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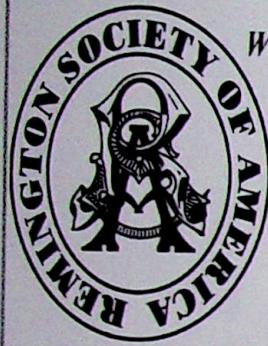
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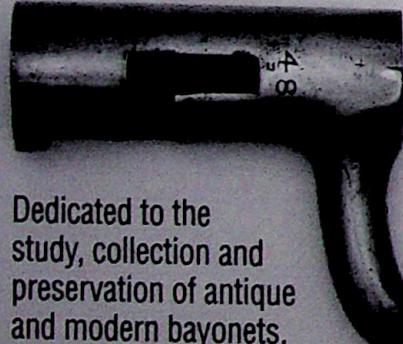
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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

The U.S. Martial Arms Collector has found more data on Model 1903 rifles and quite a few unique weapons made in limited numbers. There are still many areas that need review, but time is the general limitation in adding more serial numbers to our data base. We have also found that there are major changes in working at the Washington Archives that often limit the verification of data that can needs to be easily found. When we try to find a record that was previously available, it often takes much more effort and often results in long waits and not receiving the data.

We found many new documents on military personnel that were assigned to cavalry and infantry units. This data allows us to find detailed data on a soldier or sailor but may not have any reference to the specific serial number of a weapon. The result is more time to check out data that was used for firearm searches.

Our efforts on working with weapons used by United States military scouts has provided excellent information on names, operations, units and military activity with a long list of research efforts needed to gain the associated weapon issue information.

Each U.S. scout needs a full effort directed to his specific area. The effort requires searches that are unique to one individual for each effort, and no files have been found that show a group of scouts. The effort will go on, as information on the military efforts from our American Indian Wars through 1917 show activities that are very interesting. We can usually find the personnel for each cavalry unit, but additional data is difficult.

We are reviewing other past searches that pertain to some rare items in the Krag area. They include the manufacture of two model 1892 Carbines. The two carbines made for experimental and test purposes.

The Model 1892 Carbine had the following description from recommendations from the chief of ordnance: "It is recommended that the carbine be of the same caliber as the rifle and adapted to the same carriage; the barrel to have the same rifling and to be 22 inches long; its dimensions up to that distance from the chamber being the same as those of the rifle barrel; the sights to be of the same general design as those for the rifle, the rear sight base being, as for the rifle, graduated by steps, from 300 to 600 yards; that the stock to extend to within 3 inches from the muzzle and be similar to that for the rifle; that a sight protector band be placed in front of the rear sight; that the upper band be similar to that for the rifle, omitting the attachment for the bayonet and stacking swivel; that the butt plate be the same as that of the rifle; that a short swivel-bar and ring be attached to the left side of the stock about 5 inches from the butt plate; that the carbine be provided with a ramrod as on the rifle."

The two carbines are easily seen as being different with their unique stock, bands, and ramrod. It appears that the rear sight is very rare and possibly none being made for spare parts. There have been quite a few sightings of the unique middle bands, and barrels with a flat muzzle. It is known that the last big sale of Krag parts from the Springfield Armory had some of these parts. They were sold to Stokes Kirk Company of Philadelphia.

The next interesting history of the two carbines surfaced in Congressional documents. The Congress of the United States contacted Springfield to determine the exact rifle and carbine production numbers. The inquiry concerned two missing weapons that required a payment of royalties to the Denmark government.

The board of officers to select magazine arms for the United States military convened on November 24, 1890. They selected the Krag rifle by Denmark.

There were 53 rifles submitted including: Lee-Speed .303 (ENGLAND), Krag-Jorgensen 8mm (DENMARK), Mannlicher 8mm (AUSTRIA), Mauser Model 1889 7.65mm (BELGIUM), Infantry Rifle, Model 1888 7.9mm (GERMANY), Kropatschek 8mm (PORTUGAL), Murata 8mm (JAPAN), Schmidt 7.5mm (SWITZERLAND), Mannlicher carbine 8mm (AUSTRIA), Mannlicher 6.5mm (ROMANIA), Russian Model 1891 7.62mm.

The Board On Magazine Arms first met on December, 16, 1890. They worked on the .30 caliber cartridge for the Krag rifle and testing of rifles including the single shot .30 trap door model.

On September 15, 1892, J. M. Schofield, Major General Commanding the Army, concurred with the decision to adopt the .30 caliber Krag, and L. A. Grant, Acting Secretary of War, gave his approval.

The United States agreed to pay a royalty for every service rifle manufactured, to the country of Denmark. Springfield Armory answered the Congressional request by stating there was a mistake in the numbers and that two carbines were manufactured. It further stated that the two carbines were

dismantled and made into rifles. This satisfied Congress and the royalties were paid.

The conclusion is that there are no existing Model 1892 carbines made by the Springfield Armory. It appears that other examples of carbines exist but they are not the one of the original two weapons. There have been observations of other carbines, and their exact history is unknown.

Another area of interest has been the M1 Garand Model D sniper rifle. A small amount of rifles and their commercial scopes and mounts were made for the United States government for special operations. The M1D rifles were chosen for the operation and fitted with a special mount that accommodates the 1-inch body diameter of the Weaver K4 scope. The rifle was the same as the standard M1D sniper except for the removable mount assembly and the Weaver K4 scope.

A commercial firm in Virginia was given the contract, and the mounts were engineered and modified to accept a 1-inch scope and not the earlier 7/8 inch diameter scope. The scopes were purchased from the Weaver company from the standard production line and had no coatings on the optics. The optics with clear lens aided in operations in the night.

Standard M1D mounts were modified in two ways. The bottom part of the ring assembly was machined to accept the larger 1-inch diameter. The top half of the hinged two-piece scope ring was newly manufactured with the mounting screws holding both halves together. The older top part of the ring assembly was discarded.

It is extremely rare to encounter an original rifle with the correct original scope and mount. It is also possible to find one of the similar M1D mounts made in Viet Nam by U.S. forces. The mounts are slightly different but were made in theater for other 1-inch scopes. The scopes were bought locally at the military in government run base exchanges and post exchange stores. These rifles were assembled to satisfy the great demand for special sniper rifles in the 1960's in Viet Nam.

There have been many comments about the original M1D rifles with Weaver K4 scopes and mounts. This includes the storage of some M1D rifles and some K4 scope and mounts by the United States National Guard. These rifles and scopes were surplus and taken over by the National Guard with little or no cost after being determined to be obsolete. They were never designed for the National Guard.

The Armies also had a policy of storing and shipping rifles without the scope and mount. Rifles went one way or the other and stored. Scopes went another way and were stored. There have been some cases where scopes and rifles were surplus and found their way to be sold at the same facility. There have been instances where a buyer bought a rifle and then bought a scope in the same facility. Many scopes and mounts were sold by the Civilian Marksman Program.

Copies of the contract, the costs, and original designed use were published in an earlier issue of the US Martial Arms Collector magazine.

We find that there are many cases of weapons being used by the military and later sold as surplus. The sales are often the only data that show previous military ownership. Various amounts of .22 caliber guns were

described in manuals and used as training and survival weapons.

Winchesters in many models were brought and include model 75 sporters, target rifles, model 67, model 1890, Winder muskets, model 70, in various calibers, Stevens, Savage, Remington, and other U, S, manufactured weapons.

SRS has in its data base many Winder muskets in .22 caliber. The data shows the issue information and sales information. The sales data often has the date and to whom the rifle was sold.

One of the more interesting rifles is a military style .22 semi automatic made by the Stevens/Savage company that had a full length stock, hand guard, and unique military style rear sight. Documents exist that show that the rifles were sold commercially but also sold to the military.

The U.S. Martial Arms Collector Magazine plans on writing on these weapons in future articles.

Inquiries

We look forward to all inquiries that may be received on most subjects on the U. S. use of small arms in all wars and operations in peacetime. The interest of readers is one of our issues that continues. Single paper documents are in our files to show both small and large descriptions of weapons.

Any inquiry may be answered as we find or reconstruct past data. Our goal is to satisfy readers' interests.

We look forward to any comments and questions. This is an input as to what readers are interested in and we want to keep them coming.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

NOTE. Please send an email if you receive any subscription data that is incorrect. We always have problems with the Postal Service and need any comments or corrections for your magazines or letters. The only way we can ensure address corrections or new information is by subscribers' inputs.

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The last subscription issue is designated by the issue number that is printed on all magazine address labels. There have been mistakes by the printer and some issues have the number deleted. We always try to double-check each address and try to send a letter advising of the subscription renewal time and issue. There have been computer crashes in the past that slow us down.

Please let us know if any subscriber has had a problem.

Current issues

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SPRINGFIELD RESEARCH LETTERS

The basic letters are \$50.00; sales letters with a document are \$65.00; and research letters run from \$175.00 and up.

We have had some long-time research efforts take months because of the difficulty in finding old research data in government files. We have also found some issues with government data being transferred to other facilities in other cities. This has caused delays and the loss of data in the Archive systems. SRS usually hold subscribers' payments until we check on document location and availability. If a document cannot be located, there is nothing we can accomplish. There are cases of documents lost in government systems and the disappearance of documents. A payment may be returned if the research cannot be done.

Research letters on very unique weapons may require extra charges and times. It is very easy for a research effort to extend in full days or many days.

There have been cases of armed government escorts being required to transfer and use rare documents.

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 copies needed for research.

This includes checking the U.S. Government files to make sure they exist and are still available for review. We try to copy the specifics and include them with the letter. A peculiar size or condition or storage must be handled, verified, and copied according to government regulations.

Special stamps for security classification or other rules must be followed.

COMMENTS AND INPUTS

We always want comments.

editor@usmartialarmscollector.com.

An inquiry can be made by mail to SRS Box 126, Cabin John, MD 20818. This may take an extended time.

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.

All data in the Springfield Research Service database is based on U. S. Government documents.

There are more documents that may exist, but this will be a never-ending search.

BACK ISSUES OF THE MAGAZINES

Issue 143 dated June 2015 and issue 142 dated March 2015 are completely sold out. Copies can be made in black and white upon request.

The older newsletters (number 1 through 54) must be obtained by special request. Issues number 55 through 143 are available for \$10 each postpaid. Several issues have run out. A copy in black and white can be made as a last resort, and mailed. There will be a delay or extra costs.

SRS Searches

We still find new data but it is more difficult with any new government regulations and quality of original documents. We continue to answer requests from our subscribers.

LETTERS WRITTEN

U.S. 1903 COLT Automatic Pistol, serial number M137276. Colt Pistol, Caliber .380. Issued to Brigadier General G. F. Doriot. April 26, 1961.

U.S. Springfield, Cal. .30, Model 1903, serial number 1 348 623 Rifle, U.S., Cal. .30, M1903, National Match, Type C. Number 1 348 623. Sold to: Roy W. Wilson, Winchester, Massachusetts. October 21, 1930.

U.S. Model 1898 rifle, serial number 168316, Cal. 30 Rifle, Cal. 30, M1898,

Serial Number 168316. Company K, 27th
United States Volunteer Infantry, 1899.

U.S. Model 1879 carbine, serial number 133101, Cal. 45. Carbine, Cal. 45, M1879, Serial Number 133101. Adjutant General Affidavit: 1st Sergeant Charles Campbell, Troop L, 7th Cavalry. March 22, 1888. The U.S. carbine specified was part of a group of 52 carbines enumerated as to condition and recommended to be shipped to Fort Abraham, Lincoln Ordnance Depot. Serial number 133101 needed to be re barreled and the sights repaired. Captain George D. Wallace was accountable for the weapons in the Territory of Dakota. A board of survey convened March 12, 1888. The purpose was to examine the condition of 52 U.S. Springfield carbines, caliber .45, and 20 Colts revolvers, caliber .45. Fort Meade March 12, 1888. List of property stores cited on March 12, 1888. The carbine, number 133101, was in constant use in garrison and in the field since 1885 and the condition has legitimate wear and tear.

Smith and Wesson, 44 American, serial number 1444. Revolver, Smith & Wesson, caliber .44, Serial Number 1444. Springfield Armory, Springfield, Massachusetts. March 1871.

U.S. Springfield, Cal. .30, Model 1903, serial number 1 008 132, Rifle, U.S., Cal. .30, M1903, Serial Number 1 008 132. Recovered from: The USS California sunk at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Document, February 13, 1942.

U.S., Cal. .30, Model 1903A1, serial number 1 402 206 Rifle, U.S., Cal. .30,

M1903A1, National Match, 1936, Loren D. Schiff, 2516 East Newton Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. January 14, 1937.

U.S. Model 1898 rifle, serial number 121418, Cal. 30. Rifle, Cal. 30, M1898, Serial Number 121418. Issued to Company L, 3rd Kentucky Volunteer Infantry. December 17, 1898.

U.S. Model M1 Garand Rifle, serial number 2322, Cal. 30, Rifle, Cal. 30, M1, Issued to 3rd Infantry, Ft. Sam Houston. February 7, 1939.

U.S. Sharps rifle, serial number 54391, Sharps Coffee Grinder Carbine. A Springfield Armory manufactured carbine was manufactured long after the production period for the older model Sharps Carbine. The commander of the Springfield Arsenal in Springfield, Massachusetts authorized the manufacture of a Sharps Carbine. The number 62835 was chosen and used. Data in Springfield Research records show that number 62699 (issued in 1865), number 62838 (issued in 1863), and number 62900 (issued in 1863) exist with no reference to a coffee grinder.

The work was done on an as-available time for work, with no target time for completion. No mention of test firing data or markings were noted, but Springfield always produced weapons to their high standards.

U.S., Cal. .30, Model 1903, serial number 1 318 278, (Sporting Model). Sold to Leo H. Wells, Wallaston, Massachusetts. March 3, 1930.

LETTERS AND EMAILS RECEIVED AND ANSWERED.

Would a letter be able to tell me anything else like date of mfg, etc? In your opinion is it worth pursing. As you can see from the attached picture, the serial is a little "unusual". Thank you for all your help.

Your serial number 129125, is in a group of numbers assigned as a serial number and a frame only. The Army did not receive many or none of the completed order at that time during World War 1 and only finished receivers were delivered. The serial numbers represented frames sent to arsenals and companies to be finished and also used for tests, and later upgrades. Many numbers are for unique and rare pistols. Also, the numbers are a problem to many collectors as they had parts not seen on standard guns and not finished as those of the time frame. Unfortunately many guns were "made correct" with parts on hand or from a parts box. The result is a possible loss of a rare original gun made for testing or other purposes. We do not have any other documented data on your receiver. Editor.

Hello, Is it possible to obtain records that might exist of what particular arms were issued to a Union Civil War regiment and when?

We search serial numbers for our subscribers. SRS is set up to search a specific serial number, and information can include military unit, date, and possibly the soldier's name that used it. Additional data can be found on battles that the soldier was credited with being

involved. All of this data varies considerably and may or may not have had specific data.

Many times a military unit is found with a series of guns sent to the unit, without any serial numbers. Extensive research may find data and often only finds a small description. The Army and Navy were interested in their records only and not what a collector in the future would like to see. It is unfortunate but the time needed for research is variable and completely unknown until it is expended to search. SRS has found unique data on the type of weapons assigned to a unit with no other data. This information has led us to find data on what contractor or arsenal shipped a weapon. Editor.

What does a missing gun mean? Something that was officially reported by the services as missing (i.e. lost, stolen)?

The data can mean many differences. The gun may be lost with no data, lost in combat, lost over board from a ship, or a myriad of other descriptions. Many lost weapons have reports of survey or other formal proceedings. Many formal proceedings state details of the military person who issued the gun, the officer in charge, or a shipment that was missing. The boards for these serial numbers give extensive details and often charge the person responsible for loss or damage with a monetary charge. Stolen guns may also have the FBI, local police, or other agencies involved.

There have been instances where a missing gun from many years back in time was investigated with the present owner being questioned. Editor.

I received your letter today about the records being moved to Boston on my S&W American Model 3. I was disappointed to hear this but I understand it is beyond your control. I will gladly send for the basic letter you provided. Can I send that to you with Paypal? Also would it be possible to tell me what record(s) I would look for if I were ever able to make a trip to Boston to research this revolver? Again, thank you for your help on this.

We searched many times and were directed to quite a few different government offices. One last office noticed a strange entry that was not clear. It turned out that a translation determined that the government documents were sent to another government office in Boston. A number for the record group has been sent to you with a date of information transfer. The original records were sent and no copies of other data were retained by the Washington, D.C. Office. This a problem that occurs when doing an extensive search and we cannot do anything except live with government regulations and procedures. The basic letter contains the government data that now exists. It may take days or months to find the document in Boston, and the data may not ever be found. Editor.

I'm a subscriber and would like to order a reprint of Ord. Note 115, Oct. 1, 1879, Arms Captured from Hostile Indians. Does the \$20

price include postage and if not how much should I include in the check? If you have only a copy or two remaining, please set one aside for me as I'll send a check as soon as I know the correct amount.

Item mailed. Postage is included in price. Editor.

Dear collectors, some time ago you have bought one of my books. Now a new book is finished and maybe it is of interest for you: The Finnish Submachine Gun Suomi M/31. This book will give an insight into the history of this extraordinary weapon, from its development via the manufacturing through to its use in Winter War (1939 – 1940), Continuation War (1941 – 1944) and finally in Lapland War (1944 – 1945). It also describes the lesser known variations like the bunker- and tank-Suomi, the magazines and the accessories. The majority of the wartime photos used in this book were never published before.

Thank you for the information. Our readers usually collect U. S. Martial weapons, but we will let them know. Editor.

I have recently acquired a Springfield 45-70 Trapdoor carbine, serial no. 37018. By chance do you have anything on this one? Additionally, the butt stock is stamped with what I assume is a military unit designation S.P.F. C 74. Have you run across anything similar?

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SRS has no data on that serial number. Perhaps some of our readers may be able to identify the markings. Editor.

You have a lot of data. Request your expert opinion. ...We know C, 827 was issued to soldier named Amos in Maryland cavalry unit. Can we make any reasonable conclusions on C829 knowing what we know about C, 827? Could it have been issued to the same Unit? (Sharps).

No. Most of the time numbers were sent randomly to a unit. It is possible, but it must be exact. The Army sent case of weapons to a unit with as many as hundreds of number apart from each other. The shipping was for a number of weapons and most of the time, not with consecutive serial numbers. The factory may have had different procedures. Editor.

I have an M1D S/N 1886683. The receiver is marked "U.S. RIFLE / CAL. .30 M1 / SPRINGFIELD / ARMORY / 1886683". The special M1D barrel is marked "S-A -- 52". Do you have any information on this rifle?

No data on that rifle. We have only a very few M1D serial numbers, as many were made up in the field and various depots. Usually no serial numbers were noted. Also, most M1D rifles had the rifle stored in one place and the scope assembly in another location. Shipping was also in different containers and possible different

locations. The rifles are extremely hard to find with exact data, use, issue and other information. It seems the sales after the use were sometimes better. This would be from CMP as an example. Editor.

We recently acquired what appears to be a Remington M40. We are in the process of trying to authenticate if it is a real M40 or a clone. Do you guys have any serial numbers for M40s and if so what do we need to do in order to have you look up the serial number we have and provide us with any documentation?

We have no data on the current or latest sniper rifles. The serial numbers are in the company records but may only be in basic data. Most of that data may not be able to be released for some time. Editor.

I have a 1863 US Springfield trapdoor conversion with serial numbers 30637 and 30837. Am I reading that correctly or were there actually two numbers? Also, I'd like to know when it was converted. The overall length is 51.75 inches (52"?).

Usually the converted Civil War muskets have a serial number and a matching number on barrel and receiver. Some rebarreled guns have different numbers and some models have been seen with only one number.

There are experimental guns with no numbers. It seems that all variations have different combinations according to date of manufacture. Editor.

I have recently purchased a 1903 Springfield which is in NRA Sporter configuration with an M1922 stock, Lyman 48 receiver sight, and NRA marked floor plate. The serial number is 1269611. The serial number is not marked on the bolt and there is not a clear star gauge mark on the barrel.

We have no data on that rifle. There were many special rifles made at that time with sales guns, special stock models, and target configurations. Springfield offered sales of match parts and also made custom guns. We do not have any other information on that serial number. Editor.

Do you have any serial number data on the Winchester Winder musket in .22 caliber.

Yes we have quite a few documents on the sale of these weapons. Some data includes the Springfield sales information and the data on the purchaser with date and basic description of the weapon.

A sample list of serial numbers:

104299

104679

109021

109265

109655

111665

The serial number 111665 was listed as manufactured by Winchester (S. S. Single shot), rifle caliber .22 M, sold by Augusta Arsenal to Lt. Samuel L. Hancock, Jr. Care

of Georgia Power Company, Rome, Georgia on October 31, 1931.

SRS receives many inquiries on markings on a weapon. The marks are usually put on after the weapon was manufactured and not by the arsenal. There are many instances where the military and National Guard put rack numbers and sometimes a unit number on a weapon. We have found that most of these markings cannot be verified and probably have little use in detailed identification.

It appears that almost all initials were put on weapons by later civilian owners. There is no documentation that allowed a weapon to be marked. This would be counter to any military regulation.

There are always exceptions for test or other official uses, and sales to other countries.

SHIPPING COMMENTS

We mail all magazines and letters by first class mail. This is a result of time delays in the past. The magazines and letters are mailed and appear to be delivered by the U. S. Post office in two to three days.

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A Colt Navy Revolver with an Interesting History.

Courtesy John J. Kudlik

Springfield Research Service, researched a "U.S." marked Colt Navy revolver serial number 62467. It was issued in the Fall of 1861 to Private Thomas Hooper, of Company "C", 1st California Volunteer Cavalry. Prior to that, it had been issued to an unknown soldier of the 1st U.S. Dragoons.

The Dragoon Regiment had left its arms in California prior to being returned to the East, with the outbreak of the Civil War.

California was far away from the main theaters of Civil War military action and additional research indicated that Private Hooper had deserted after only a bit more than 4 months of service. It did not seem as if this Colt had much of an interesting military history. Further research proved to determine from military records stored in the National Archives that it had been otherwise. A more in depth search of Private Hooper's service record indicated that prior to his desertion, he had actively participated in the only armed confrontation between Union and Confederate forces in the state of California during the entire Civil War.

Hooper was one of thirteen men from Company "C" on detached service from Camp Wright. They had been assigned to a patrol led by 2nd Lieutenant Chauncey R. Wellman. Wellman's orders were to locate and capture a renegade California Assemblyman Daniel Showalter. Showalter had killed a political opponent in a duel and was now the leader of a group of sixteen or so heavily armed southern sympathizers leaving California through San Diego County to enlist in the Confederate Army in Texas.

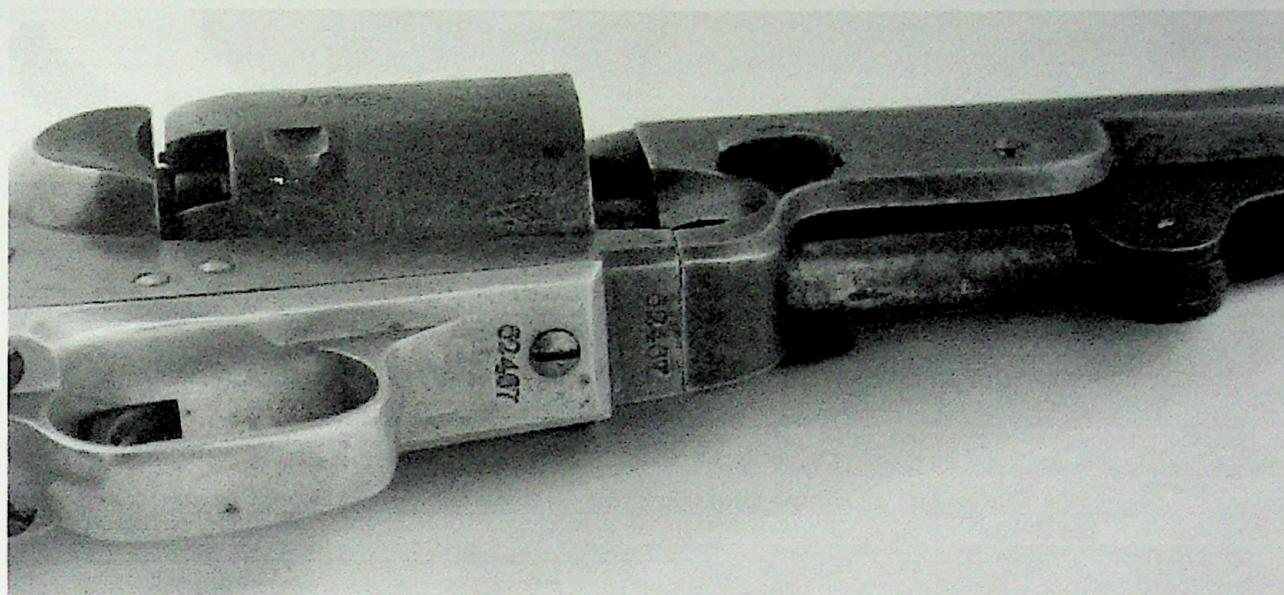
California was a powder keg of Union and Confederate sentiments. Showalter was the fuse.

On November 29, 1861, at a place called Minter's Ranch, Wellman's patrol picked up the Showalter party's trail and followed it to the site where they had bivouacked for the night. The following morning the southern sympathizers found themselves completely surprised, surrounded and unprepared for a fight. The two forces were almost evenly matched in men and arms and stared each other down. Showalter seems to have favored a fight, but after a parley with Wellman, he and his party surrendered. They were transported under arms back to Camp Wright and later imprisoned at Fort Yuma a for a time.

Showalter was eventually freed and went on to Texas. There he formed a cavalry regiment and fought as a Colonel for the Confederate States for the duration of the Civil War.

Thomas Hooper had had enough of the war. He deserted on March 27, 1862, but not before having participated in what can be legitimately called the only action of the Union Army against Confederate forces in the state of California during the entire Civil War. His service record indicated that he was charged for the loss of his horse, saddle, blanket and bridle, but not his issued Colt Navy revolver.

Presumably the revolver remained in service, was reissued and went on with the 1st California for the duration of the war while they served in Arizona and New Mexico.



Above: Trigger guard, frame and loading assembly with matching serial numbers.

Right: Right side of
1851 Navy Revolver
number 62467.





Above: Left side of Model 1851 Navy Revolver.

Note: the following data was taken from miscellaneous records at the U. S. Archives in Washington and various records on the internet from histories and Civil war units.

Enlistment papers show that Thomas Hooper, Private, was inducted into service at Folsom, California on Aug. 21, 1861.

September 7, 1861. He deserted at Camp Drum, Cal., March 26, 1862.

Private Hooper was also been armed with a Model 1853 Sharps Carbine, with the serial number 15181. The location of that Sharps is unknown.

Company C, was formed from the Amador Mountaineers, California Militia, The 1st California was recruited from August 1861 to February 1862. The companies were formed from companies of the California Militia taken intact into federal service and others from individuals drawn from the militia. James H. Carleton served as colonel, Joseph R. West as lieutenant colonel and Edwin A. Rigg as major. It came under the command of the Department of the Pacific (later it would come under the Department of New Mexico).

After some training at Camp Downy near Oakland and Camp Latham near Los Angeles, Companies D, F and G were sent to establish and garrison Camp Wright, in November 1861. Detachments from the camp captured Daniel Showalter's party near Warner's Ranch on November 20-29, 1861. In December, 1861, five companies of the regiment were sent to Fort Yuma on the Colorado River and the others to various posts around Southern California.

The regiment was assigned to a force called the California Column, which was commanded by Carleton and composed of one infantry regiment (the 5th) and parts of two cavalry regiments (the 1st and 2nd) of California volunteers and a company of Regular artillery.

The Column was formed to drive the Confederate Army of New Mexico out of the eastern part of the New Mexico Territory. Due to supply problems, the force did not move out until February 1862. The 1st Infantry saw fighting at the Battle of Picacho Pass (only Company I) and the Battle of Apache Pass (this battle was against Apache warriors, not Confederates).

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Sharps Coffee Grinder Carbine

A rare Civil War Model Carbine manufactured long after the Civil War.
Courtesy: Dave Bushing

A Springfield Armory carbine was manufactured long after the production period for the older model Sharps Carbine.

The commander of the Springfield Arsenal in Springfield, Massachusetts authorized the manufacture of a Sharps Carbine with the coffee mill attachment on the stock.

Original parts were taken from an old stock of parts from Springfield Armory storage and assigned to a senior armorer personnel to be made in off-hours and lunch time. The Armory commander approved the weapon. The instructions were to use original parts with the price of each part noted, and a survey of Sharps serial numbers was to be made.

The serial number chosen was to be outside of any known serial numbers in all Armory records including the Master Armorer's Notebook. The number was unique and did not follow or precede any known number. The number 62835 was chosen and used. Data in Springfield Research records show that 62699 and 62838 exist with no reference to a coffee grinder. Number 62900 was issued to the 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry.

This carbine was known to be in the family of the Springfield employee that worked on and paid for the weapon. The charges were paid for by the owner and did not include any charges for labor. The policy was to charge for cost of the parts to the government.

The Carbine has been known to old-time collectors and old-time armory personnel.

The data has disappeared and this includes the Master Armorer's Notebook and the paper/cardboard data card that accompanied the gun. They were last seen going into a dumpster when the Park service took over the operation. SRS and others have looked for the notebook for years.

Changes and family real estate changes have saved the gun in fine condition, but data such as a cash receipt and details of cost are not available. This is also true of the Armory data sent to Congress for production, test, and other weapons.

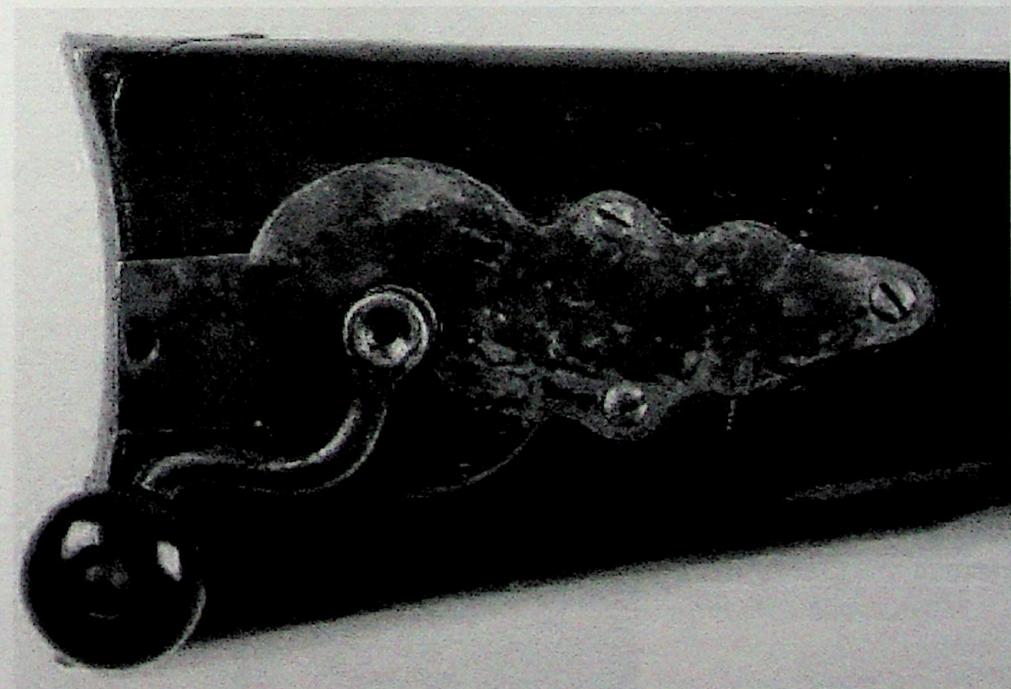
During this time many other Springfield weapons were being made, such as Model 1903 rifles, special orders, 22 caliber training rifles and other requirements. The fit and finish were excellent and up to Springfield standards.

The Sharp's Carbine with the coffee grinder is unique and a very special weapon authorized by the Springfield Commander. It had senior Springfield personnel involved in the manufacture.

Editors note: There were advertisements in old magazines concerning Bannerman ads. It appears that Bannerman advertised Sharps Coffee Mill Carbines at a very low price. There have been many comments that have surfaced with a reason for the manufacture and the responsibility for the project. SRS has searched many times for data in the U. S. Archives and still has not found any official documents. The carbine shown is of great interest and is very rare in original condition.

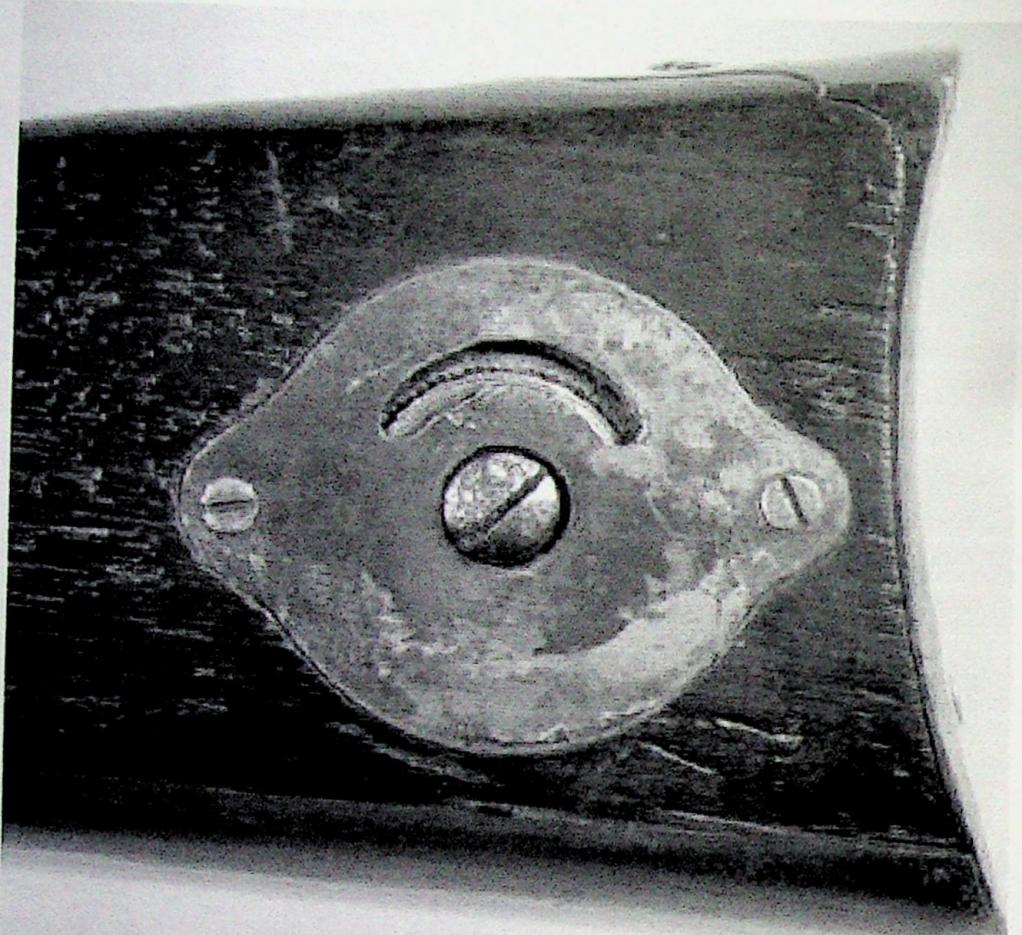


Above: Coffee grinder Carbine.



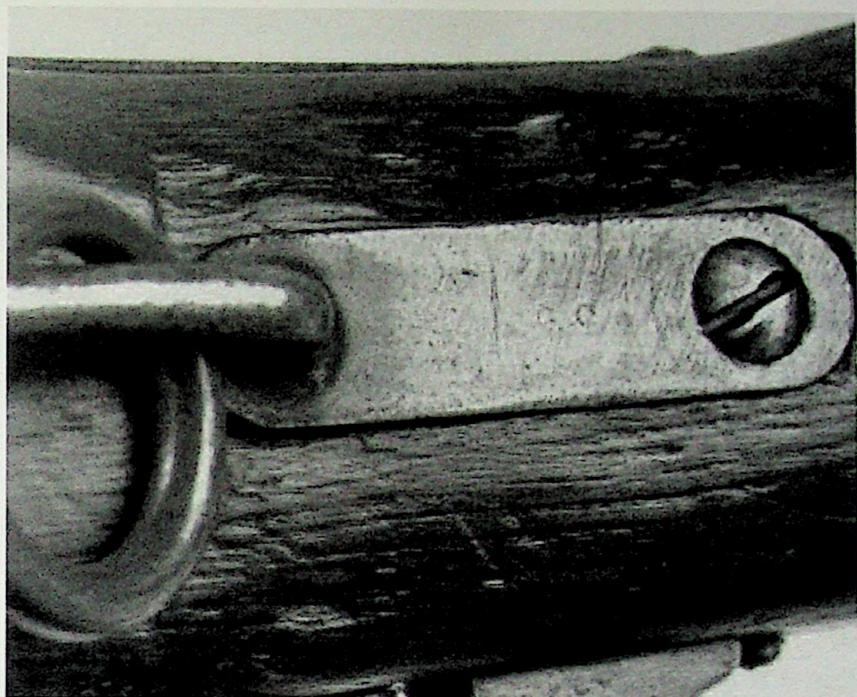
*Right: Handle
and Coffee
Grinder Assembly.*

Right: Left side of stock with adjustment mechanism.

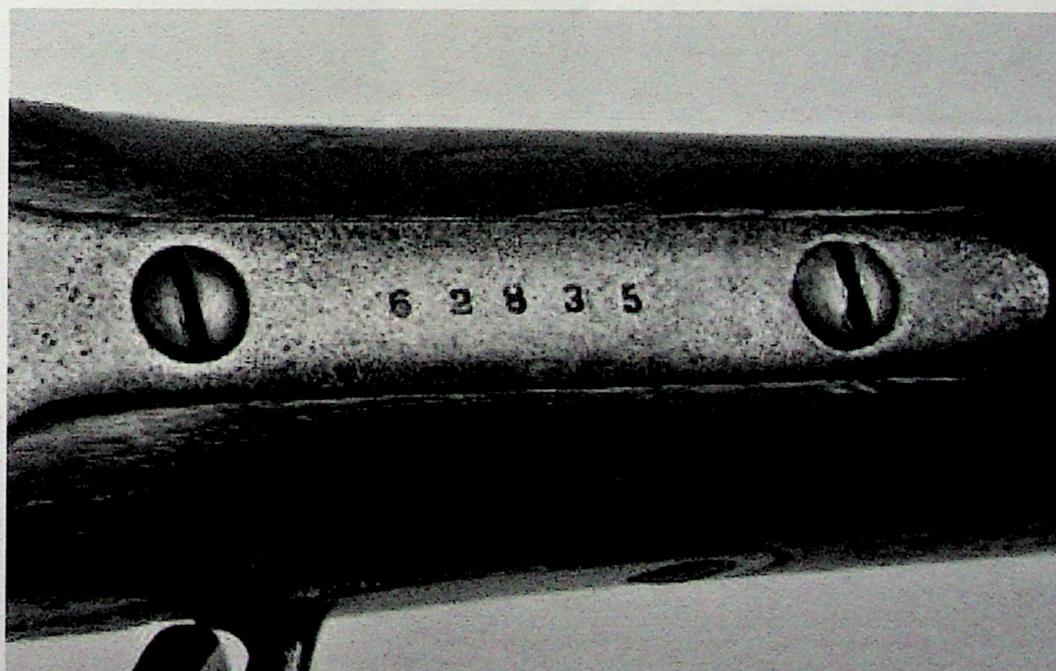


Right: Rear sight with Patent markings 1859.





Above: Saddle ring and GC marking.



Above: Serial number markings, 62835.

KRAG MODEL 1898 RIFLE

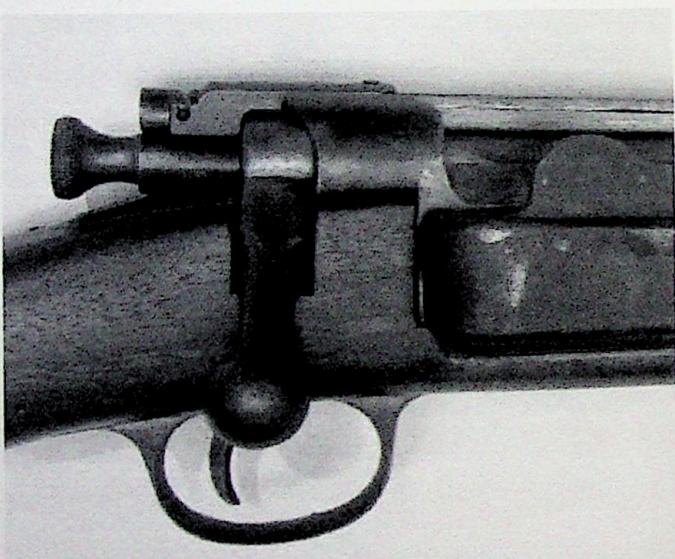
The first model 1898 Krag rifle appeared in serial number range 109000. Krag serial numbers were intermixed with different models and in 1898, the model 1896 and model 1898 were produced at the same time. There was no production line for manufacture of rifles at Springfield Armory.

Rifles were produced at individual stations with about 12 different craftsmen working independently from each other. In addition, it appears that about two or three model 1897 rifles were produced. Within this time frame there were three different models manufactured as well as special test work. There were no consecutive numbers for the exact start and finish of a specific model. Observations include an 1896 model with a number higher than an 1898, and also the same issue with observations of an 1898 with a serial number lower than a model 1896.



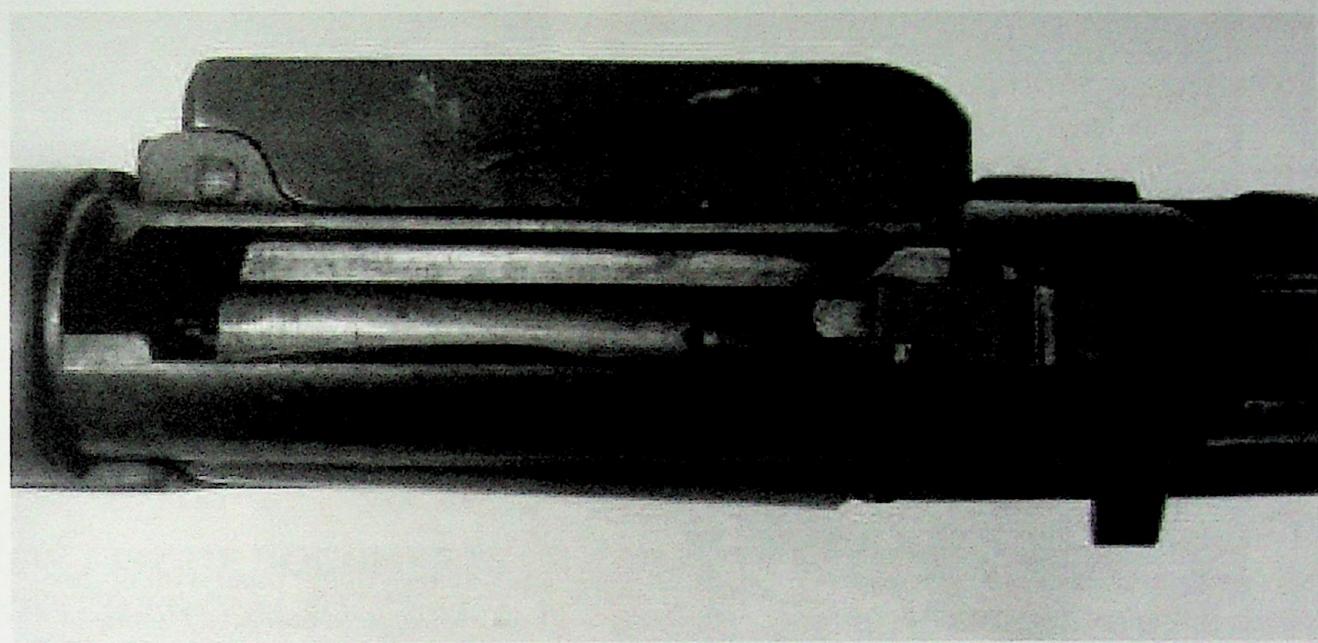
Above: Left side of action with Model 1898 Springfield armory 109342.

The rifle shown here is what is believed was the earliest serial number of a Model 1898 rifle that currently exists. It is serial number 109 342. SRS records show that another Model 1898 existed with a lower number. That serial number 109 128 was destroyed by the U. S. Military at New Cumberland Ground on May 17, 1929. Serial number 109 459 was issued to Company K 4th Tennessee Volunteers in 1898.

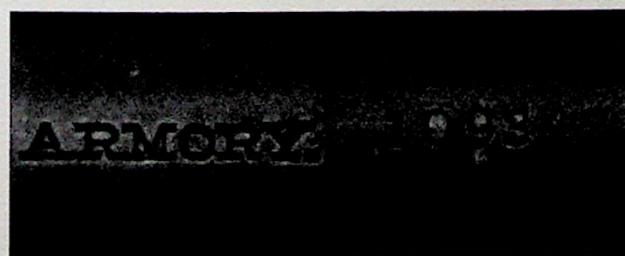


Above: Right side of action with 1898 bolt, loading gate and 1898 stock cut. Action parts are all in Model 1898 configuration. The black case hardened finish was made by quenching the hot receiver in oil and carbon products.

The major difference is the Model 1892 rear sight that was used on the first Model 1898 rifles.



Above: Top view of action with Model 1898 loading gate, Model 1898 extractor and bolt, Model 1898 cut-off with short shank receiver has short shank cut and will not accept Model 1896 cut-off. All parts are in Model 1898 configuration. Fit and finish are similar to standard model 1898 manufacturing.

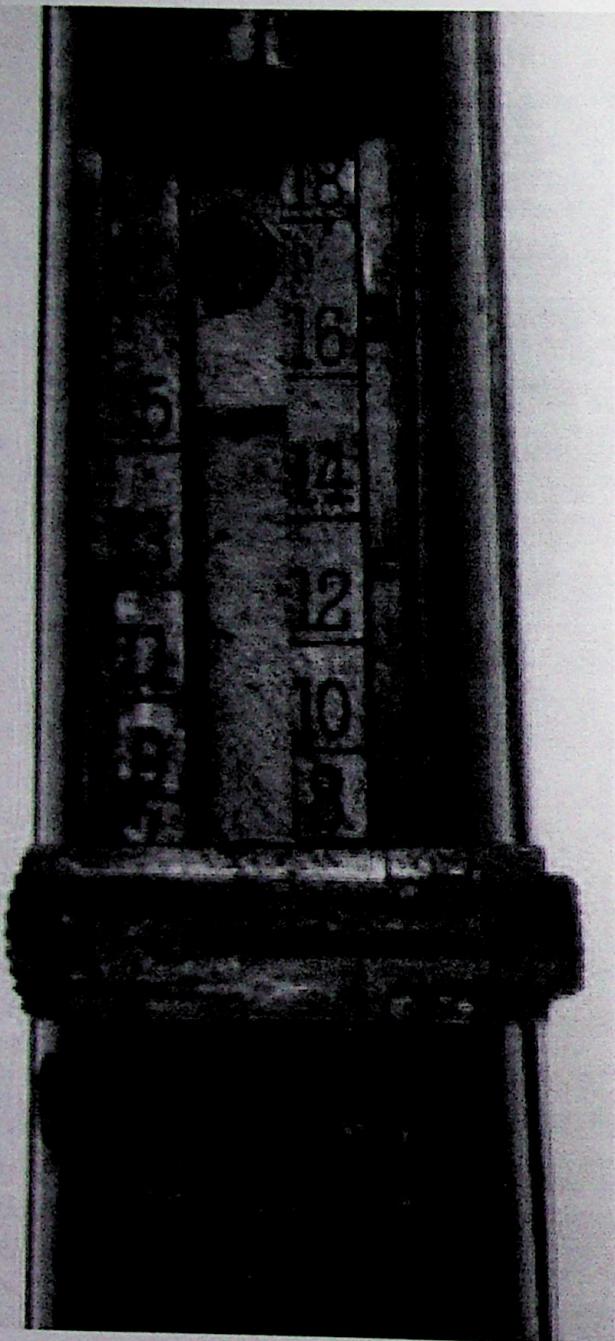


Above: Detail 109342 serial number.



Above: J. Sumner Adams (JSA in script) with an obliteration of the number 8.

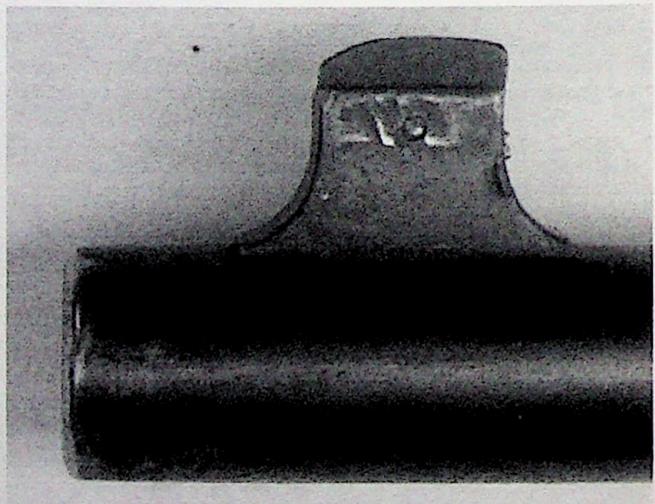
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Above: Correct Model 1892 rifle sight used on the first production Model 1898 rifles. Scarcity of an original early Model 1898 may be because of the rear sight being incorrectly replaced by a collector. Cleaned and repaired (C&R) rifles would have had the upgraded Krag rear sights.



Above: Upper band with no pre-1899 cut on bottom of band.



Above: Front sight base and blade with correct tapered blade pin. Blade is correct height for rear sight.

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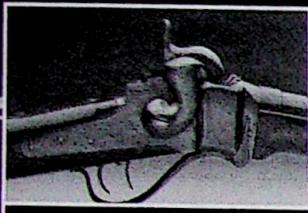
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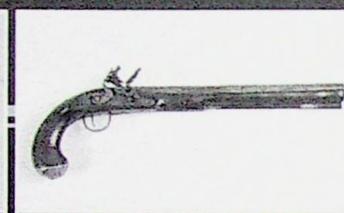
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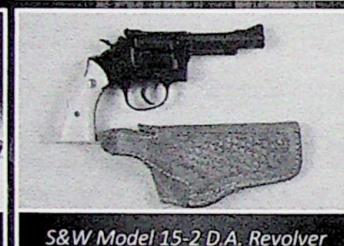
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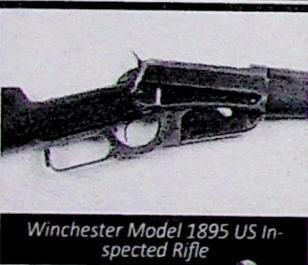
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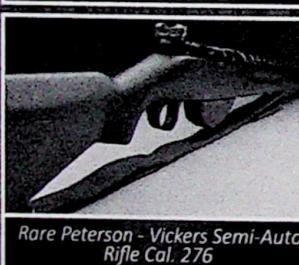
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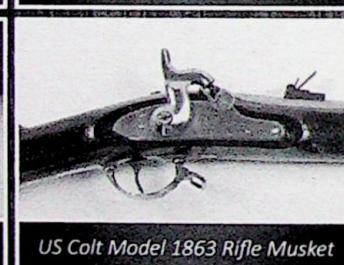
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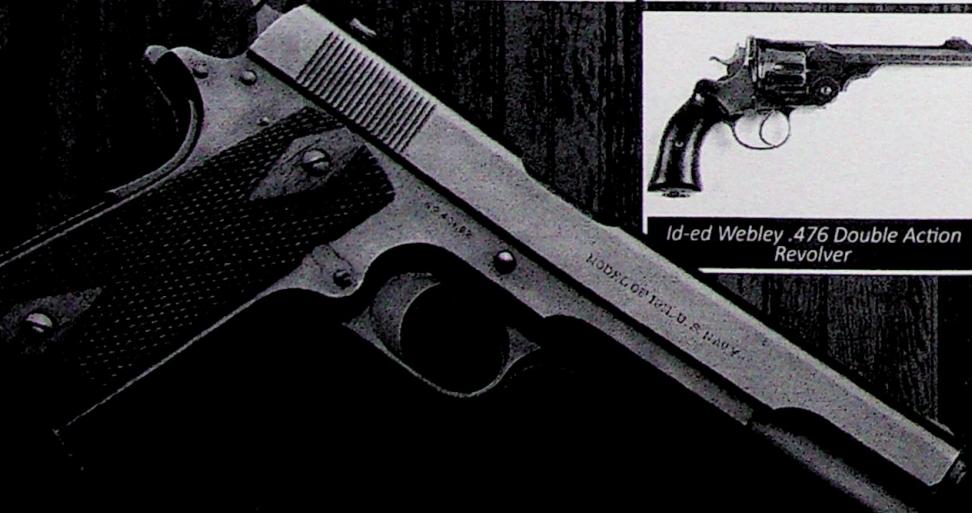
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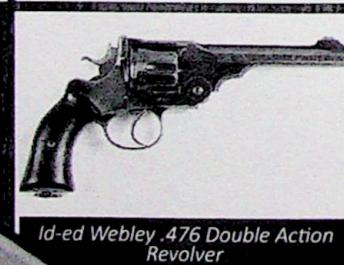
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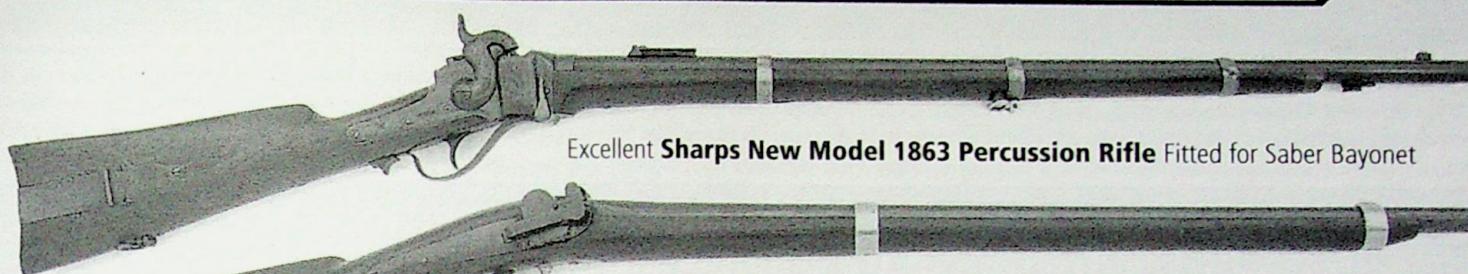


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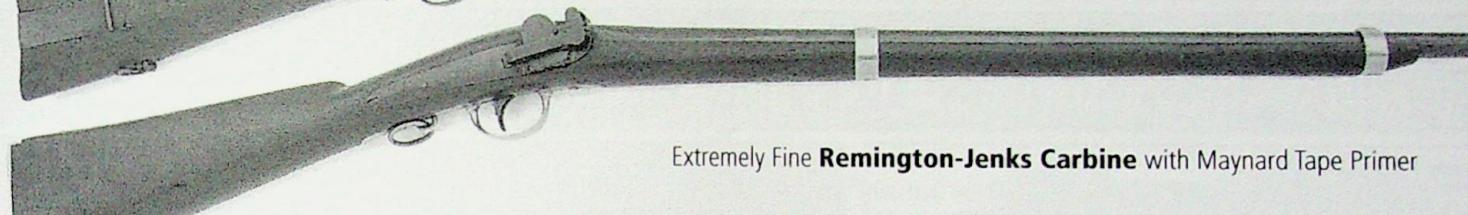
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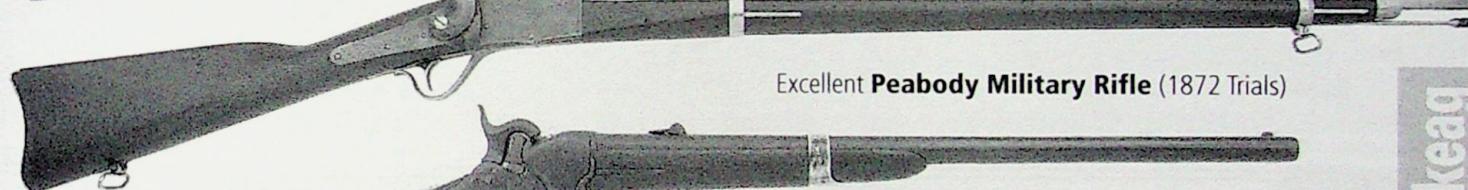
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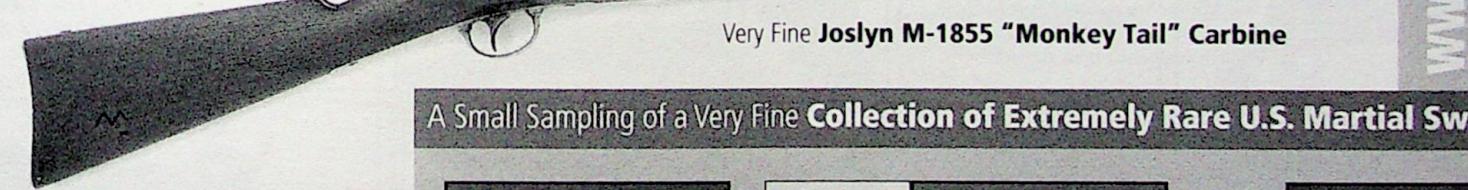
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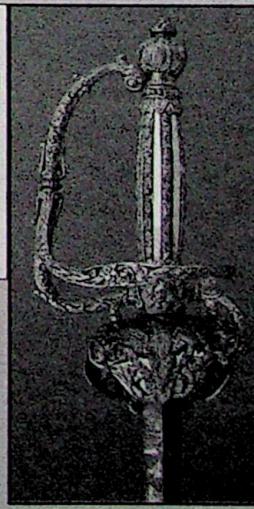
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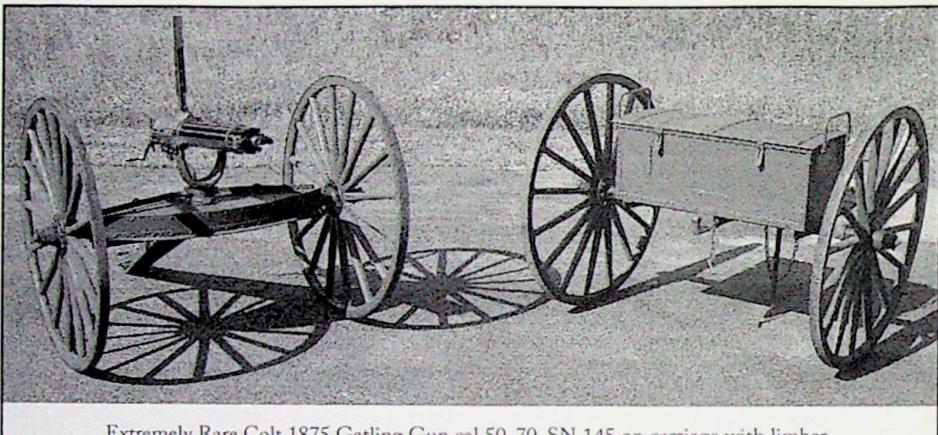
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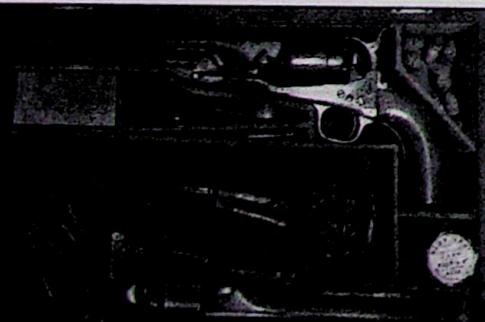
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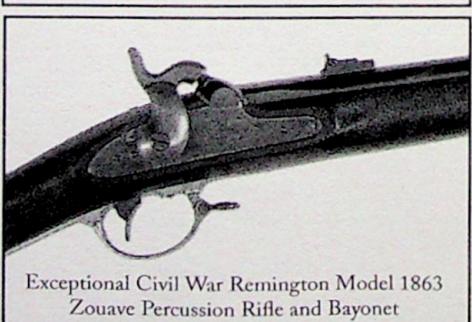
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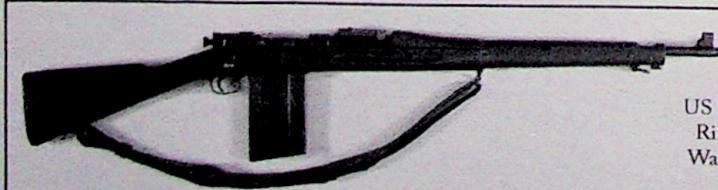
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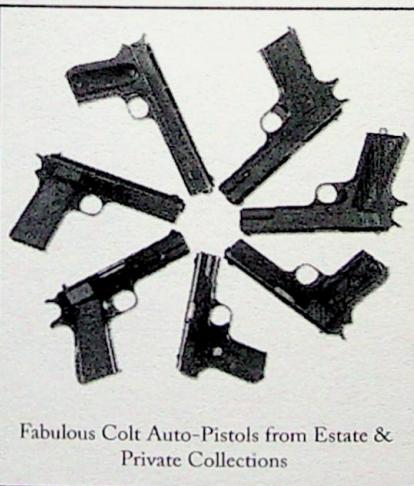
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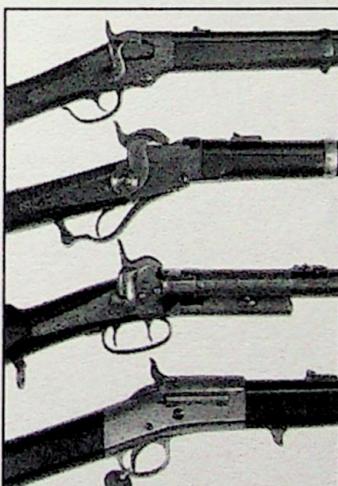
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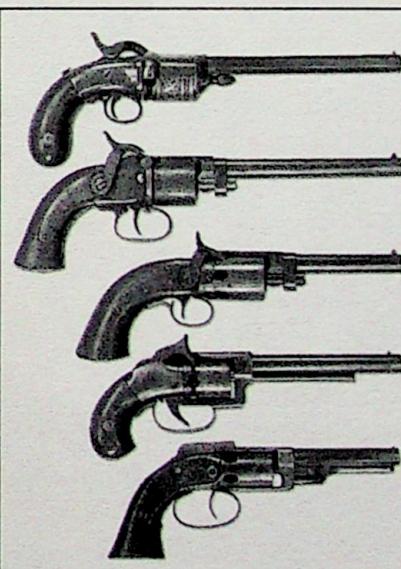
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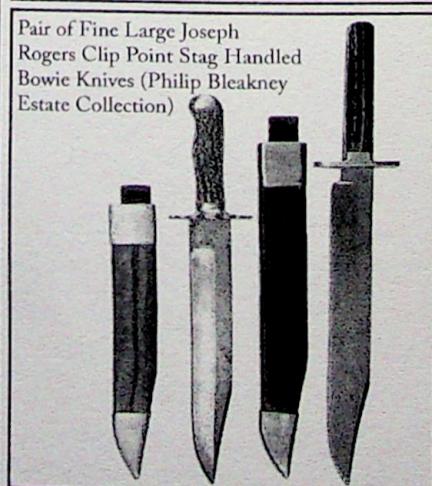
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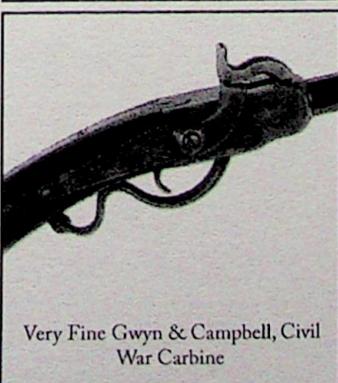
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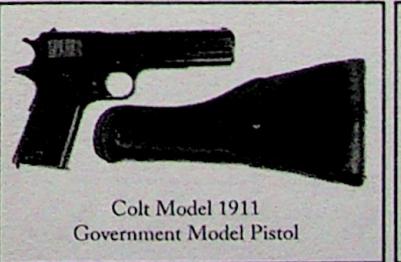
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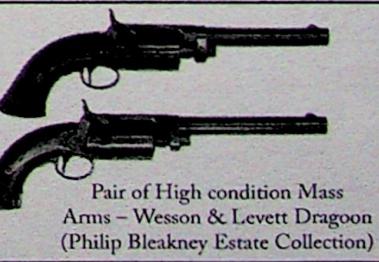
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