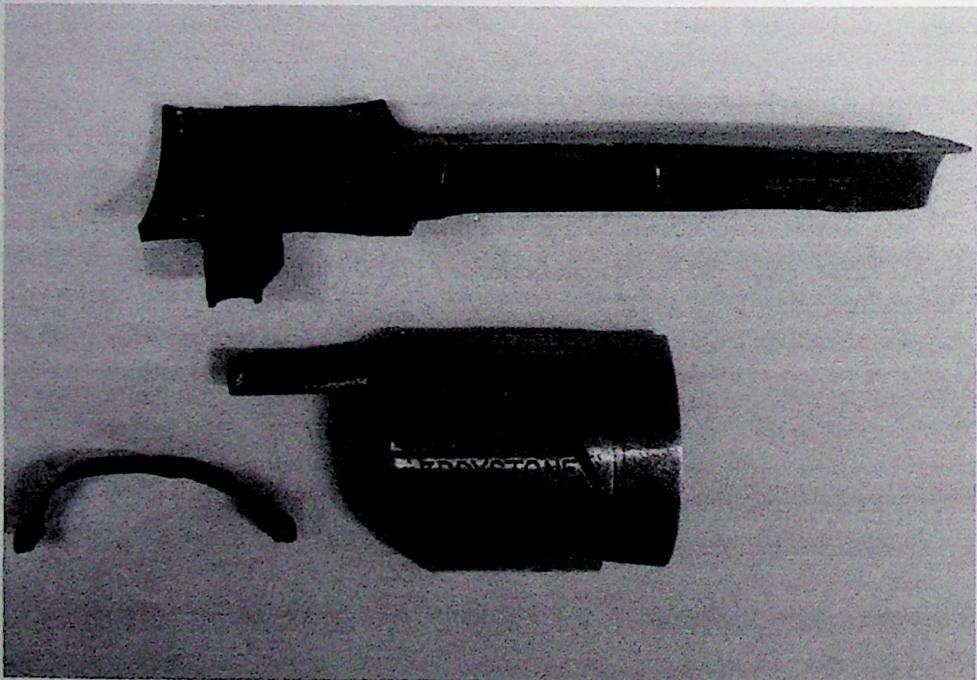
teachers/ historians in the area that may be able to help, that would be great. Thanks for your help! Sincerely,

We have nothing specific on the Marshall Plan. The U.S. Archives in Washington is the best source, but it takes a lot of research and you may need to spend weeks or months. The only other source would be any lead to a university that has an active department on military or international affairs. Sorry, this is too far out of our area. Thanks, Editor.

Safety Note

The following photos show a dangerous destruction of a Model 1917 Enfield rifle. The serial number is 500785 and was manufactured by Eddystone Company marked U. S. Model Of 1917 Eddystone. This World War I weapon is considered a very strong caliber 30/06 rifle, designed for combat and includes several manufacturers of Model 1917 Enfield rifles.

The destruction cause is not known and the parts shown are the broken top of the receiver, the side of the receiver and hand guard ring. Caution should always be a consideration in firing any surplus weapon.



U. S. Enfield Rifle List Of Serial Numbers For Earliest Documented Rifles

Data is shown in columns with serial number, manufacturer code, date of document, and rifle usage.

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|-----|---|--------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | W | 011818 | PRES WILSON (PRESENTED)1 | 012318 PRESENTED TO PRES WILSON |
| 4 | R | 032619 | INSP OF ORDNANCE WRA CO | |
| 26 | | 070217 | SIGHT CALIBRATION | |
| 27 | | 070217 | SIGHT CALIBRATION | |
| 30 | | 070217 | SIGHT CALIBRATION | |
| 31 | | 070217 | SIGHT CALIBRATION | |
| 32 | | 070217 | SIGHT CALIBRATION | |
| 68 | R | 032619 | INSP OF ORDNANCE WRA CO | |
| 83 | R | 032619 | INSP OF ORDNANCE WRA CO | |
| 117 | R | 032619 | INSP OF ORDNANCE WRA CO | |
| 118 | R | 032619 | INSP OF ORDNANCE WRA CO | |
| 126 | R | 032619 | INSP OF ORDNANCE WRA CO | |
| 150 | | 042518 | HQ 27TH ENGR CAMP MEADE (INQ) | |
| 237 | E | 062418 | LOWEST NUMBER IN 322ND INF | |
| 244 | | 042518 | HQ 27TH ENGR CAMP MEADE (INQ) | |
| 267 | | 042518 | HQ 27TH ENGR CAMP MEADE (INQ) | |
| 268 | R | 032619 | INSP OF ORDNANCE WRA CO | |
| 291 | W | 100418 | CAMP HUMPHRIES | |
| 304 | W | 100418 | CAMP HUMPHRIES | |
| 315 | W | 070118 | 324TH INF CAMP SEVIER | |
| 372 | W | 090417 | WRACO (PACKED - CASE 162) | |
| 372 | W | 120417 | CO B 302ND ENGR AEF (DRAWN) | |
| 373 | R | 032619 | INSP OF ORDNANCE WRA CO | |
| 397 | E | 052018 | 165TH DEPOT BRIG CAMP TRAVIS | |
| 416 | R | 092435 | US NW PENITENTIARY LEWISBURG | |
| 431 | | 042518 | HQ 27TH ENGR CAMP MEADE (INQ) | |
| 464 | | 042518 | HQ 27TH ENGR CAMP MEADE (INQ) | |
| 618 | R | 040918 | PETERS CTGE CO AMMO TESTING | |
| 618 | R | 041618 | PETERS CTGE CO | |
| 660 | R | 092435 | US NW PENITENTIARY LEWISBURG | |
| 690 | W | 070518 | CO B 311TH ENGR CAMP GRANT | |

The 1867 Cadet Rifles For The United States Military.

The two different 1867 cadet rifles are very scarce U.S. military muskets. They were manufactured in 2 different models for the U.S. Army at West point and the Midshipmen at the Naval Academy.

The two models were made in very limited numbers with 424 made for the Army and 498 made for the Navy. They were tested and manufactured by Springfield Armory. Both models are scaled down versions of other U. S. Military muskets and required many new parts unique to each different model. The 1867 Army was designed as a smaller version of the 1866 Allin Conversion and the 1867 Navy was a smaller variation of the Remington rolling block musket.

The guns were produced with a great deal of testing and design engineering. The actions are completely different from each other and there are some similar parts such as the stock bands. The stocks are different as are the ramrods and other parts. Both had .50 caliber center fire cartridges designed with lighter loads. The Remington Navy was a relined barrel where the Army Allin conversion used a new barrel.

The short lived cadet rifles were manufactured in numbers for each model that matched requirements to support the number of cadets and midshipmen. The military later produced the model 1869 Cadet Musket. It is estimated that the muskets were made in 1867 and 1878. It is unknown the exact dates of Military Academy uses and the exact disposition of the weapons and other uses.

The original guns were for the West Point

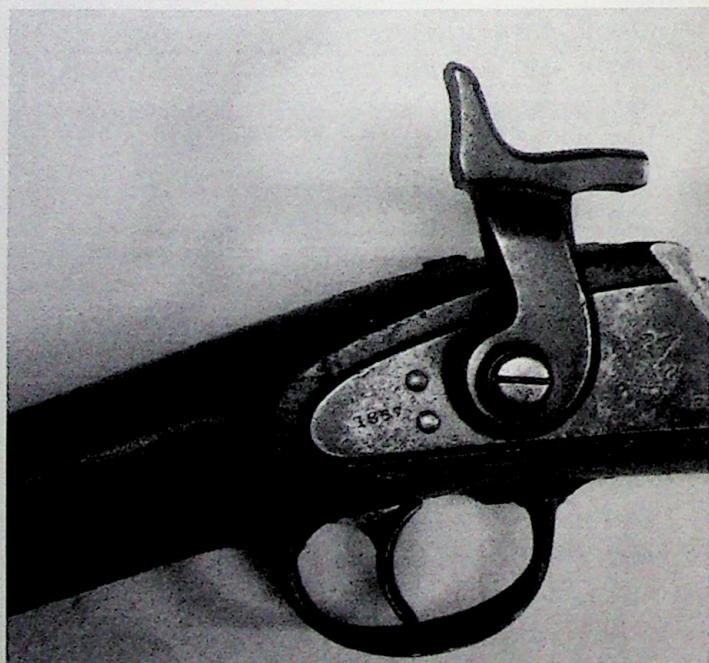
and Annapolis Academies. There were other uses over the years.

Since there were low productions of weapons of each variety, they are very scarce on today's market. The survival rate is unknown but there definitely less in existence than the number originally made.

It is interesting that the Army 1867 Cadet is valued at a much higher price than the Navy 1867 cadet rifle. The following data shows each model as well as some comparison photos of each model.

The following photo is of the lock plate of the 1867 Army cadet rifle with the unique 1867 date stamped on the lock plate. It also has a scaled down hammer, cadet trigger guard with no swivel assembly.

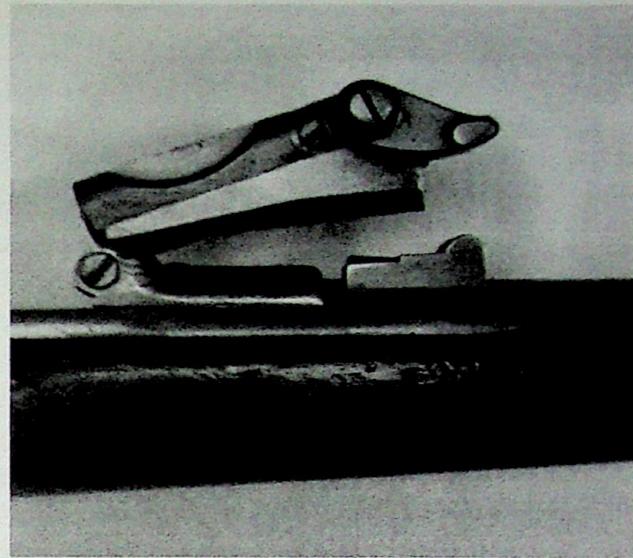
The wrist of the stock is noticeably more



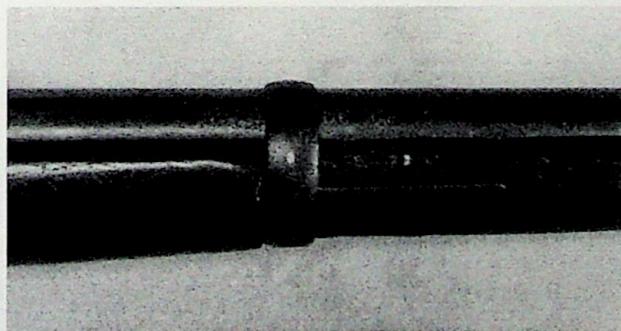
slender and longer than later models that required a stronger grip area for the stock.



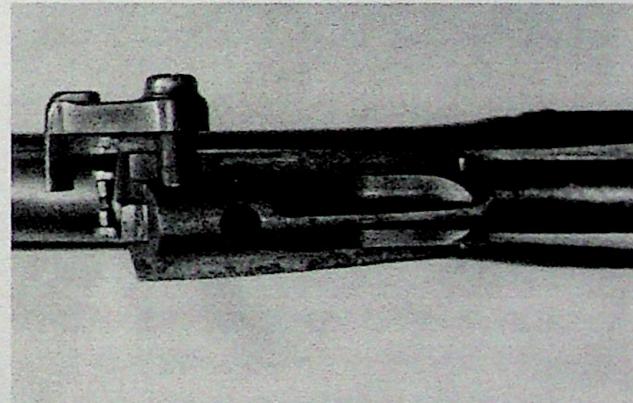
Above-Left side of 1867 Army with cadet trigger guard, smooth trigger, faint ESA cartouche, and stock with left side contour.



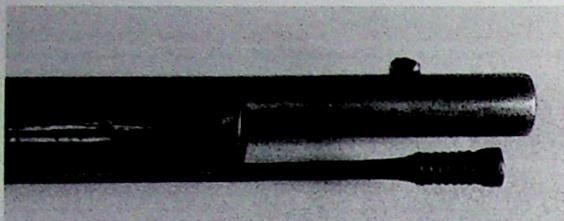
Right side of 1867 Army breech block with unique lightning cuts on each side. Block is marked 1866 and same size as 1866 Allin rifle.



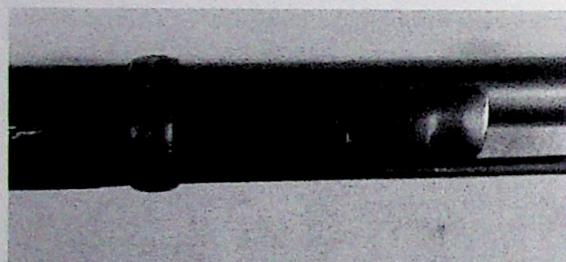
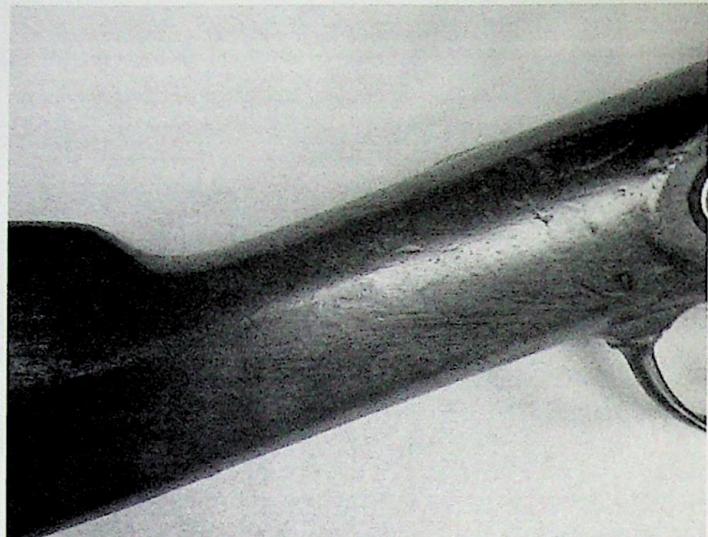
Above- Right side of 1867 Army Cadet middle band with band spring. Band is marked with a small U.
Band is interchangeable with 1867 Navy Cadet.



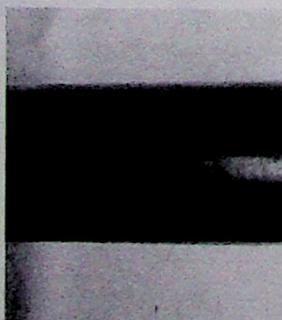
Bottom of unique 1867 Army Cadet breech block with machined lightning cuts.



Right side of 1867 Army Cadet with band spring, fixed front sight, stock for end steel cap, and unique straight screw in ramrod. Ram rod is threaded into stock and lighter in construction. The front sight is fixed with solid base and blade.



Right side of 1867 Army Cadet with small band unique in size and marked with small U.



Mid part of bottom of stock for 1867 Cadet.



Threaded end of 1867 Army ram rod that screws into stock.

The 1867 Navy Musket Based on the Remington Rolling Block Action.

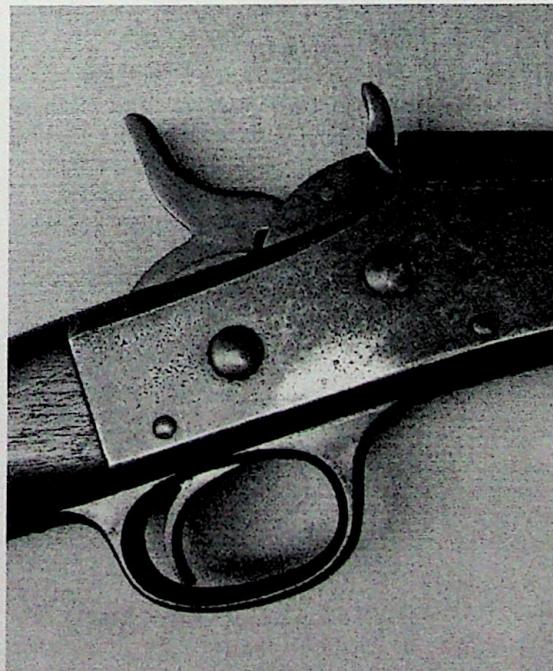
There were approximately 498 rifles manufactured by the Springfield Armory in Springfield, Massachusetts. The scaled down musket was intended to provide cadets and midshipmen with a smaller and lighter rifle. They were made in caliber 50/45 with a reduced load that was different from the standard 50/70 musket caliber. Springfield manufactured both the Army and Navy models. Both guns had the same and unique middle and upper bands, bayonet, fore end tip, front sight, butt plate, and ramrod. The guns required a great deal of work to manufacture with the new and lighter parts. The stocks were made especially for the cadet rifles.

Springfield manufactured the rifle with the early Remington Rolling block action designed for a smaller weapon.

The barrel was a converted civil war barrel with a brazed liner. The Navy model was about 3/4 of an inch shorter in overall length due to the action difference.

The small number of rifles manufactured and very hard use of the musket make it a hard to get survivor in the U.S. Military arms collecting area. The dates appear to be a bit obscure but it is accepted that 1868 is the prime year of manufacture. It is unknown which classes of military officers trained with the 1867 cadet muskets. The Navy generally used a rack number that was assigned to a midshipman.

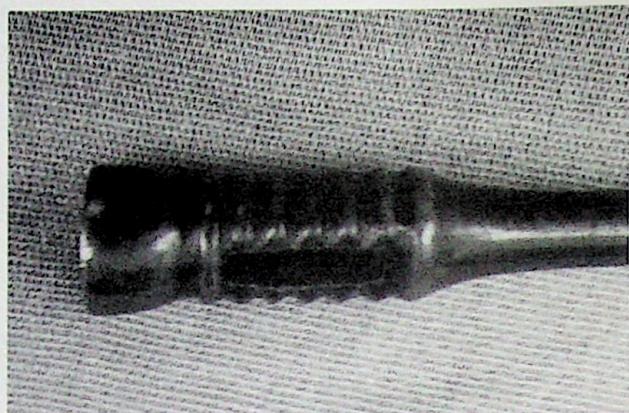
The following photos are of an original model 1867 and also include some comparison photos of both the Army and Navy models.



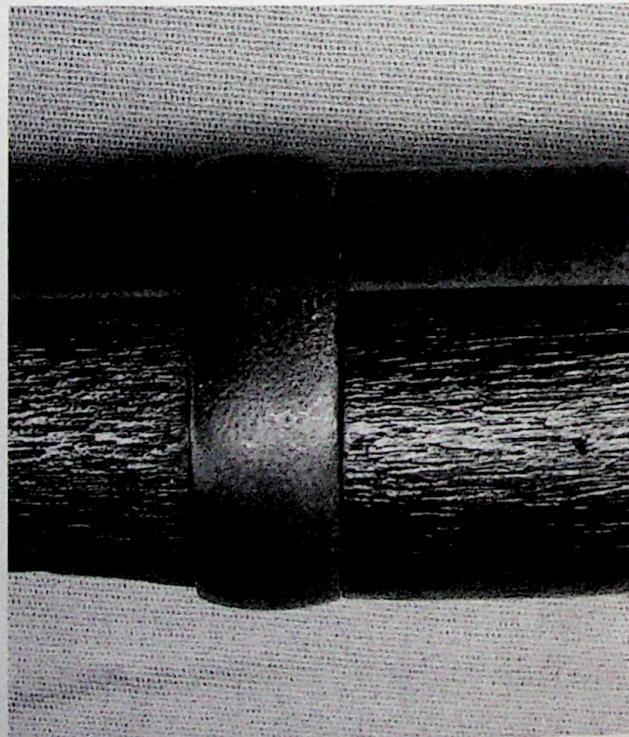
The photo the left shows the 1867 Remington action with the P and F.C.W. on the right side of the action. There are very faint Remington markings on the tang with patent dates including 1866. No serial numbers have been found but the Navy rack number D 229 with a U.S. is located on the tang of the butt plate.



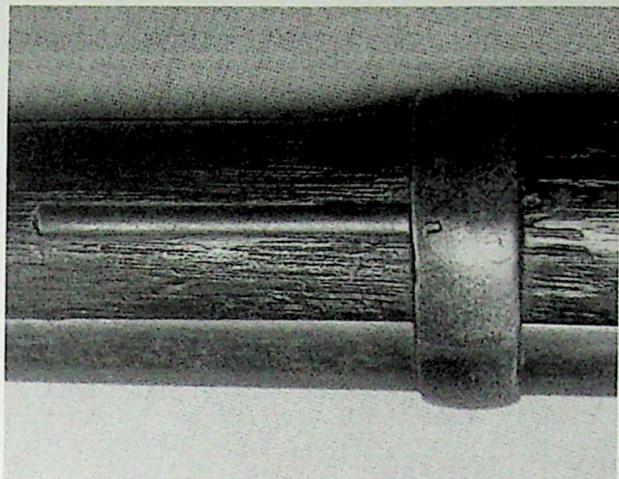
Above. The right side of the Remington action has the U.S. Navy anchor marked on all 1867 Navy Cadet Muskets. This marking on the right and the markings on the left side: the P and inspectors marking and F. C. W. Are the unique marks on the 1867 Cadet musket.



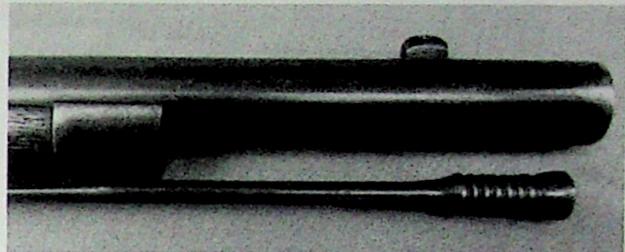
Above. The 1867 Navy ram rod head with cupped tip. Both Navy and Army models use the same ramrod.



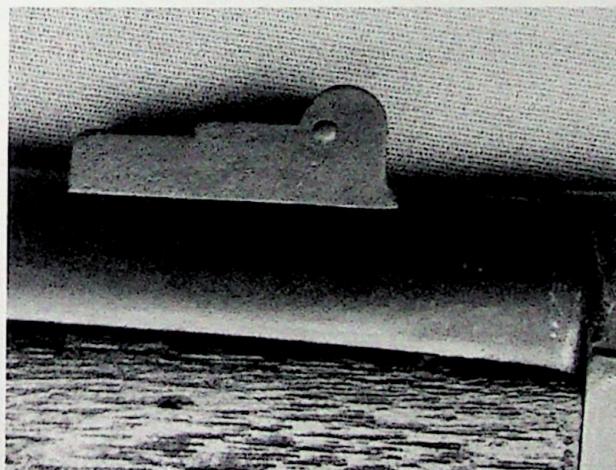
Middle band on 1867 Navy.



1867 Navy middle band with a U on the left side of the band. Navy and Army used the same bands but observations have shown that the U is not always present.



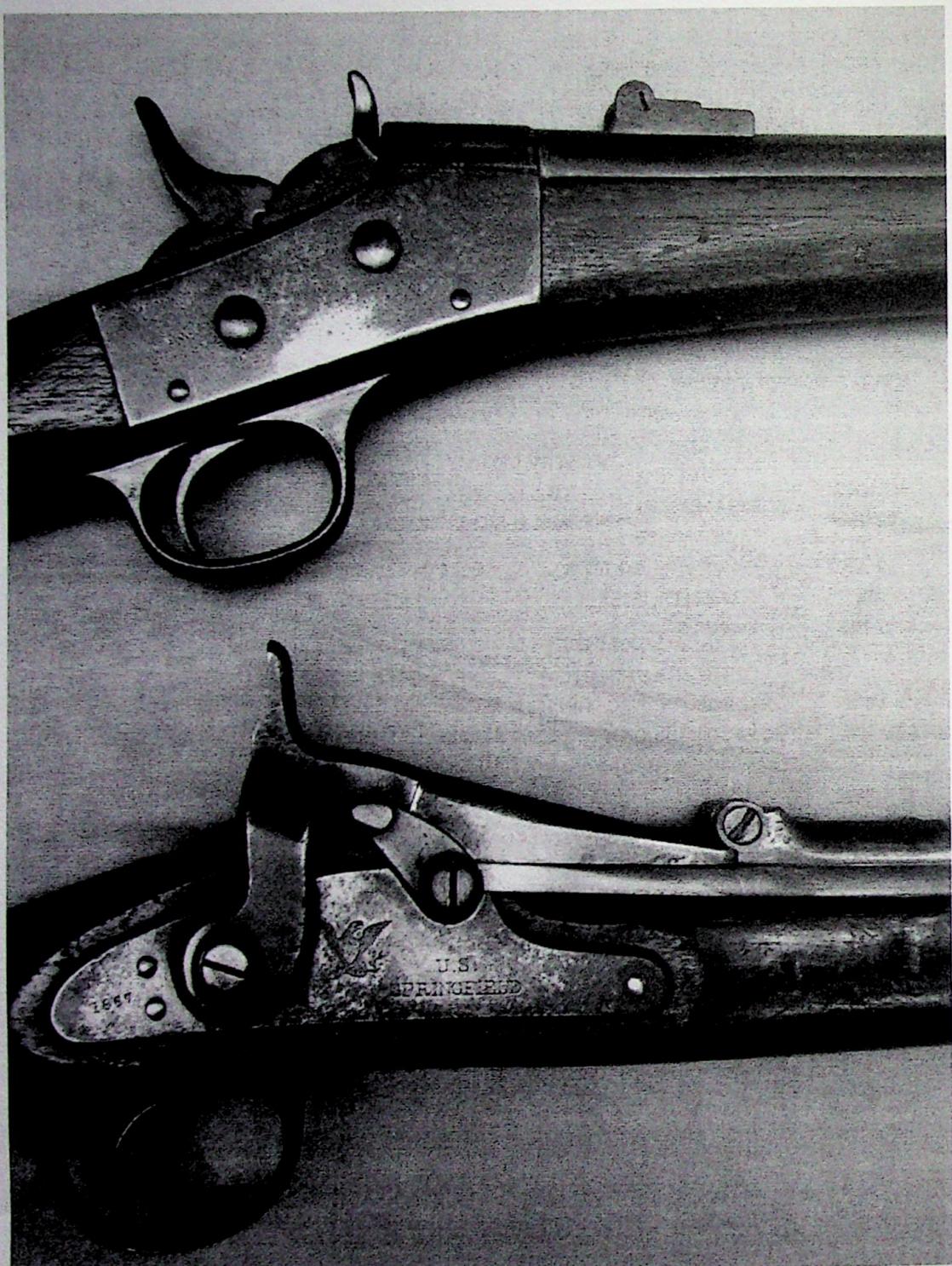
Above shows the 1867 Navy front sight fixed in place on barrel, the Navy ram rod, the steel fore end cap, and the end of the lined 50/45 caliber barrel.



Rear sight of Model 1867 Navy Cadet musket made from 1864 Civil War rifle sight. (Receiver is to the right).



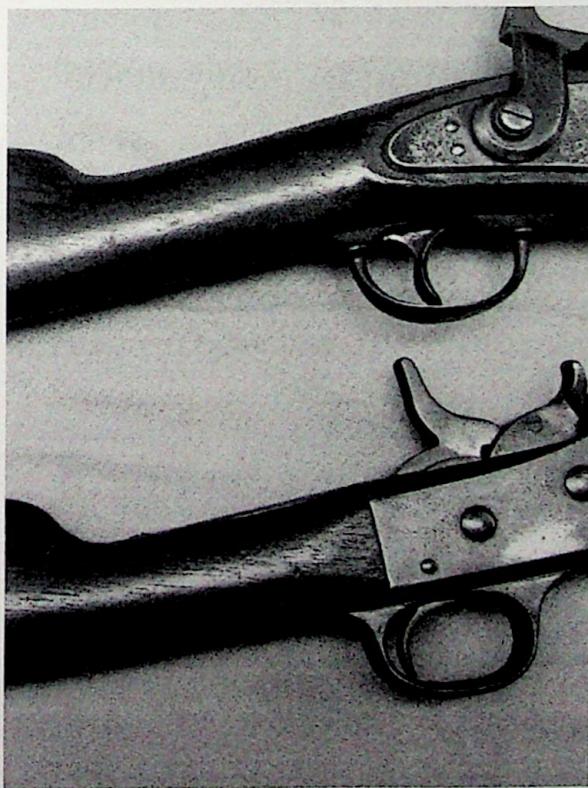
1867 Navy musket long wrist stock. This design appears very fragile and is possibly a reason why very few survived with hard use.



Model 1867 Navy (top) and 1867 Army (bottom). Similar size and weight made in very limited production with unknown very small survival rate. 922 manufactured (1867-1868) and unknown number exists.



Model 1876 Army (top) and 1876 Navy (bottom). Both models of the cadet rifles are generally the same in the front end sight, barrel, fore end, and band assemblies.



Collectors Notes

Colt 38 Automatic Pistol serial number 205. This data shows a shipment of 25 pistols to Springfield Armory in 1900. It is the only data that SRS has on this number and supplements information that this pistol was used by the United States military.



Colt Industries Colt's Inc Firearms Division

150 Huyshope Avenue
Hartford, Conn., U.S.A. 06102
Tel. 203/527-4101

July 22nd, 1968

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Reference is made to your recent letter requesting historical information on Colt 38 Automatic pistol serial # 205.

Upon researching our records, we located the information listed below which describes this arm as originally shipped from the Colt factory in 1900.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Caliber | 38 |
| Barrel length | 6" |
| Finish | Blue |
| Type of stocks | Not listed |
| Sold to | U.S. Government |
| Delivered to | Springfield Armory |
| Address | Springfield, Mass. |
| Date of shipment | June 1, 1900 |
| Number of same type guns in shipment | 25 |

We trust the information supplied above will be of interest.

Yours very truly,

R. H. Wagner

R. H. Wagner
Spare Parts Supervisor

RHW/jk

Established 1836

Collectors Note 2

MI Garand rifles were converted to the new Gas port model in 1939. Later called the 1940 model and the start of the standard MI Garand after the first Gas Trap model. Serial numbers 12460 and 13462 were the 2 test models that were also tested by the U.S. Marine Corps.

July 20, 1939.

*1742
1939
WAR DEPT*

Subject: Test of Two U. S. Rifles, Caliber .30, M1,
Nos. 12460 and 13462 with New Type Gas Cylinder
Assemblies.

To: The Chief of Ordnance, War Department,
Washington, D. C.

1. The following is an account of subject test, submitted in advance of the formal report: (See AF 5082 reports
MHS. 101 & 110)

a. Velocity:

| <u>Rifle</u> | <u>No. of Rounds</u> | <u>Ammunition</u> | <u>Average Inst. Vel.</u> | <u>Ex. Var.</u> | <u>Mean Var.</u> |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 12460 | 20 | M1 Ball Lot 1945-S | 2581.7 | 81 | 14.75 |
| 12460 | 20 | M2 Ball Lot 3025 | 2633.5 | 62 | 15.00 |
| 13462 | 20 | M1 Ball Lot 1945-S | 2577.1 | 59 | 13.86 |
| 13462 | 20 | M2 Ball Lot 3025 | 2633.5 | 78 | 18.05 |
| Ten rounds of each type of ammunition were fired in a caliber .30 Mann Barrel for comparison of velocity with the following results: (Previously fired 2961 times) | | | | | |
| 1484002 | 10 | M1 Ball Lot 1945-S | 2476.9 | 82 | 15.08 |
| 1484002 | 10 | M2 Ball Lot 3025 | 2479.1 | 44 | 12.48 |

*File 11/22/39
ETR*

G. Form 256 (Old Form 420)
December 1, 1932

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Collectors Notes 3

The following table is a compilation of observed 1903 Sniper rifles with Warner Swasey scopes. This data was compiled by the late Butch Eyberg. The data is part of Butch Eyberg's extraordinary data base. The information shows the serial number of the 1903 rifles and the scope serial numbers.

Warner & Swasey Scope list

| <u>1906*</u> | <u>Scope #</u> | <u>Rifle # (if known)</u> |
|--------------|--|---------------------------|
| | 2 | ----- |
| <u>1908</u> | | |
| | 33 | 352839 |
| | 199 | 313536 |
| | 233 | 298 (1909 M.R.) |
| | 275 | 353159 |
| | 296 | 353009 |
| | 452 | 207211 |
| | 461 | 352645 |
| | 478 | 352886 |
| | 601 | 352971 |
| | 613 | 352908 |
| | 651 (may be wrong scope #) | 353047 (may be wrong #) |
| | 651 | 483648 |
| | 728 (Senich) | 353326 |
| | 729 (may be 728) (Mallory) | 353326 |
| | 793 | 352442 |
| | 798 | 353262 |
| | 1056 | 409457 |
| | 1063 | 409594 |
| | 1179 | 409784 |
| <u>1913</u> | 1720 [INCLUSIVE] | 116 (1909 M.R.) |
| | 2088-2267 Delivered to S.A. 1913--No rifle #s. (ex. as note) | [NEW] |
| | 2130 | 586004 |
| | 2308 | 625424 |
| | 2313 | 325355 (1908 base ?) |
| | 2359 | 625448 |
| | 236X | 62548X (shy owner) |
| | 2451 | 625539 |
| | 2454 | 625375 (known A.E.F. use) |
| | 2490 | 625608 |
| | 2492 | 625560 |
| | 2579 | 632065 |
| | 2642 | 632163 |
| | 2666 | ----- (unmarked) |
| | 2761 | 632175 |

* The term "1906" Model is used for lack of better information. It is believed that 25 were purchased (The "\$80" scope bandied about). It would APPEAR also that the "1906", 1908, and 1913 were numbered consecutively, not separately.

Collectors Notes 4

Data showing that Springfield Armory manufactured 1903 rifles with C type stocks, receivers drilled and tapped for sights, and standard service butt plates as early as 1925.

SHM/ref

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY,
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

S.A. 400.3294/190

February 25, 1925.

Subject: Sales to Members of National Rifle Association.
To: The Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

1. Following is a resume of matters discussed at the Springfield Armory on February 6th, 1925 by Major Wilhelm, Colonel Shaw, and the Commanding Officer, Springfield Armory.

2. Armory activities are to include manufacture and repair work on order of the Director of Civilian Marksmanship within certain limits as follows:

A.1. Manufacture: (New Work).

A.1. A group of standard assemblies will be fixed and orders taken for the manufacture of these assemblies as specified and in quantities as may be desired by the Director of Civilian Marksmanship but no orders for less than 25 assemblies will be undertaken. These assemblies will be as specified in O.O.400.328/8631 Misc. S.A.400.3294/179. No additions, subtractions or alterations will be made to complete assemblies. They will comprise the following:

| | | Sale | |
|-----|---|---------|---------|
| | | Cost | Price |
| a - | Style S - U.S.Rifle, cal..30, M'1903 | \$29.00 | \$34.25 |
| b - | Style SB - U.S.Rifle, cal..30, M'1903, with pistol grip stock | 31.80 | 36.25 |
| c - | Style MM - U.S.Rifle, cal..30, M'1903, specially selected for National Matches. (Receiver drilled for Lyman rear sight) | 37.30 | 44.00 |
| d - | Style BB - U.S.Rifle, cal..30, M'1903, specially selected for National Matches, fitted with pistol grip stock, military type, and service butt plate, receivers tapped and drilled for Lyman sights. | 38.56 | 45.50 |

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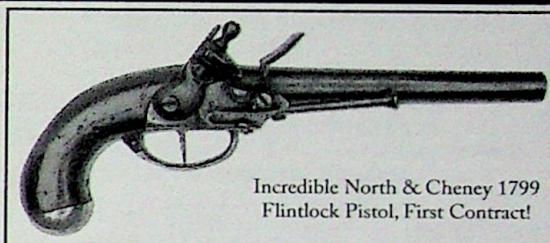
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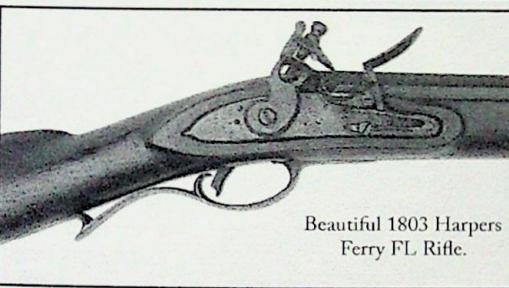
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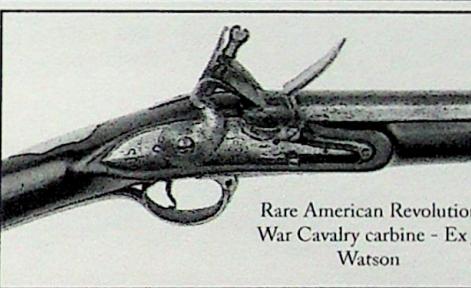
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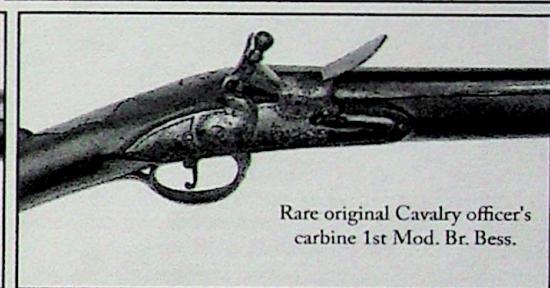
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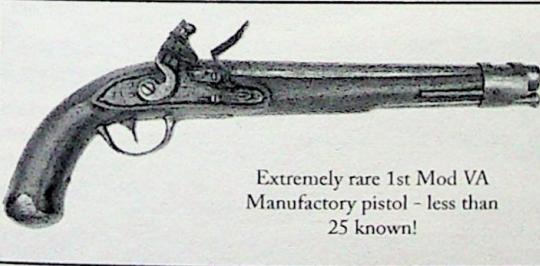
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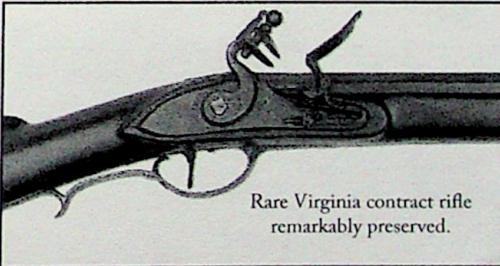
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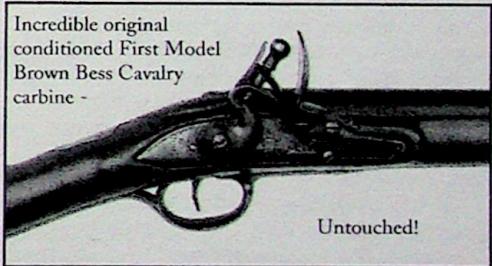
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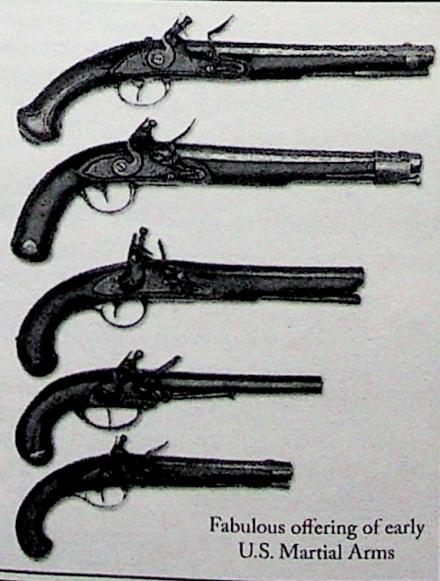


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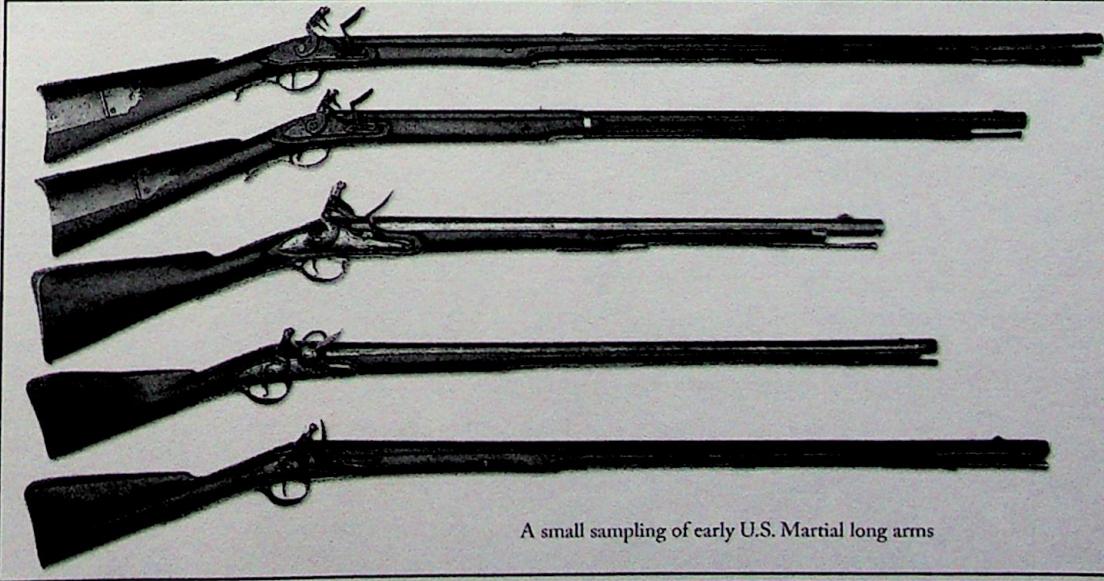


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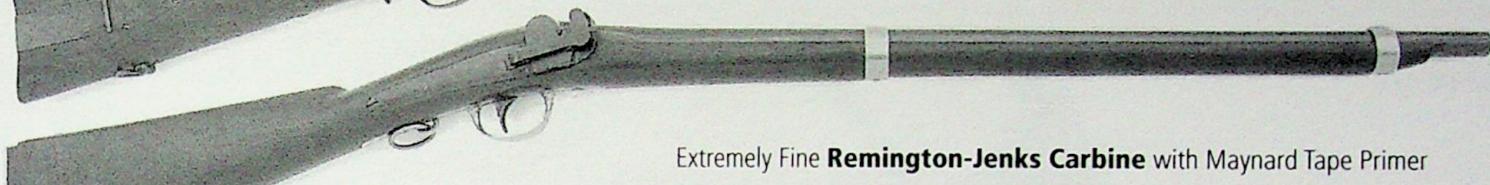
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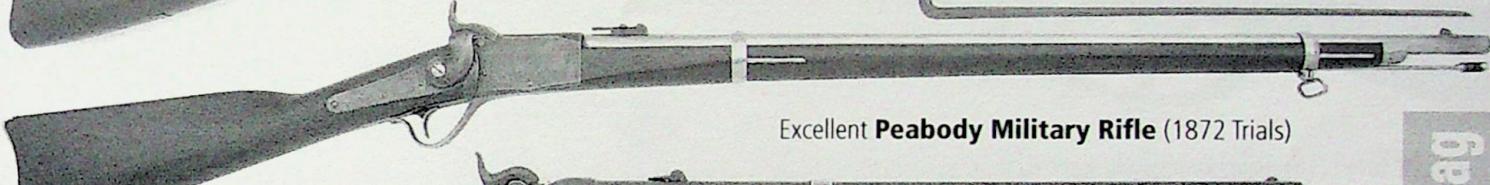
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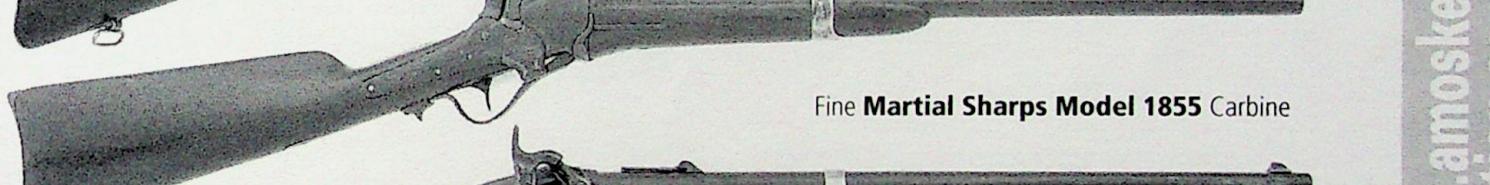
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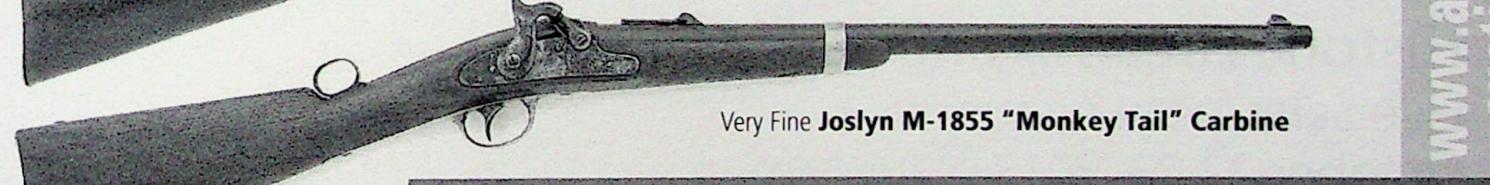
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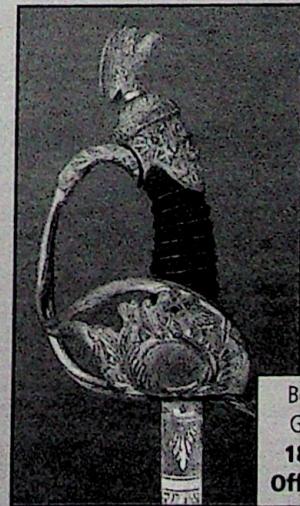
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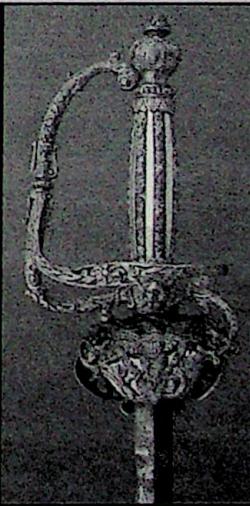
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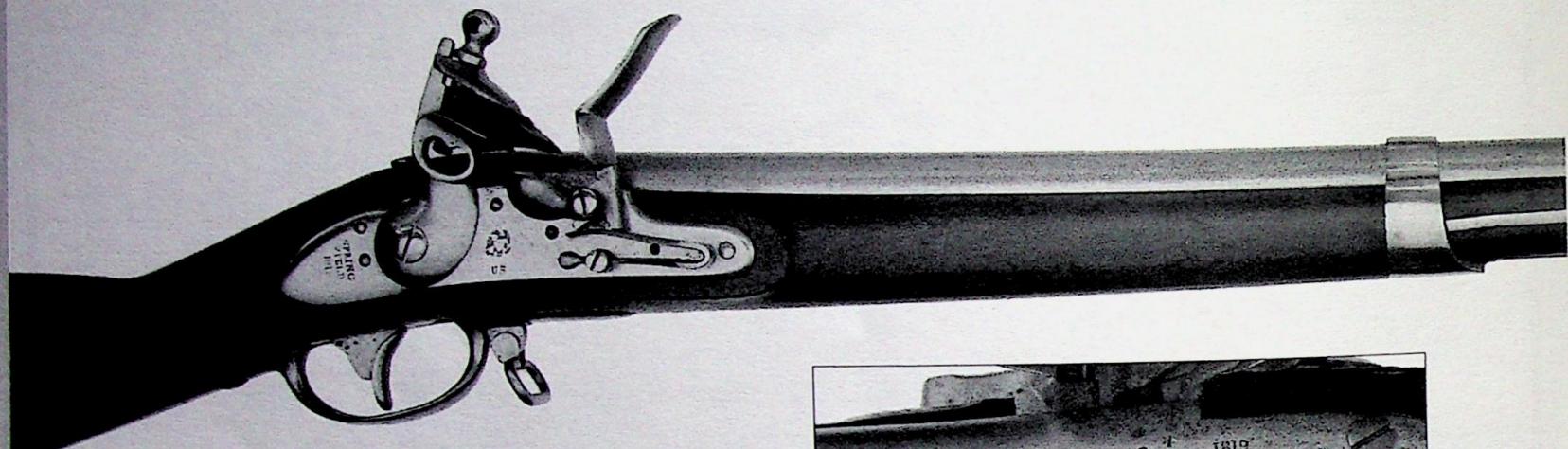
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