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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

The U.S. Martial Arms Collector is reviewing many of our previous data findings. We want to ensure that any older research areas are examined to determine if we can locate more serial numbers. The task will take quite a while, but we hope that new areas will show up with more data that can be cross-correlated to give a more accurate data base. We have found some more Krag data that led us to U.S. Army records for the NRA Krag carbines. So far, we have found some very accurate serial numbers that identify known numbers for Carbines sold from Army supplies. They would be the serial numbers of rifles altered to a 22-inch carbine with altered stocks, and some data on the method of shortening the barrel and altering the end of the barrel for the 1905 Springfield Model front-sight sleeve.

Others areas include some data on a similar project that had Benicia Arsenal modify Model 1917 rifles to sales rifles. The 1917 Enfield was offered with at least 2 different receiver sights, a modified stock, and other minor modifications. The guns are very seldom found and are often mistaken for a cut-down variation by the civilian owner.

The Harpers Ferry arsenal records are being reviewed to determine if more data can be found on the serial numbers of some Flintlock muskets. The numbers used Roman numerals and we have found some unit data, but no data on weapons issued to an individual. It is hoped that the limited data and Roman numeral list will lead to more accurate numbers that can be traced to the original markings and their issue data as well as possible individual issue data. The search may also uncover any new information on other arsenals or specifically Springfield Arsenal weapons.

These efforts are ongoing and offer some indirect areas that may allow us to gather more data on arsenal records that may state direct or indirect procedures that lead to more weapon-manufacturing information. This will also provide other data on arms manufacturers that sold weapons to the United States military. This may also show sales to units, arsenals, or other parts of the Federal government, such as civilian agencies.

It is hoped that we can resume efforts to translate more of Colonel Sam Colt's letters to the War department in the 1847-to-the Civil War era. The letters are handwritten and take a day to understand the exact words for each letter.

We will also review the Civil War data of many units to examine areas for more accurate issue data for individual soldiers and their weapons. Many times, we can only find information on a certain type of carbine, rifle, or hand-gun issued. They often show only the fact that an issue was made to an individual or to a unit in terms of weapon type and number of weapons. No serial numbers are listed. We are searching for other documents that may have a serial number with soldiers names. Many documents have been found with serial numbers and no soldier's name and others of soldiers with no serial number listed.

Our efforts will be made to examine more units in wars and operations to gain more direction for data on indirect information on individual names. Some efforts have been slowed down because of National Archives search procedures, but other areas have offered better data based on prior work. We will try to find the best ways to gain information.

Research Books

There is no doubt that the gun-collecting professional and many collectors have found the availability of many more books and pamphlets that can aid in the information process. This is an area that has now blossomed in the age of the Internet. There are many more sites that have comments and facts that can be examined. There are also many comments that are unverified and need additional data to use in a search for details on a weapon.

The quality of many new books is excellent, and, many areas never in print have evolved and provided a great library for collectors. They do require the ability to afford the books and a place to store them to allow data searches. It appears that we have more data available that can be easily examined in a quick and useful way.

The sources that offer buyers new acquisitions are still the gun shows, the dealers, word-of-mouth information, and the Internet. The catalogs from auction house provides a major source of data for a buying capability to find, evaluate, and estimate current costs and many other factors for a collector.

Older catalogs offer historic data on where a gun has been, current location, condition and sales price. The catalogs also provide details of the condition at a specific time and any changes made over the years. It takes a lot of storage and data to have an easy-to-use compilation of sales, conditions and history.

Inquiries

We still receive letters and emails. SRS is always behind in this area, as it takes a great deal of time to research our files. We still have files in single-page document form. This is always of interest as it gives us data on readers' interests and also provides the requirements from our readers. We look forward to any comments and questions. This will keep us busy, but we want to keep them coming.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

NOTE. Please send an email if you receive any subscription data that is incorrect. We have had many problems with the Postal Service and need any comments or corrections for your magazines or letters. The only way we can quality-control, is by subscribers' inputs as the realtime way to make sure magazines are delivered. SRS uses first class mail to make sure a magazine or documents are delivered to a subscriber. We still receive an occasional piece of mail that is returned and sometimes cannot find a new or forwarding address.

The last subscription issue is designated by the issue number that is printed on all magazine address labels. We always try to double-check each address and try to send a letter advising of subscription renewal time and issue. We have found problems with software that changes the first and last name of a subscriber. The result is a returned piece of mail and some confusion. Please let us know if any subscriber has had a problem.

Current issues

Issue number 140 dated September 2014 is current and is dated September 2014. Numbers 138, 139, 140, and 141 are to be sent in 2014. The projected mailing dates are the first week of March, June, September, and December 2014 for the 4 quarterly issues.

ADVERTISING

Our advertising deadlines are the Friday two weeks before the date of a publication.

Our standard year publications are March, June, September, and December for each year.

Advertising deadline for dates are:
August 19, 2014, and November 19, 2014.

Please contact us for competitive rates for full-page ads and other data.

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. This includes USMC letters and OSS documents.

We are still way behind in research letters. There may be additional costs for most early Colts used in the Civil War and by the 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th Cavalry, the Spanish American War, and other unique units. This is a result of extensive time to travel and verify a single document that is stored in

random documents that may run into millions of pages.

A basic letter is data recovered from our in- house files. A research letter requires us to travel to a government facility and request to search and retrieve the specific copy. We try to copy the specifics and include them with the letter. In many cases the data is a peculiar size and must be handled, verified, and copied according to government regulations.

This may also require working with armed guards, identification, special stamps for security classification or other rules.

Letters are based on best-available data located by SRS and National Archives and best efforts by SRS. Subscribers and others rely on this information at their own risk.

COMMENTS AND INPUTS

We always want comments. 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

Our efforts are based on data from United States documents, and all serial number information comes from government documents. There are many documents that describe a weapon without a specific serial number.

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All data in the Springfield Research Service data base is based on data that has been found.

There are more documents possible, but this will be a never- ending search for the new data.

Our subscribers can email or send to:
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Cabin John, MD 20818

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

This is ongoing 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 139 are available for \$10 each postpaid, and there are several issues that have run out. A copy in black and white can be made and mailed. There will be a delay.

We will attempt to answer requests to send a current issue via email to a subscriber.

SRS is still reviewing this approach.

SRS Searches.

We still find data on most areas of U.S. Arsenal and contractor firearms, accoutrements, bayonets and other production information. New data on the Enfield 1917 rifle, U.S. Krag, and test weapons still show up.

GUN SHOWS

Gun shows are continually changing. New shows are opening, old shows change hands, and many shows have changing characteristics that attract different variations of collectors.

It is wise to make sure a show is going on at a specific time and place before driving to a location.

The general areas include hunting, modern, antiques, and defense that emphasize their major theme. Cost to run and manage a show is a primary factor for continued operation and the split is usually between older established shows offered by gun clubs and commercial shows that are established for pure business and trade purposes.

Letters Written This Period

Rifle, Cal. 30, M1, National
March. Serial Number, 6 097 741.
NM. Shipped To: 31002 Blue and Grey
R&P Club. Date: October 27, 1982.
(DCM) Letter Dated 27 October 1982).

Rifle, Springfield Model 1903,
Cal. .30, serial number 1341961.
Sold To: O T Lent, Ormsby,
Pennsylvania. Date: February 24, 1936.

Rifle, Springfield Model 1903, Cal.
.30, Single shot, heavy barrel,
serial number 1341956. Sold To:
Howard J. Knutson, Knutson Gun
Shop, Box 244, Lewiston, Idaho.
Date: March 26, 1936.

Rifle, Cal. 30, M1898, Serial
Number 167552.

Issued To: Company C, 30th
U.S. Volunteer
Infantry. Date: April 29, 1900.

Revolver, Cal. 30, M1860 Colt
Army, Serial Number 118299.
Issued to: Company L, 1st
Alabama Volunteer Cavalry.
Date: 1863.

Rifle, Cal. 30, M1895, Serial
Number 24553. Issued to:
Company C, 8th Infantry. Date:
December 4, 1899.

Springfield Armory Model 1873,
Springfield rifle Model 1873,
caliber 45, serial number 61988.
Issued to: Private Fredrick
O'Brien, Company I, 3rd Infantry.
Date: Board of Survey dated
August 18, 1882. Order number
146, list of Army officers, Fort
Missoula. Complete list of
equipment and ordnance issued
and cost.

Remington NMA, Serial number
57935. Issued to: Private
Benjamin F. Lancaster, Company
M, 1st Maryland Volunteer
Cavalry. Age 32, height 5'8 1/2",
fair complexion, gray eyes, dark
hair, born in Cecil County,
Maryland, enlisted in Hagerstown,
Maryland, on July 25, 1864 for 3
years. Date: December 28, 1864,
Pvt. Lancaster was also issued
Sharps serial number 8023.

Rifle, Model 1903, Cal. .30, serial
number 341023. Issued to:

U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New
London, Connecticut.
Commandant Letter, Washington,
D.C., October 12, 1915.
Maintenance instructions for rifle
number 341023.

U.S. 1903 COLT Automatic Pistol,
serial number 566777,
Type: Colt Pistol, Caliber .32.
Issued to: Brigadier General E.
C. Dunn. Date: October 27, 1961.

Colt Pistol, Model 1911, Caliber .45.
Serial number 1860066. Issued To: OSS
Paris. SO. Received by Consignor, Capt.
C. Barnes, APO 887. Received by 1st Lt.
Hoover R. Goffin, OSS Supply. Date:
May 29, 1945.

U.S. Model 1903 Rifle, Cal. 30, serial
number 1 277431. Sold To: Carl Olson,
Pomeroy, Wash. Date: March 23, 1928.

U.S. Model 1903 Rifle, Cal. 30, U.S.
National Match, serial number 1 262844.
Shipped to: (INF) International Rifle
Team. Date: October 31, 1936.

U.S. Model Sharps Carbine, serial
number C33054, Type: Rifle, Sharps U.S.
Model 1863. Issued to: Company B, 2nd
Veterans Volunteer Infantry, June 1865.

U.S. Model 1860 Army, Colt Pistol,
serial number 46321. Type: Pistol, Colt
Model 1860 Army, U.S. Model. Issued
To: Company H, 6th Ohio Volunteer
Cavalry, October 1864.

U.S. Model 1895 rifle, serial number 24553, Cal. 30. Type: Rifle, Cal. 30, M1895, Issued to: Company C, 8th Infantry. Date: December 4, 1899. Inspected at Columbia Barracks, Cuba,

Letters are based on best available data located by SRS and National Archives and best efforts by SRS. Subscribers and others rely on this information at their own risk.

Emails And Letters Sent During This Period

Please check your files for information on Colt 1911 navy serial number 912.

We have data on that serial number. A letter can be ordered. Editor.

I would like research done on my gun. Springfield 45/70, model 1873 Trap Door Carbine. Engraved on side of stock in caps. T. W. GOLDIN, TROOP G, 7TH CALVARY. He was medal of honor on the water bargade. Buried in King, WI. Please let me know if you have information of this carbine. I've been searching for 3 years. Thanks.

Please send the serial number for your carbine. We need the number to check and see if we can do any research. We may be able to search for the name and gain some data to look for another type of document. Editor.

Have you found any information on the early Trapdoor serial numbers? I have a US Model 1868 that needs some TLC but before I do anything I wanted to try and see if any history is available. So hoping there is information available,

here is my information: US Model 1868 Springfield 3rd Allin dated 1870 sn 14932.

We have searched both 45/70 trapdoors and 50/70 trapdoors and have not found your number. Please let me know if you found the number on the side of the frame or barrel, or if you found a number on the frame near the tang. We will look again if there are other markings. Editor.

Please let me know if you have any data on my trapdoor. It was sold to me as being in the carbine range for a 7th Cavalry gun.

We have no data on that carbine. Be very cautious of any description as "in the range". There were Congressional inquiries to Springfield Armory for specific numbers and the answers showed that single cases of 10 carbines had no consecutive numbers and many cases showed hundreds of numbers apart from each other. Editor.

I notice on your website that you have some back issues of the 'Martial Arms Collector'. I would be very interested obtaining #116 which has info on Henry Rifles. I am trying to find out who #2648 might have been issued to, probably in the 66th ILL. Co.D, and thought this document might have some clues. I would like to purchase that issue if available. Thank you.

We have sent issue 116 to you. Editor.

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Good Afternoon, I recently bought a Springfield Armory M1 Garand and was wondering if you had the capability to look up the serial number so I could have some information about the rifle. Any help you can give will be appreciated.

Please send the serial number and we will check if we have information or if we can get information. The U.S. Army will not release many numbers of Garands, Carbines and 1911 Pistols. Editor.

As I continue to mull over the process of tracking down the history of any gun I wonder if you or others who do research on guns keep a record of the requests made by serial number. This type of record, while somewhat limited, could be defined as "modern" and of limited value yet, could become valuable to some future generation.

We may be able to search most requests but it will be a very big task that would also lead to a bigger task to sort and store with a retrievable capability. We have no plans to do this at this time. Editor.

Editors Note: We receive many emails and many do not relate to U.S. Martial Arms Collector issues.

All are answered but the context of some questions can only be answered with data that we have at hand or we are able to suggest other action.

Many inquiries are for commercial weapons that have the words Springfield, Massachusetts or similar phrases.

SRS has no data on commercial or foreign-made weapons unless they have a direct bearing on use by American Military units.

We do have plans to examine ammunition data such as U.S. and possibly foreign head-stamps. This information is in various forms and requires editing and reprinting.

Selecting and making the final product always requires a decision to make a major effort or to cancel because of an unknown demand by our readers.

Areas such as prices and cost evaluations are always a part of inquiries. We cannot put a price or cost on any weapon. The most obvious reason is the lack of ability to inspect a weapon, all parts, finish, original factory or arsenal work and other factors.

We can often judge a general area of history to make general statements on rarity according to know production numbers and general survivability estimates of many weapons. There are other professionals who buy and sell or know of sales in the weapons markets. These individuals are more capable of costing and sales of martial items.

SRS wants inquiries and data on any mistake, address changes, and anything that can aid in quality control. The delivery of the magazine is of prime importance and we need any input that will make our products delivered to all addresses by first class postal delivery.

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**THE JOURNAL OF CAPT.
NATHANIEL DWIGHT OF
BELCHERTOWN, MASS., DURING
THE CROWN POINT EXPEDITION,
1755.**

This journal was first published in The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record for 1902, [January and April]. It included original account of the battle of Lake George (Sant Sacrament) and subsequent history with names of prominent officers and a record of the dimensions of Fort William Henry that was captured during the French and Indian war. It was described by Fenimore Cooper in "The Last of the Mohicans". (Printed by Tobias A. Wright, New York 1902).

Capt. Nathaniel Dwight, the author, was the son of Nathaniel Dwight of Northampton, Mass., and Mehitable Partridge, daughter of Col. Samuel Partridge of Hatfield, Mass. He was born June 20, 1712, in Northampton, and died March 30, 1784, in Belchertown, Mass. He served as Captain in the French and Indian War and was commissioned Captain, Sept. 10, 1755. On Aug. 9, he marched for the relief of Fort William Henry and was attacked by an army of French and Indians under Montcalm.

Expedition names are as follows:

Ebenr Smith	Abner Armes
Benoni Woolcot	Gideon Cooley
Abel EmonsLt.	John Hawks
Wm. Page	Reuben Davis
Azriah Selden	Ens. Zach. Crocker

Benj. Felton	Zadock Hawks
Oliver Coles	John Maghard
Joseph Cleary	John Steward
Elijah Hawly	Aaren Leonard
Em. Clark	Salmon Kentfield
Benj. Wheeler	Ebn[ezer] Kentfield
Lawrence Kemp	Benj. Knight
Wm. Paterson	Timo[thy] Lull
George Thapin	Moses Wilder
Steven Davis	Abner Adams
James Mc.Clure	Heze[kiah] Hubard
John Town	Jabez Kellogg
James Sawen	Theoph. Chamberling
Phineas Smith	James Meecham
Archibel Lawson	Robt Hambleton
Joseph Wells	Moses Warner
James Clark	Eliot Gray
James Hamilton	
John Thompson	
John King	
Elisha Taylor	
David Cowden	
Wm. Ager	
James Cowen	

John Hamill[ton]

James Cowen Junr

Jonah Lyman

Thos Billing

Joseph Billing

Wrn. Kentfield

Asaph Stebbins

Nehemiah Dickins[on]

John Coles

John Moodey

Eliakim Smith

Nath' Dwight

Dr. Sam[ue]

The Journal of Captain Dwight has an extensive day-by-day account of many details of The French and Indian War. The daily life of the soldiers, the hardships and the weather are given in great detail. Items such as the October 1755 Scalping of men and many major battles with the movements of men from different named colonies.

(Please note that many words and phrases are shown as they were originally written. No changes were made to change the unique and historic data on the French and Indian War. A few examples of this have been taken from the 19 page journal written by an American Captain and data is shown in the writing of the day.)

In April 1755 they began to Raise forces for an expedition to Crown Point. The provinces of Connecticut, New York, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire joyn together in the expedition. They were till August or October 1755.

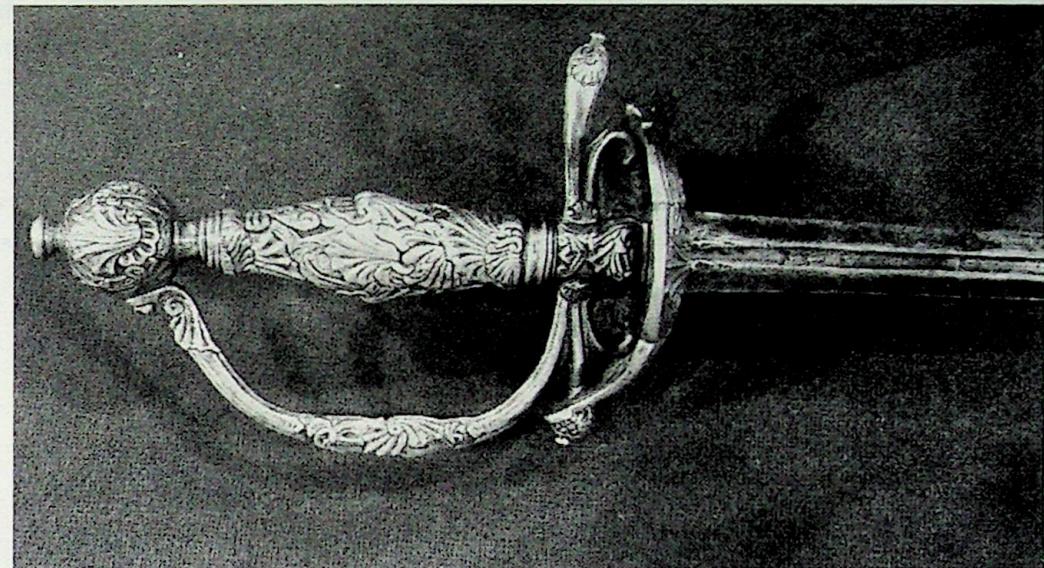
Scalped there as they were scattering Carlesly along the road. Col. [Samuel] Willard [Jr.] of Lancaster buried this morning

Officer of the Day for to-morrow. Orders: that 30 men from the Massachusetts troops 22 from Connecticut troops 18 from New York 12 from New Hampshire and 10 Rhodeisland with a Commission officer for each Detachment Do for the week haul up all the battoes over the bank in to the Swamp in Such a manner as not to be a Shelter to the enemy and to be under the Cover of the Guns of the fort. That 232 men officers included out of the Massachusetts Troops 193 men officers included out of the Connecticut Troops 154 men officers included out of the New York Troops 95 men, officers included out of the New Hampshire Troops and 76 men officers included out of the Rhode Island troops be given to Garrison Fort William Henry and Fort Edward which body of men are to be Considered as a Regiment of which Jon[athan] Bagley Esq to be Coll Nathan Whiting Esq to be Lieut Coll and Edmun Mathews Esqr to be Majr. 430 of the s[ai]d Regt under the Command of Lt Coll Whiting to Garrison Fort Edward.

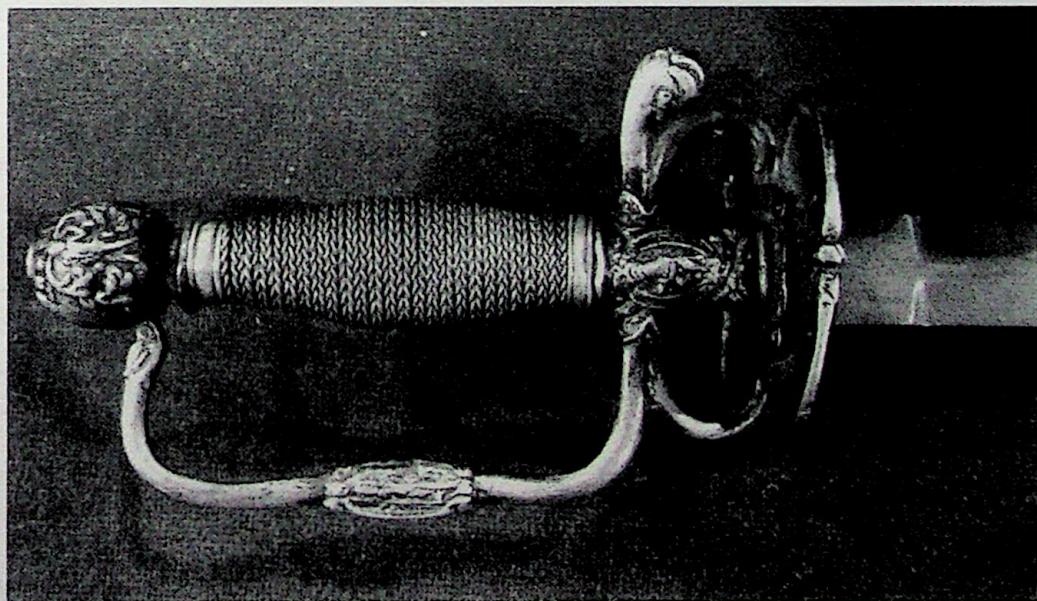
Swords of the French and Indian Wars Era in Colonial America.

Below: Transitional Rapier. Seventeenth Century blade, made in Toledo, with early eighteenth century Continental Rococo Hilt.

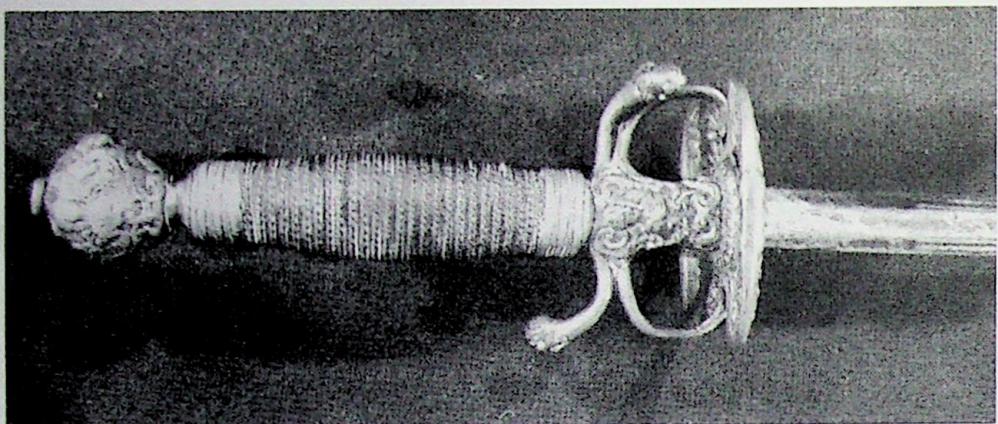
Swords, Courtesy of Richard Hoover.



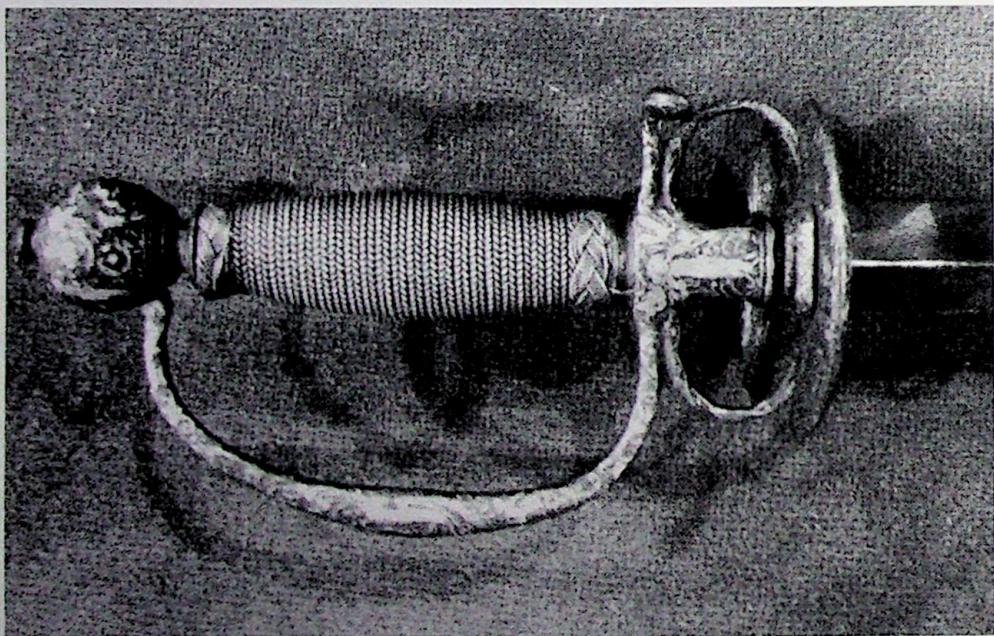
Below: Officer's Small Sword with late Rapier Blade, Circa 1710.



Below: Early Small Sword with late Rapier
Blade, Circa 1740.



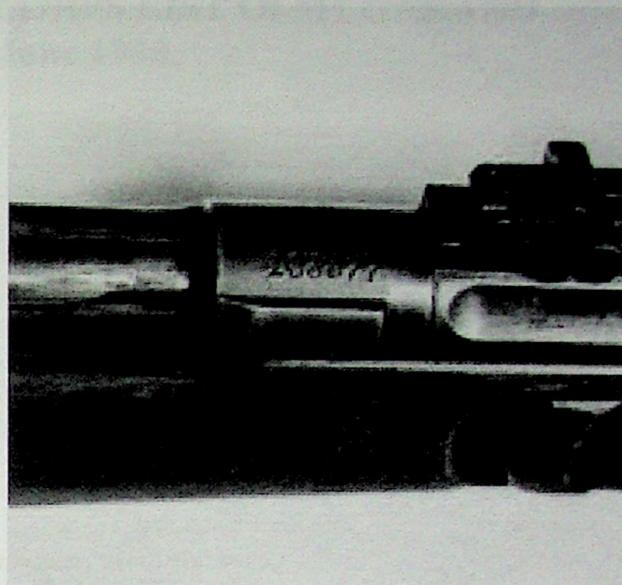
Below: Small sword with Gold inlay
featuring classical themes. French Circa
1740.



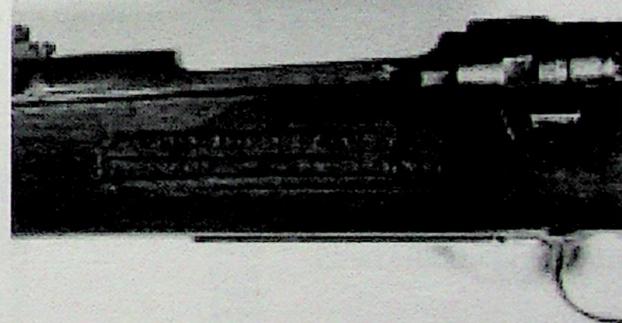
Springfield model 1903 Rifle With Modifications To The Firing Assembly and Stock.

Right: Serial number 103577 showing stock modifications. The rifle is still in caliber 30/03 with the corresponding 2400 yard rear sight assembly.

Extensive modifications were made to require that the fore end be used as a slide action before each round was fired. The modifications included considerable work internally on the rifle.



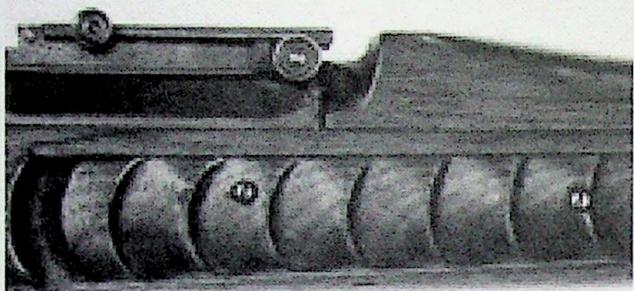
Right: Stock machined out on left side of stock allowing visibility of slide action in use. It appears that the rifle is in original issue condition except for the action and stock modifications.



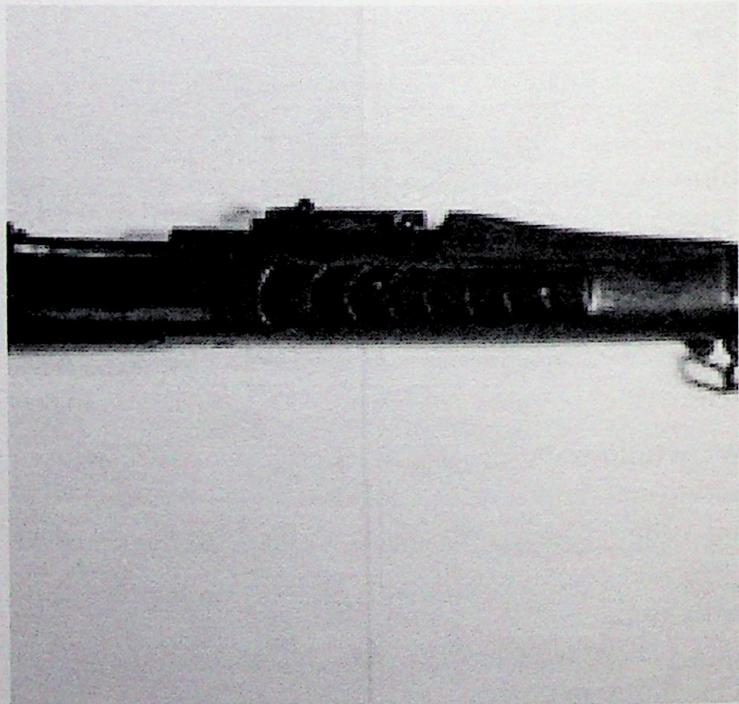
We would be interested in receiving any additional data on this experiment and data on any other rifles with modifications. We have observed another unique cut away model 1903 with an engraved plate marked with a U.S. Navy Ordnance description. This Navy rifle was seen in Dallas, TX.

*Rifle shown is courtesy of: Frank Pileggi.
Editor would encourage email correspondence with the owner.*

Right: Right side of stock showing a pattern of machined wood with 2 screws. This area was used to grip the fore end for use. The 2 screws are added and part of the internal assembly.



Right: Right side of stock between action and middle band.



There were many test guns and test assemblies in the early days of 1903 Model usage. This included extensive testing of many conversions to semi automatic of a standard rifle. This data has been in other issues of The Martial Arms Collector.

COLLECTORS NOTE: U.S. MARINE CORPS LIST Of M1 GARAND RIFLES WITH SERIAL NUMBERS 10 June 1940.

IN REPLYING
REFER TO NO.
2000-30
FBG:cjk



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
BASIC SCHOOL
MARINE BARRACKS, NAVY YARD
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

10 June 1940

- 1" —>
From: The Director.
To : The Major General Commandant, Headquarters,
U. S. Marine Corps, Washington, D. C.
Via : The Commandant, Marine Corps Schools,
Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia.
Subject: Rifles, U. S., caliber .30 M1, report on.
Reference: (a) MGC Ltr No. 2000-40-50 over AC-214-bvc,
dated 3 January, 1939.

1. In compliance with paragraph 7, reference (a),
the following report is rendered on the U. S. Rifle, caliber
.30, M1, based on the firing done at Cape May, N. J. during
the period 3-17 May, 1940.

(a) Total rounds fired, 34,154.

(b) Rounds fired from each rifle:

Rifle	Rounds fired	Total rounds to date
3925	750	1621
3598	705	1929
3607	1337	2641
3630	750	1634
3570	615	1479
3533	700	1940
4033	1600	2114
3798	1310	2510
3704	1270	2060
3919	1371	2546
3851	1398	2418
3735	1303	1817
3661	3100	2071

**COLLECTORS NOTE: U.S. NATIONAL ARMORY LIST OF WEAPONS
MANUFACTURED FROM 1866 TO 1875.**

*Note the rarity and small numbers of weapons in carbine and cadet categories.
1868 Cadet, 1870 Cadet, 1872 Carbine, 1875 Cadet, and 1875 Officers Model.*

<i>Since Date Manufactured</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Model</i>	<i>1866</i>	<i>1867</i>	<i>1868</i>	<i>1869</i>	<i>1870</i>	<i>1871</i>	<i>1872</i>	<i>1873</i>	<i>1874</i>	<i>1875</i>
1866	00											
1867	23,080	Springfield Rifle	Model 1866	21 10								
1868	26,920	"	1866	19 81								
1868	424	Cadet rifle	1866	25 02								
1869	1,700	" rifle	1866	19 51								
1870	500	" "	1866	19 81								
1870	45,419	" "	1868	16 19								
1870	310	Cadet rifles	1869	22 79								
1871	6,710	" rifle	1868	16 19								
1871	1,021	" "	Model	19 96								
1871	341	Cadet	Model	15 32								
1871	1,532	Cadet rifles	Model 1869	22 79								
1872	10,020	" rifle	1870	16 79								
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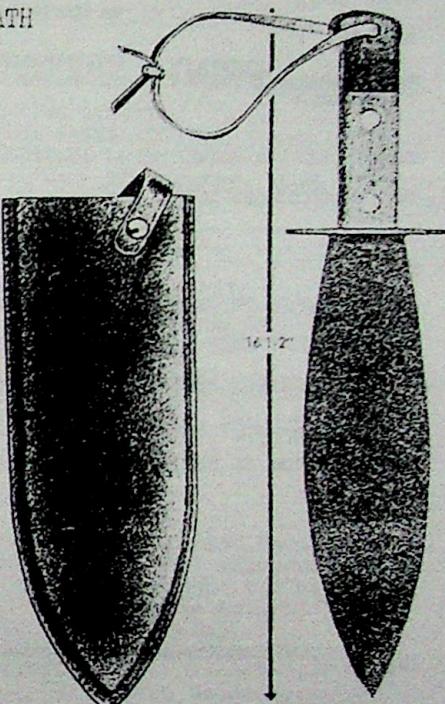
COLLECTORS NOTE: U.S. OSS SPECIAL SMATCHET WITH CARRYING CASE WITH DESCRIPTION AND DIMENSIONS.

PART I - SHEET A2

NOMENCLATURE: SMATCHET, W/SHEATH

PURPOSE: A heavy work knife, combining the features of the machete and the bolo, for bush work and combat.

DESCRIPTION: The Smatchet is a heavy, balanced broad-bladed knife with a high-tempered, high-carbon steel blade and a wooden handle topped by a metal pommel. The blade is sharpened the full length of one edge and half of the other edge. It is sheathed in a leather-covered wood scabbard, fitted with a strap for holding the knife in place. It can be worn so that the user has complete freedom of movement.



DATA:

Length	16 1/2 in.
Weight	1 lb. 9 oz.
Length in scabbard	17 1/2 in.
Weight in scabbard	2 lbs. 3 oz.
Units per carton	1
Cartons per case	24
Weight of filled case	92 lbs.
Cubage	2.8 cu. ft.

ISSUED BY: OSS

ORDER AS: Smatchet, w/sheath. (Code: J/636)

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COLLECTORS NOTE: Model 1911 Colt Pistol Number 705157, found November 28, 1943, Solomons Battle, WWII.

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Date 28 NOVEMBER 1943.

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TO: CHIEF OF BUORD

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TEXT:

REQUEST TRACER PROCEEDINGS BE INSTITUTED TO ASCERTAIN
TO WHAT SHIP .45 CAL. AUTOMATIC PISTOL NO. 705157 WAS
ORIGINALLY ISSUED X THIS PISTOL FOUND ON LIFE RAFT
IN SOLOMONS AREA AND NOW ON SPENCE X SUGGEST TRACING
RECORDS OF HELENA, STRONG, and GWIN.

Copy to:

CO SPENCE

F. X. McINERNEY
(Signature of Releasing Officer)

F. X. McINERNEY

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**COLLECTORS NOTE: 50 USMC Winchester Model 70 Sniper Rifles with
Unertl 8X Scopes with rare original leather scope cases.**

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2000-10-25
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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
FIRST MARINE RAIDER BATTALION,
IN THE FIELD.

15 January, 1943.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : The Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps.
Via : (1) Commanding Officer, Corps Troops,
First Marine Amphibious Corps.
(2) The Commanding General, First Marine
Amphibious Corps.
Subject: Equipment, Raider Battalion.
Reference: (a) Ltr. CO., 1st Rdr. Bn. to CMC., serial (267),
dated 28 Feb 42.
Enclosure: (A) Copy of reference (a).

1. It is requested that the below listed special equipment, in the amounts indicated as initial allowance be furnished this battalion without delay and be included in future modifications of TBA.

(a) Fifty (50) Winchester rifles, Model 70, type G7044C, cal. .30 or equal, previously requested (ref. a) by Colonel M. A. Edson, U.S.M.C. To be used as snipers rifles and issued on the basis of one (1) per squad in each of 36 rifle squads plus 14 for pool of battalion weapons to be employed as necessary.
(b) Fifty (50) Unertl telescopic sights for above rifles.
(c) Fifty (50) Unertl snipers mounts and leather carrying cases for same.
(d) Fifty (50) shotguns, repeating type.
(e) Two hundred sixty-eight (268) scabbards for Collins machete. (20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ").

2. Combat in the Solomons has proved that snipers rifles and telescopic sights superior to those now furnished are essential to cope with the enemy under jungle conditions and to inflict upon him the maximum casualties. Repeating shotguns would have been invaluable to us in several situations where close fighting was sustained and intense.

COLLECTORS NOTE: KRAG MODEL 1892 UNIQUE PARTS. Bolt, Cocking piece, extractor and screw, cut-off, safety, and magazine assembly.

U. S. MAGAZINE RIFLE, Model 1892.

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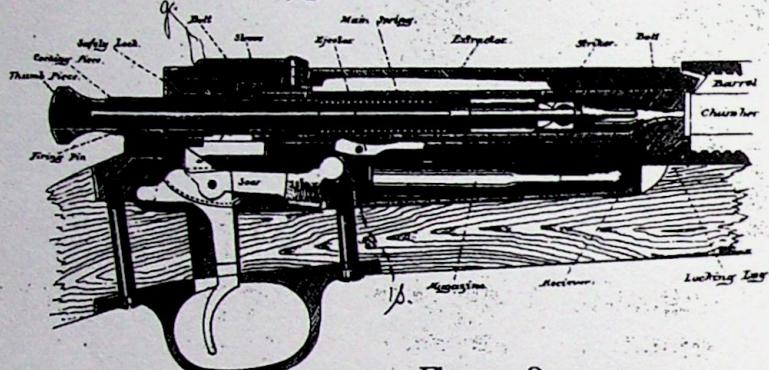


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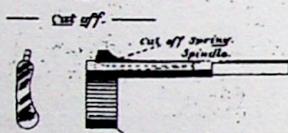


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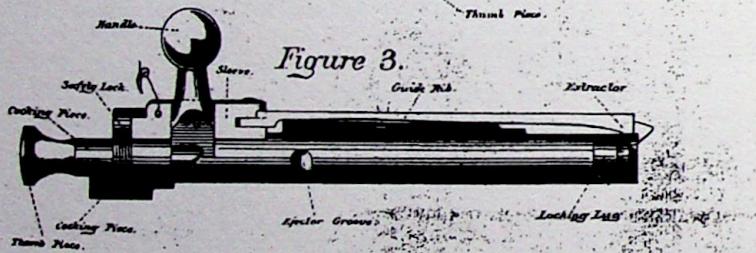


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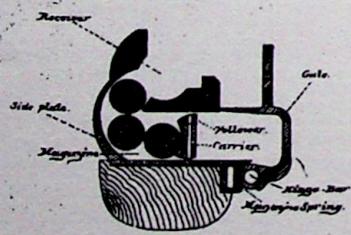
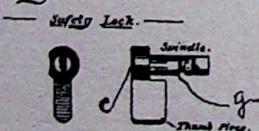


Figure 4.



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Samples of U. S. Krag Rifles converted to model NRA Krag carbines by serial number.

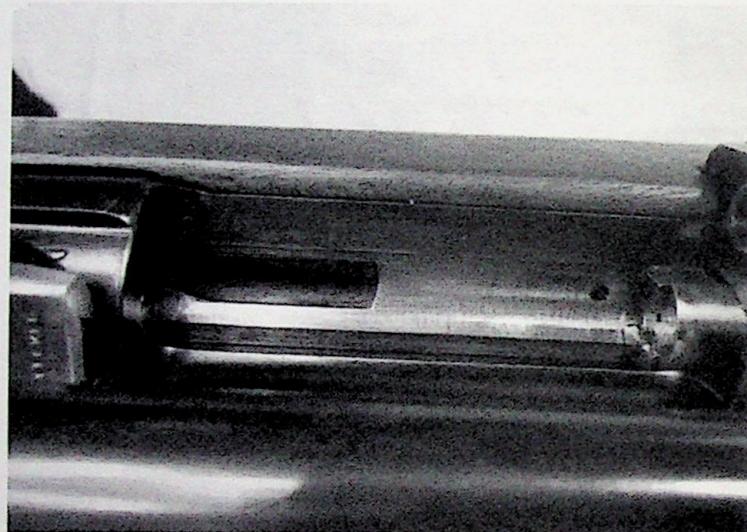
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238995	240744
239080	241448
239112	241844
239183	241882
239216	242269
239173	242301
239528	<i>Editors Note: Original carbines had a 22 inch barrel with some having carbine stocks and most had cut down 1898 rifle stocks. Front sights were 1905 Springfield sights with special machining. Carbine rear sights were used with hand guards.</i>
239874	
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239910	

SPRINGFIELD MODEL 1922 M1 NRA IN CALIBER 22 HORNET.

Model 1922 M1 serial number 20196 was shipped to Remington Arms Company in Bridgeport, Connecticut on February 16, 1932. The rifle was specially made in caliber 22 Hornet. The action was configured to fire in a single shot mode with no magazine. The bolt assembly was modified and converted from a dual rimfire firing pin for caliber 22 Long rifle to a single center firing pin for the center fire Hornet cartridge. The data was obtained by Springfield Research Service from Springfield Arsenal sales record number 633.

Right; The top view of the 1922 receiver.

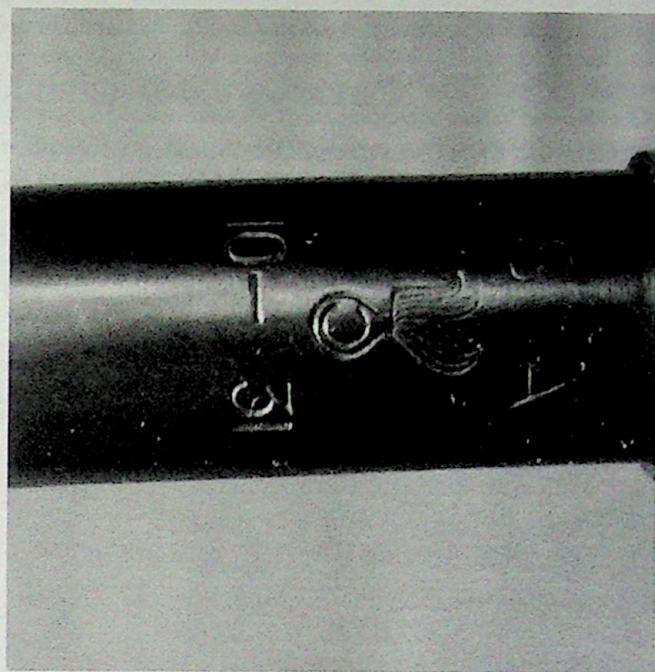
The machined 22 rimfire magazine slot is visible on the bottom of the receiver.



Right: The bolt face of the 22 Hornet shown with the single firing pin hole. The bolt face was converted from a bolt with dual firing pin holes to a single center firing pin. This would include the necessary internal firing pin assembly changes as well as extractor work.



Right: The 22 caliber barrel dated 10-31 was chambered for the Springfield developed 22 Hornet cartridge. The barrel is marked 22 Hornet on the left side in the same area as the 22 Long Rifle markings are usually found.



Right: 22 Hornet barrel markings on left side of barrel.



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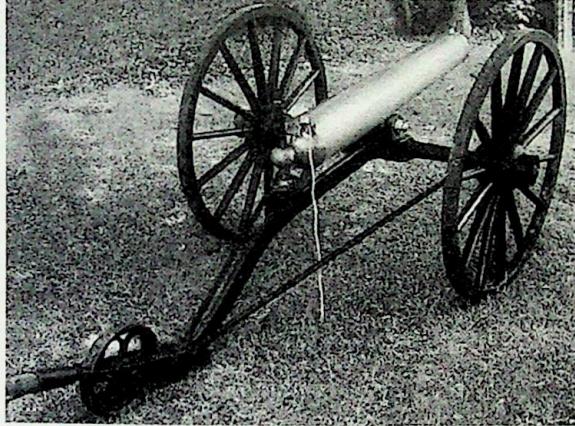


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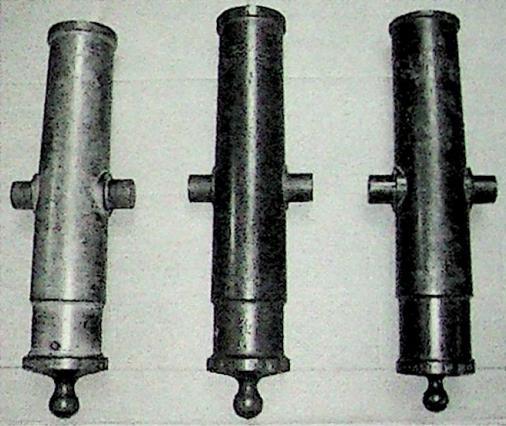
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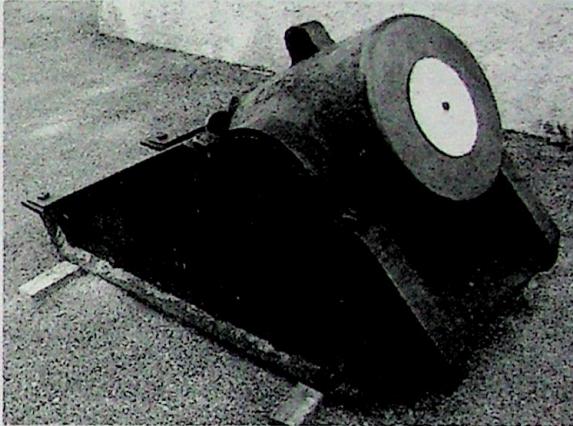
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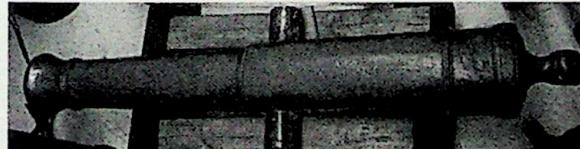


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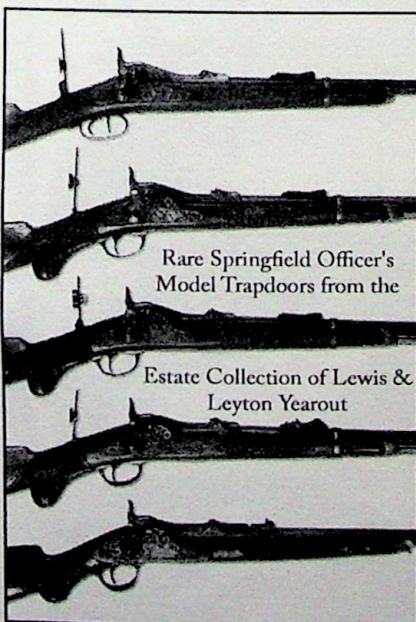


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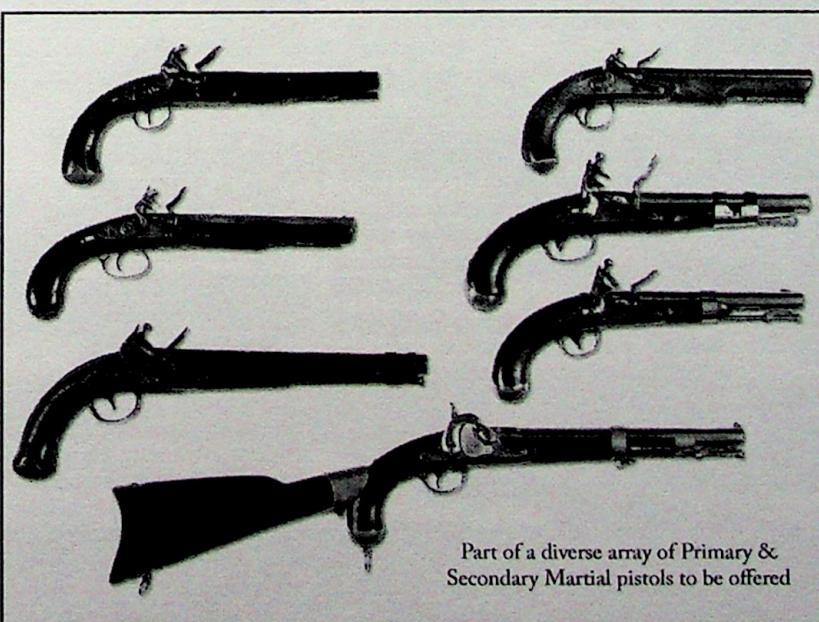
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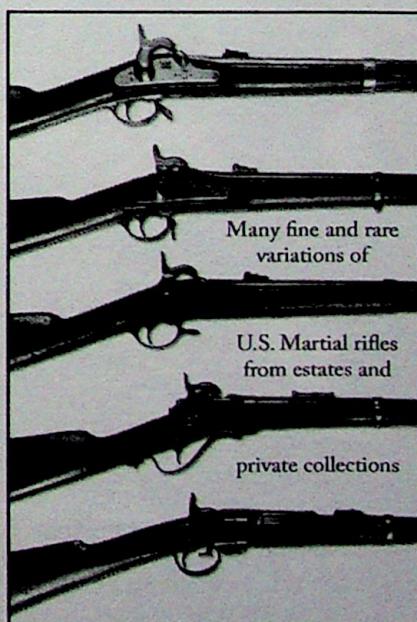
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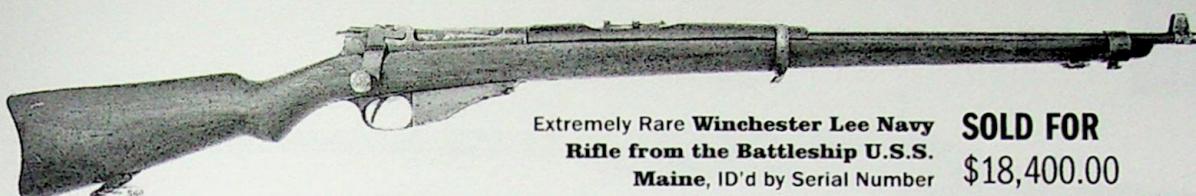


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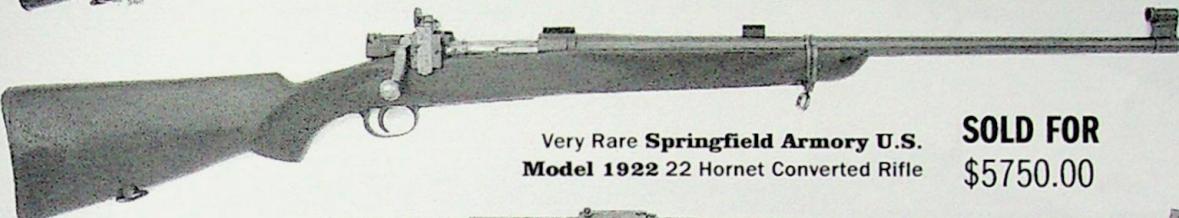
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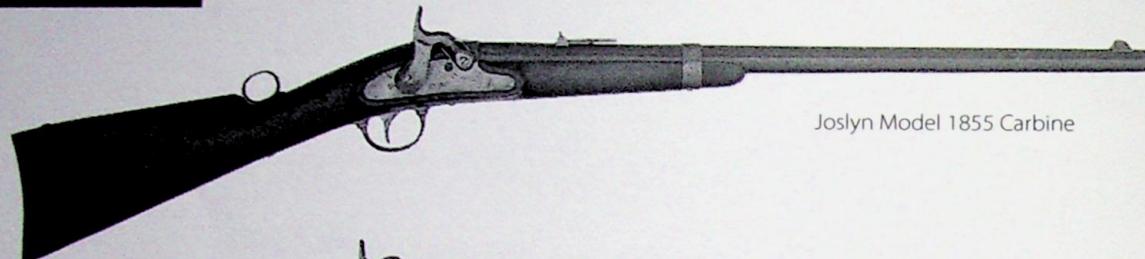
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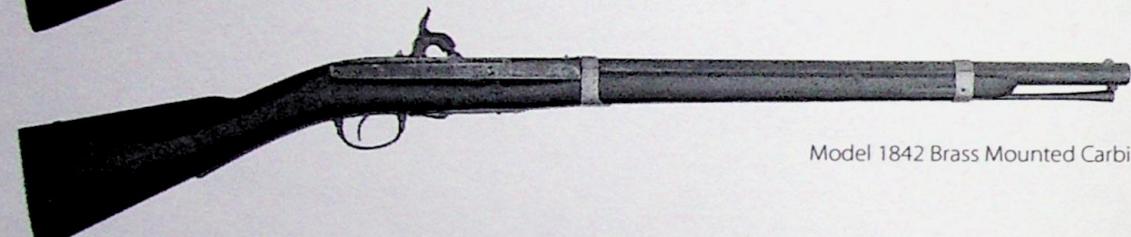
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