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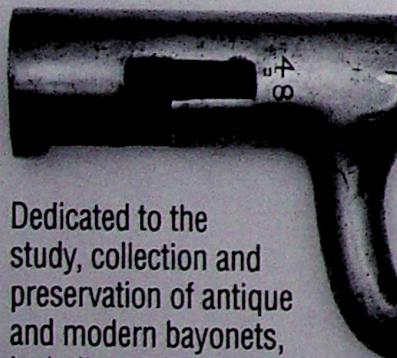
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## MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Current work at this time includes finding some new serial numbers scattered in various small numbers of Springfield weapons. This is never ending and adds to our data base but also requires each number to be entered and corrected in the overall system. It is time-consuming but the only way to expand.

We are reviewing new data concerning auctions and the great deal of fine weapons coming on the current market. It seems that some pieces of extraordinary quality and rarity seem to be selling at lower prices. There are always demands for quality weapons but each type seems to have its own marketplace. Kentucky and Pennsylvania rifles are bringing lower prices but any special rifle with high quality features still commands a high price.

There have been quite a few weapons showing up on many auction sites, and we think they are somewhat lower in hammer price than in past years. Our casual discussions with auction representatives all show a soft market for 1903 Springfields, Krags, and trapdoors. Some indications show that various Colt models are still in high demand, as are most World War II Garands with all correct parts in as-issued condition.

There is no doubt that the current economy and uncertainty of business and government activities are having an effect. The higher costs of living and stagnant employment records may also be factors in the amount of funds being spent. There is a good market for those with the assets to buy. Older collectors have been busy disposing of many large collections with some outstanding

weapons being offered on the open market in the last few years.

Our readers are looking at all aspects of selling including issues of antique versus modern weapon sales that require compliance with federal laws. Antiques that are easy to sell have an advantage over weapons with restrictive laws. The age of the weapons is a possible criterion for the route chosen to sell a collection.

It has been noted that many collections are affected by the original intention of this great hobby that allows enjoying the search, finding, and history and also a major factor as a part, or significant area, of retirement planning. It now appears that changes in actual sales value and ease of selling can range from a few percent to a large percent of estimated value of the entire collection.

We receive comments concerning the expense of selling fees as well as buying fees. There is also the concern of the time to dispose of a collection and the use of a single service such as an auction company for a possible disposal means. The alternative is to sell the collection using efforts to advertise and display in an effort to sell each item individually.

Many more issues include a time-of-essence condition such as the passing away of a long time collector that would require family members to handle a sale. There are also pre-arranged conditions of sale arranged by an owner. The decision method may be difficult depending on any unusual conditions. The finding of the best method that can be chosen can be complex.

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REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY,  
FIREARMS.

CABLE ADDRESS, 'BAYONET, N.Y.'  
AGENCY 313 BROADWAY, N.Y.

ILION, N.Y. Feb. 27th, '05.

The Chief of Ordnance, U.S. Army,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Will you please quote us lowest price upon a rifle for testing calibre pressures, and if convenient send us specifications or blue prints of the same.

Thanking you in advance for the favor, we remain,

Yours respectfully,

REMINGTON ARMS CO.,

*Theodore W. Wadsworth*  
Manager.

**ABOVE:** Letter from Remington Arms Co. February 27, 1905, requesting a Model 1903 rifle and blueprints. Request was answered on March 6, 1905, with lowest price (plus 25% over cost) for rifle for pressure testing. 1<sup>st</sup> Endorsement by Brig General William Crozier was made on March 3, 1905.

## REMINGTON

We have found data concerning the purchase of Model 1903 Springfields that were offered for sale to U. S. production companies, research facilities, foreign governments, and foreign companies. Remington expressed interests in Model 1903 tooling, Remington weapons offered as alternate designs, and the actual production of 1903 rifles. They asked for detailed drawings and extensive data to produce a complete production facility for the manufacture of the Springfield Model 1903 rifle. Remington entered into a contract at a later date in 1918 for 1903 production.

**Collectors Note:** The Remington purchase was completed according to the data that has been found. Records on other issues such as the testing and any reports on Remington work for the manufacture of the rifle, a prototype, or gages has not been found. Collectors may find that very interesting documents, gages, special parts and research items exist.

It would be very interesting if a find could be made based on descriptions of collectable items. No finds have been noted, but possibly unmarked or other items are out there. This is not only true about Remington but also Harrington & Richardson or other companies and individuals that purchased similar 1903 Springfield rifles. Examples of these rifles exist and they were all in 30/03 caliber, early stocks, hand guards, and parts of the 1905 era. No Remington rifles have been noted but possibly unmarked or other items exist.

## Inquiries

Please email all inquiries to  
[editor@usmartialarmscollector.com](mailto:editor@usmartialarmscollector.com).  
We receive many inquiries on data that is in

the SRS system and our magazine. There are many comments as well as research issues on weapons that have been observed and owned by collectors. We try to print as many as we can and try to use emails and letters that appear to be of interest to our readers. We can accept letters by U. S. mail but it will take longer to read and answer by mail.

We always look forward to all inquiries. There may be areas that we cannot address such as markings on weapon stocks that may or may not give accurate military unit information. This also includes replacement stocks and parts replaced by a unit, a depot, or in the field.

Please send any inquiries that may be of interest. This also allows us to understand what information is of interest to our readers. It keeps 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 problems with the Postal Service and need any comments or corrections for the delivery of magazines and letters. An email to us is the best way to correct any mistake made in our subscription names and correct any address changes or other issues.

SRS uses first class mail to make sure a magazine or documents is 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 a magazine address label.

We have had some information missing and want to correct any data that is overlooked or missing.

We are trying to email notices to subscribers. This is a little complicated as some subscribers do not have email services and some want a letter. We are working this out and hope that all can be accommodated.

Please send us any corrections that you want made for address changes, holding subscriptions, or a temporary address. SRS has installed a new computer. We try to install all software company upgrades. This is a task that is never ending and we need to monitor all security and changes. Your inputs are always of interest.

## **Current issues**

Issue number 147 dated June 2016 is current. Mailing is set for June 1, 2016.

Number 148 will be mailed September 2016 Advertising deadline is August 21, 2016.

Number 149 will be dated December 2016. Advertising deadline is November 18, 2016.

Number 150 will be dated March 2017.

## **ADVERTISING**

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

The projected mailing dates are the first week of March, June, September, and December of each year. There are four quarterly issues each year.

## **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.

Research letters include USMC letters, OSS documents, 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5th, and 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, the Spanish American War, and other unique units may require special research.

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. The size of government data files is overwhelming and we cannot duplicate all of the millions of pages. We try to copy the specifics and include them with any SRS letter. In many cases the data may be a peculiar size and must be handled, verified, and copied according to government regulations. This may also require working with armed guards, checking our identification, and special stamps for security classification or other rules. Special documents require more time and may have higher costs.

## **COMMENTS AND INPUTS**

We always want comments.  
[editor@usmartialarmscollector.com](mailto:editor@usmartialarmscollector.com).

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

We may also print some data and ask for

comments from our readers. There are a lot of very knowledgeable collectors with a wealth of information and sightings of rare weapons.

## **SPRINGFIELD RESEARCH DATA BASE**

Our efforts are based on data from United States documents in U.S. Archives and other military sources. All serial number information comes from government documents. There are many documents that come from sources that describe a weapon without a specific serial number.

All data in the Springfield Research Service data base is from documents that have been found to date. There are more documents that may exist and we continually look for additional information.

We will be adding new serial numbers.

They may be from small or large lists with no definite projections of time and type. It is labor intensive and continues.

Our subscribers can email to the editor or mail inquiries to:  
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## **BACK ISSUES OF THE U.S. MARTIAL ARMS COLLECTOR MAGAZINES**

We keep as many old issues as possible.

The older newsletters (number 1 through 55) must be obtained by special request. They are in plain paper form in newsletters. Issues number 56 through 146 are magazines, and available issues are \$10 each postpaid. Several issues have completely

run out. A copy in black and white on regular paper may be possible, but there will be a delay or extra cost.

## **SRS SEARCHES**

We still find new data and new government regulations may change at any time. The quality of many documents runs from excellent to almost unusable. The storage of old paper is often very fragile.

There have been many inquiries for material in other formats or categories. Our basic research starts with serial numbers and we may not be able to start other types of searches. We will continue to answer requests from our subscribers.

## **LETTERS WRITTEN**

U. S. Colt Automatic Pistol, serial number 565845, Caliber .32 issued to OSS MEDICAL, June 1945.

U. S. Carbine Manufactured by J. H. MERRILL, Baltimore, Maryland, Serial Number 13222, issued to Private Samuel Buckley, Company A, 14<sup>th</sup> Kansas Volunteer Cavalry, November 2, 1864. Private Buckley was issued a Merrill Carbine by Captain William Lanier on November 2, 1864. Buckley turned in a Gallagher carbine. Samuel W. Buckley was 21 years old and mustered into service on August 12, 1863, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas for a period of three years. He was born in Mosely, England and was by profession an artist. He had dark eyes, brown hair and was five feet, five inches tall in fine physical condition.

U. S. Union Cosmopolitan Carbine, serial number 4203, the records of the U. S. Military, contain the data shown below on this arm. U. S. Carbine manufactured by *U.S. Martial Arms Collector 147-6*

Edward Gwyn and Abner C. Campbell (Union Cosmopolitan), Hamilton, Ohio. Serial number 4203. The carbine was issued to Private Archibald W. O. Baker enrolled in Company B, 14<sup>th</sup> Kansas Volunteer Cavalry on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1863 at Fort Scott, Kansas. He was mustered into service for 3 years on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1863. Company B was commanded by Captain Charles H. Haynes. Private A W. O. Baker died of fever (pneumonia) on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1864 in Regimental Hospital in the field at Fort Smith. Private Baker was married to Nancy L. Young at McDonald, Missouri on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1859. Their son, Samuel Uriah Baker, was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1861. Mrs. Baker remarried on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 1866 and Congress allowed special claims for pensions for dependents (July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1862). Extensive documentation was made for Private Baker's son.

U. S. Model 1860 Revolvers, please be advised that the records of the U. S.

Ordnance Department contains the data shown on these arms. Colt Pistol, Model 1860 Army, Serial number 66992 (no data) Colt Pistol, Model 1860 Army, Serial number 66915 (1863 W. VA) Colt Pistol, Model 1860 Army, Serial number 66947 (1863 Kansas) Colt Pistol; Model 1860 Army, Serial number 66955 (1863 W. VA). Colt Pistol, Model 1860 Army, Serial number 66993 (1863 W. VA). Colt Pistol, Model 1860 Army, Serial number 66994 (1863 W. VA).

Rifle, U. S. Caliber .30, M1903, ST (Special Target), Serial Number 1 285 534. Sold To: Sidney Shurtliff, Ipswich, Massachusetts, and August 15, 1928.

Pistol, Cal. .45, Model 1911, Serial

number 11714. Salvaged from USS California, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. December 7, 1941.

U. S. Rifle, .30, M1903. International Match, Caliber .30, number 1281685 (used, Sold "as is"), with 28" heavy barrel, style "T". Sold to Marshall Mathis, 128 N. South Street, Warren, Pennsylvania. July 26, 1933.

U. S. Springfield Rifle, Cal.30, Model 1903, serial number 1 247 307 Sold to D. H. Miller, 1 Grave Court, N. Y. C. during the National Matches, 1922. November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1922.

U. S. Model 1903, Cal. .30, serial number 1 317 797. The records of the U. S. military show this rifle, U. S. Model 1903, Cal. .30 (Sporting Model). number 1 317 797. Sold to R. L. Hous. Dayton, Ohio, February 13, 1930.

Model 1903 , U.S. Caliber .30, , serial number 1 496 438, (U. S., M1903 A1, National Match), new with target. Sold to Capt. Lewis W. McIntire, 22 McKinley TR, Pittsfield, Mass. Sept. 14, 1938.

Rifle, U. S. , M1903 A1, National Match, Cal. .30, 1938, new with target and Star Gauge Record Card, Serial Number 1 496 312. Sold to David Ackerman, New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, New Mexico. April 14, 1938.

## **LETTERS AND EMAILS RECEIVED AND ANSWERED**

I'm trying to find information on my US Springfield 1896 Carbine serial number 28003 that was just one number off from #28004 issued to 1st USV cavalry trooper Grant Travis of G troop. My rifle is all original so I would like to pay someone to

locate any records on my carbine. Any assistance in this matter would be appreciated.

**Serial number 28004 has been searched and it was issued to Grant Travis, Company G, 1<sup>st</sup> US Volunteer cavalry. All soldiers named in Company G were checked many times and there are no other records showing serial number 28003.**

**Consecutive serial numbers do not give any indication of being used when issued to individual soldiers. The number must be exact. Editor.**

I was asking about the Mexican Punitive Expedition and the Winchester model 1907 that is in Issue Number 87 – January 1999. Issue 87 mentioned in the "Research During This Period" section that you were looking for 1<sup>st</sup> Aero Squadron records for the expedition. The 1<sup>st</sup> Aero was shipped at least 12 Winchester 1907s from the ordnance department to use in military planes.

**We have searched several times and so far, there has been no additional data that has been found with specific serial numbers. Editor.**

Do you still have info on Colt SAA pistols delivered in the year 1883.

**We do not have records with that type of data. Our records use specific serial numbers that could have some data on dates. There is no way at this time to do a search on military units. Editor.**

I am writing to see if you have a Springfield rifle, Serial number 652 in your records? I have checked it against the Flayderman's guide and it appears to be a Model 1861. **Historically, Model 1861 rifles were not serial numbered. Please recheck the musket and advise where the numbers are shown. It is doubtful that any number on the weapon is a serial number. Editor.**

I am not a gun collector nor am I a subscriber to your service. I am a book dealer and set up at numerous gun shows around the Rocky Mountain, western plains region. I would like to know if you still have in print a series of 4 volumes that was printed in the 1980's I think. They were titled "Springfield Research Service Serial Numbers of U.S. Martial Arms. I presume they are no longer available but thought that I should ask.

**The books that you mentioned are no longer available. Editor.**

Reference USS Maine, ACR-1 1889 Colt DA .38, I am seeking info on Colt serial number 16 390.

**We have no data on that serial number. Editor.**

## SHIPPING COMMENTS

We mail all magazines and letters by first class mail. This is a result of time delays last year. US Martial Arms magazines and letters are mailed and normally are delivered by the U. S. Post office service in 2 to 3 days. The majority of our subscribers pay by personal or bank- sponsored checks. They are the easiest for us.

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Springfield Research Service. They can be reached at <https://racknersolutions.com> or [contact@racknersolutions.com](mailto:contact@racknersolutions.com).

Dennis M. King will be a contributing editor to the U.S. Martial Arms Collector magazine.

We have put a great deal of effort into new software and adding new data to our data base. We will be adding new serial numbers to our system. Written text from many sources is being added in several different research areas. The complexity of the size and condition of the information may require the continued use of paper files. Many files are fragile and in varying sizes. We are always putting data into a form that can be used and it is difficult to automate. Unique data may be of use in a very small number of cases and others are used continually.

#### **COLLECTOR NOTE: 1903 NATIONAL MATCH RIFLES PRE-WWI**

The U. S. Army records from 1894 through 1913 include a file on National Match Model 1903 rifles, (Office Chief of Ordnance). The files from the period of 1903 to 1913 show that there was a development of early M1903NM rifles. The 1903 was first used in the 1908 national matches. They received special attention and all were specially selected, stargauged, and targeted. Their use was restricted to matches that all competitors were supplied with NM rifles or those in which the Army teams were competing against others. (inter-service or international matches). Sales were not allowed and the NM rifles were retained and reworked for future matches.

The NM rifles had improvements including trigger and sear surfaced polished and honed and in 1909 trigger pulls were adjusted. In 1910 the bolts were not browned and the

Bassell & Blenker sight was to be used. In 1911 the bolts were smoothed and the barrels were checked for straightness. The total supply of NM rifles for 1910 and 1913 was 1,800. There were no matches in 1912 due to budget restrictions.

Original rifles are very scarce and very difficult to authenticate. The use, refitting, and the need of rifles for WWI make this a difficult model to acquire.

#### **CLEANED and REPAIRED (C&R).**

Many Trap Door rifles caliber .45, Krag rifles of all models, and 1903 rifles were sent back to Springfield Armory and other ordnance centers to be made serviceable. The C&R term is somewhat misleading and a rifle or carbine was put back into new condition. The stocks were refinished and usually re-inspected or they were replaced. The metal parts were refinished and the barrels were inspected or replaced. During the process the latest upgrades were made including all parts and sights. Many rifles in excellent condition have been noted with stocks, sights, and parts that do not match the original date of manufacture.

It is suggested that a weapon of this type be left in the condition received and not be brought back with older parts.

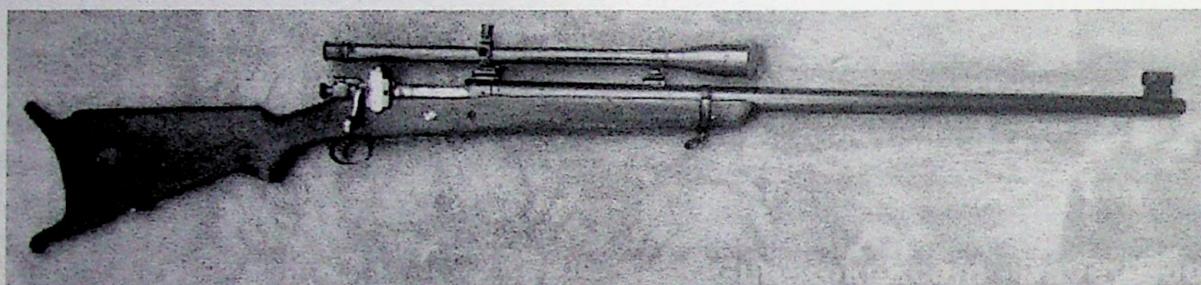
It should also be noted that many weapons have some pitting under the wood line and appear to be perfect in all other areas. It was not allowed for a soldier to take the barreled action out of the stock. When the rifle was rebuilt it was usually refinished without any grinding of minor pitted areas. Specifically the receiver and barrel.

Exceptions were made during times of budget cuts and war time needs.

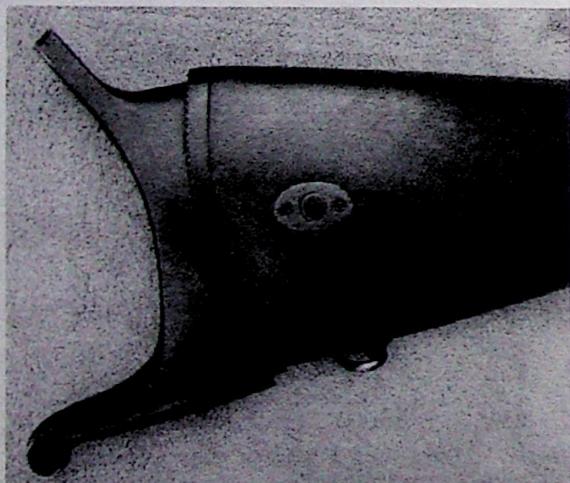
## 1903 SPRINGFIELD INTERNATIONAL RIFLE WITH SWISS STYLE ADJUSTABLE BUTT PLATE.

Serial number 1281685 was sold by Springfield Armory to Marshall Mathis, 128 N. South Street, Warren, Pennsylvania. The rifle was listed by the Springfield Armory as an International Match, caliber .30, used with 28 inch heavy barrel. It was sold on July 26, 1933. The rifles are quite rare and only a few were manufactured at the end of the special international production in the 1930's.

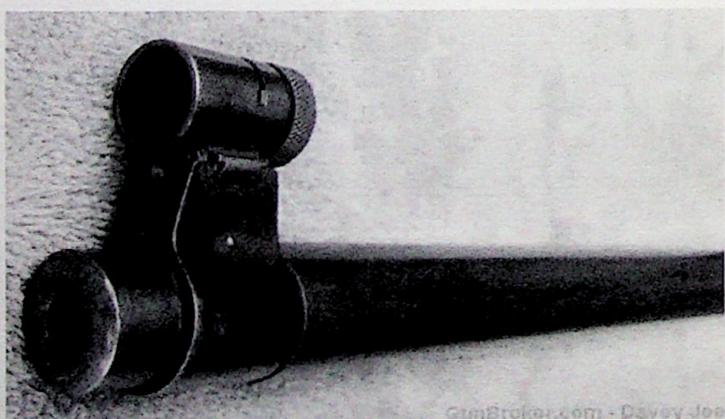
The rifle recently surfaced and was sold to a private collector.



*Above:* Full left side view of rifle, Winchester scope, mounts, and 28 inch barrel.

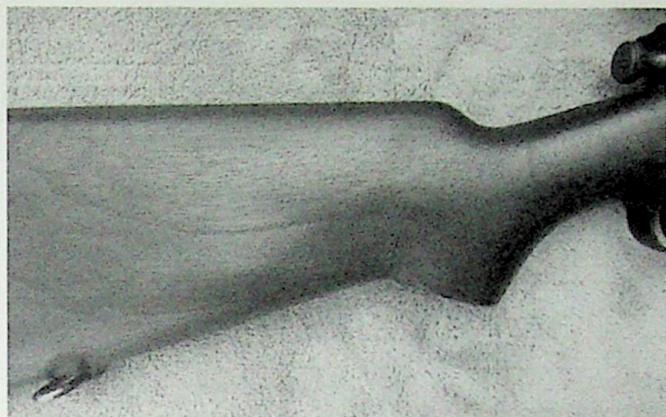


*Above:* Adjustable Swiss butt plate.

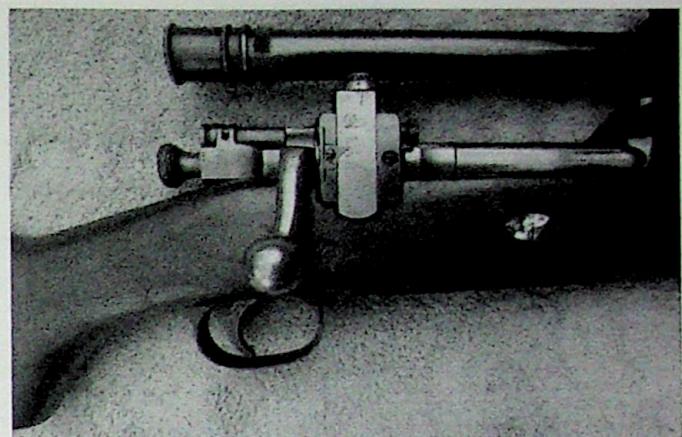


*Above:* Front sight with modified BAR base  
And Lyman front sight.

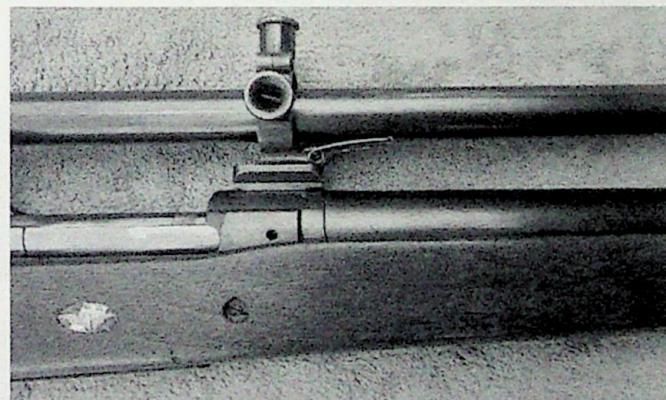
The butt plate was made of steel with a design to allow adjustments with a locking mechanism inside of the stock.



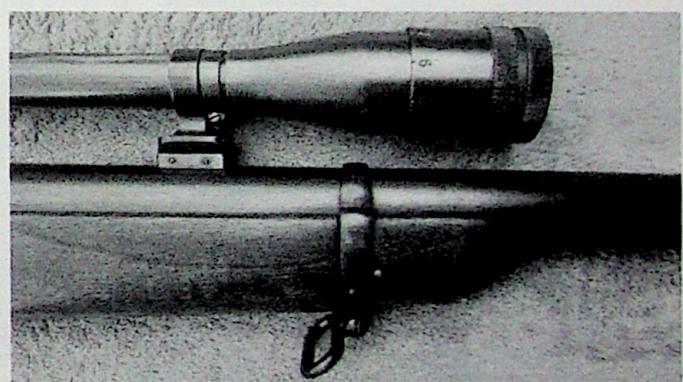
*Above:* Pistol grip and rear sling swivel



*Above:* Rear sight, bolt, and Winchester scope.

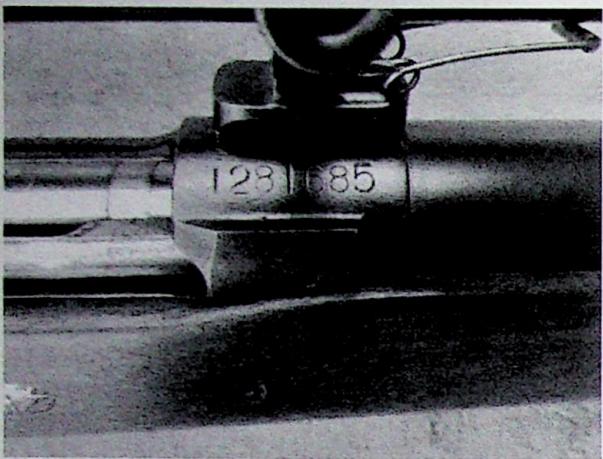


*Above:* Winchester scope mount on front of receiver ring.

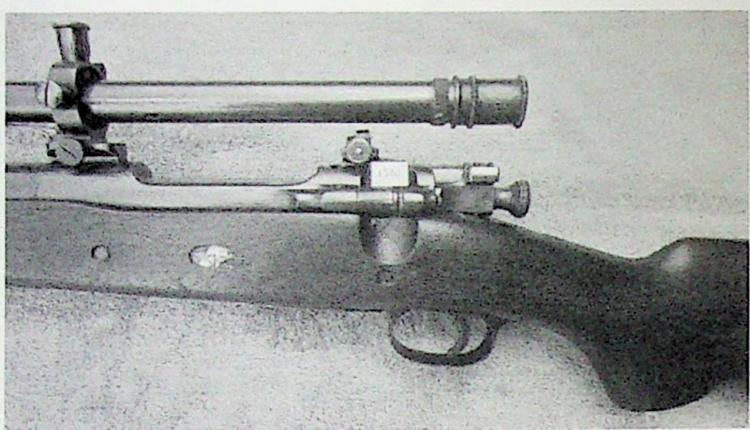


*Above:* Special barrel band made from 1917 Enfield bands.

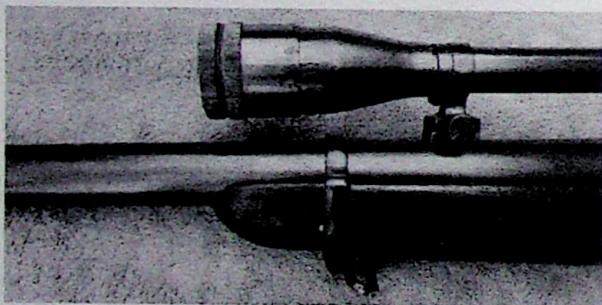
The pistol grip stock is similar in the grip area to an International rifle. The receiver sight is the same as the International and the Winchester scope is an A5 model with 6 inch block spacing between blocks.



*Above:* Serial number 1281685.



*Above:* Left side of action.

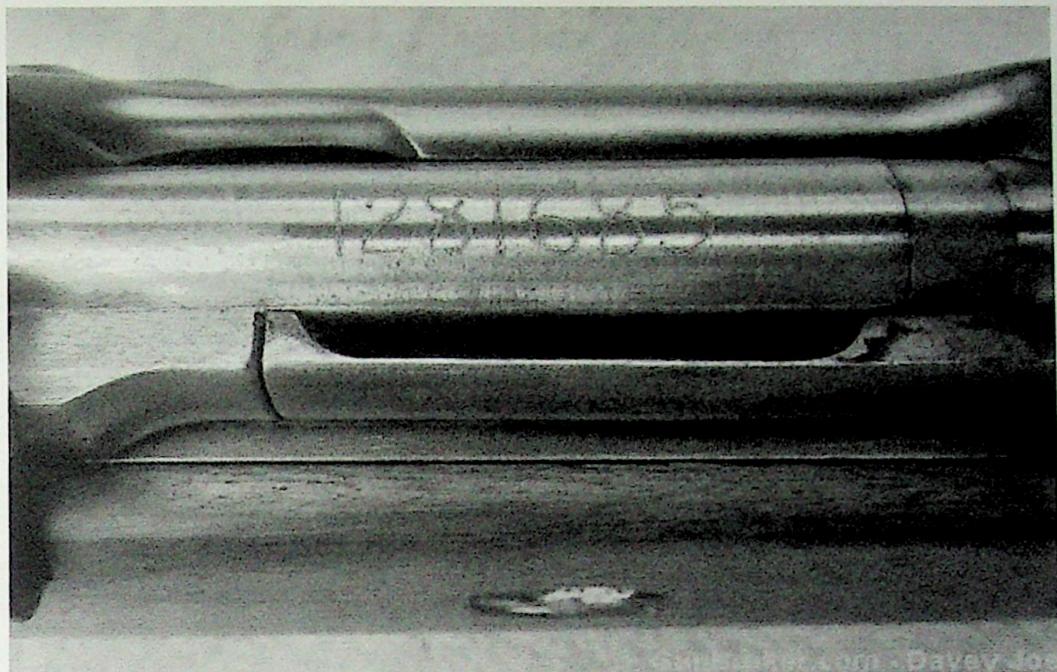


*Above:* Special band, scope, and front mount.

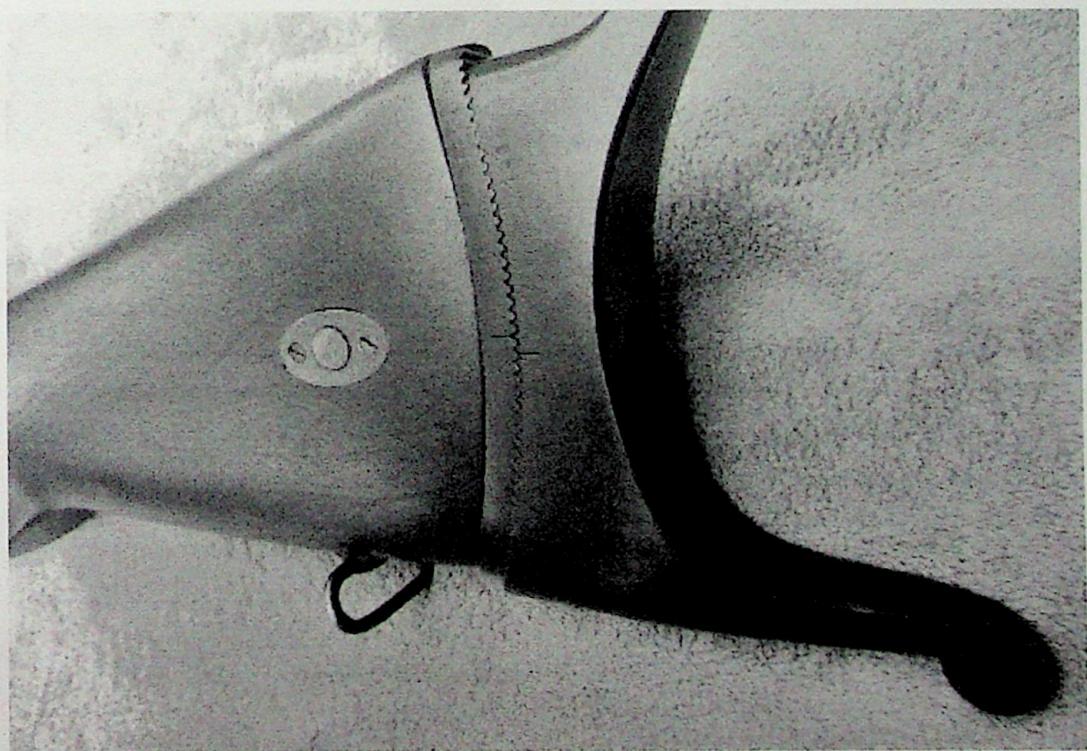


*Above:* Winchester A5 scope markings.

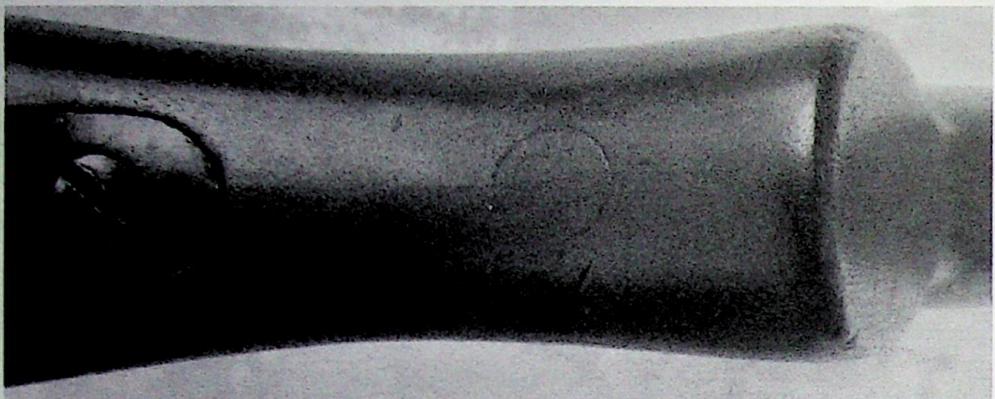
The International rifles had extraordinary fit and finish. They were the result of a hard trained U.S. program to win international shooting matches and were supported by Congress with funding for weapons, ammunition, and support for the Armed Services.



**Above:** Electric pencil markings of serial number on the outside face of bolt.



**Above:** Swiss butt plate with number 101632.



*Above:* Proof mark on pistol grip.



*Above:* 28 inch heavy barrel turned down to accept modified Browning Automatic Rifle front sight base; steel machined key inserted into milled barrel slot to hold base and barrel together with transverse pin; dovetail machined into sight base to accept Lyman front sight assembly; and excellent workmanship with blued finish. The fit and finish were excellent with walnut stock, receiver rear sight, installation of scope blocks with a center-to-center spacing of 6 inches, and a new design Swiss adjustable butt plate assembly with adjustment mechanism built into the stock with outside adjustment controls.

**Note:** The Swiss butt plate assembly is marked with the Swiss cross on the main part of the hook and number 101632. It is marked on the other side 1239. It is also marked 1189 on the fixture attached to the stock. There is an outside adjustment button in a fixture for hook adjustment. Very few of these International rifles are known in original condition.

## BOLO BAYONET

The following data is from the US Martial Arms Collector data base on the history of several U. S. Krag bayonets including the very rare Bolo model.

The following extract is from a letter written by Capt. H. D. Wise, 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Samar, Philippine Islands, December 23, 1901, and provides the rationale and back ground for the Krag bolo bayonet:

"I have the honor to forward herewith a bolo bayonet which I believe would be more serviceable for troops in the Philippines than either of the bayonets now in use. Numerous complaints have been received by me that the present bayonet (ed. Note: the Bowie knife bayonet, which had been issued for trial use in the Philippines) is of no use for work. It is a useless weight for men to carry and is never used except on rare occasion for defense. Several of the officers whose men are equipped with the new model bayonet have informed me that it is but a small improvement on the old model and that it does not serve for cutting brush and other purposes which a knife is essential in these islands. I have had numerous demands made upon me by troops in the field that they be supplied with bolos and it occurred to me that could this article, which is so essential be combined with the bayonet it would be a great aid to the troops who are operating through this densely jungled country, and at the same time would be quite as serviceable as either of the present bayonets as such. I therefore selected from a large number of bolos the one which, in balance, weight and shape most satisfactorily combined the requirements of a bayonet, a fighting cutlass and a working bolo. This I had welded into the handle of a bayonet.

The advantages which this bolo-bayonet would have over either of the models now in use are:

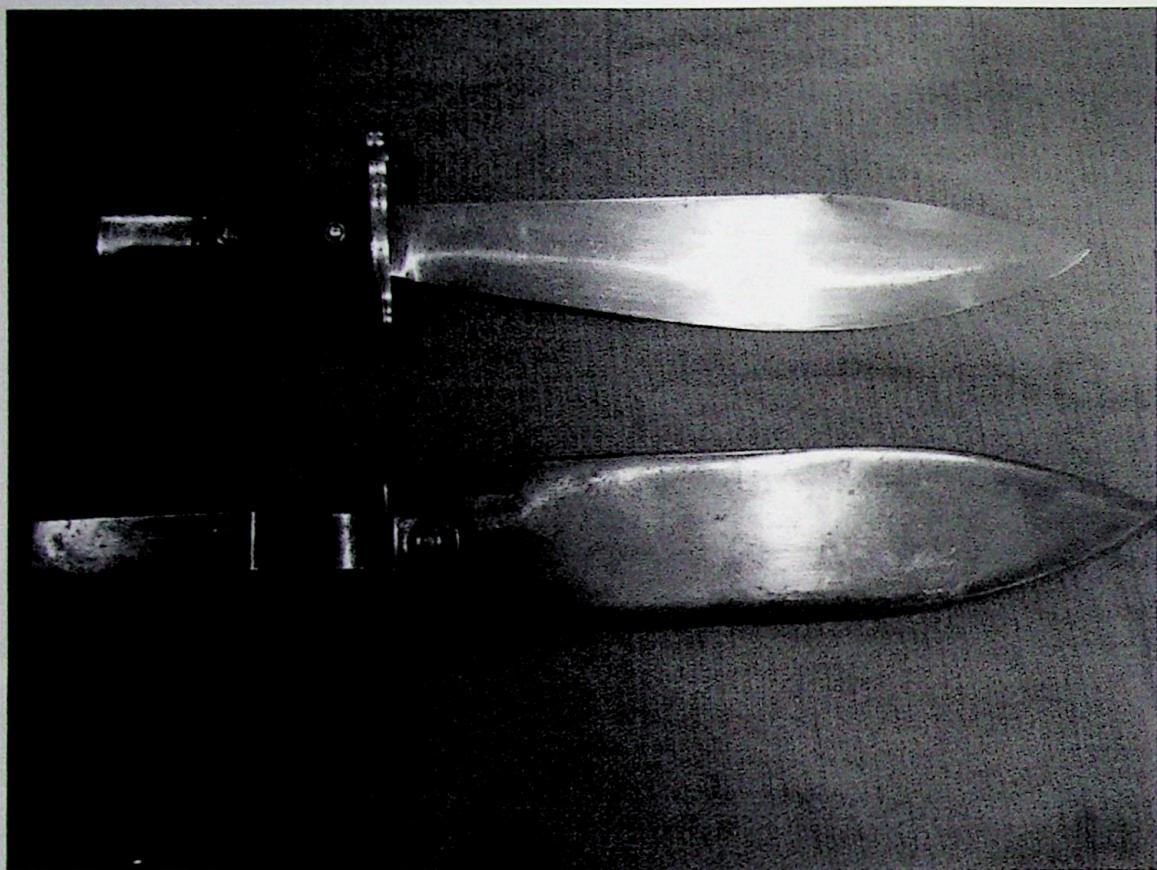
1<sup>st</sup>. That it could be easily be withdrawn from the body of a man who had been killed with it, since the cutting edge of it would slash a wound sufficiently large to allow the bayonet to be withdrawn and would also cut its way out as it is withdrawn. In this connection attention is invited to the fact that in the engagement of the Gandara River, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1901, several men of Company E, 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry while trying to extricate their bayonets from dead enemy were killed by another, and all complain that the present bayonet can be withdrawn from a body only with the greatest difficulty.

2<sup>nd</sup>. This bolo-bayonet has all the properties of an excellent working bolo, with which men can cut their way through jungles, cut wood or use for any of the other manifold purposes for which a bolo or hatchet is used. Its breadth, shape and strength make it a far better entrenching tool than the present model bayonet... It is believed that a slightly increased weight is not sufficient to offset its other advantages. Without the weight it would be as useless for chopping vines and jungle as the present bayonet and it is certainly better that troops should carry a useful implement and weapon of 25oz., than that they should carry a comparatively useless one of 21 oz.

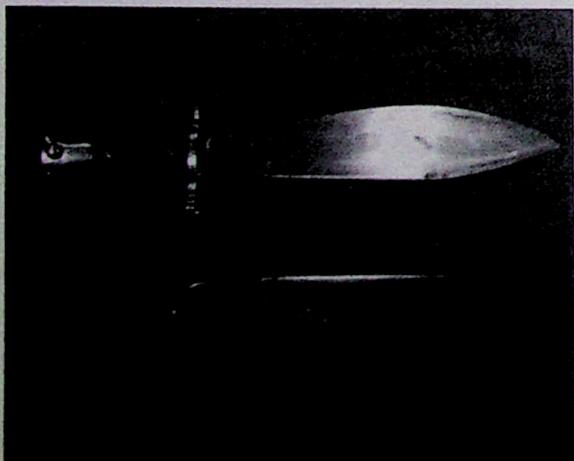
The bolo bayonet fabricated by Capt. Wise was forwarded through channels to Springfield Armory, where 50 were manufactured with steel scabbards in May, 1902."

Forty-eight bolo bayonets were issued, one per company, to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and

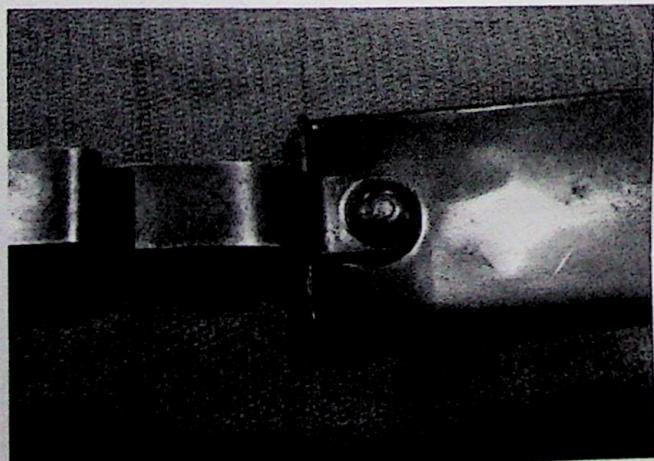
28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiments in the Philippines,  
together with copies of Capt. Wise's letter.



**ABOVE:** Bolo with metal scabbard.



**ABOVE:** Bolo opposite side



**ABOVE:** Scabbard with rivet and hanger

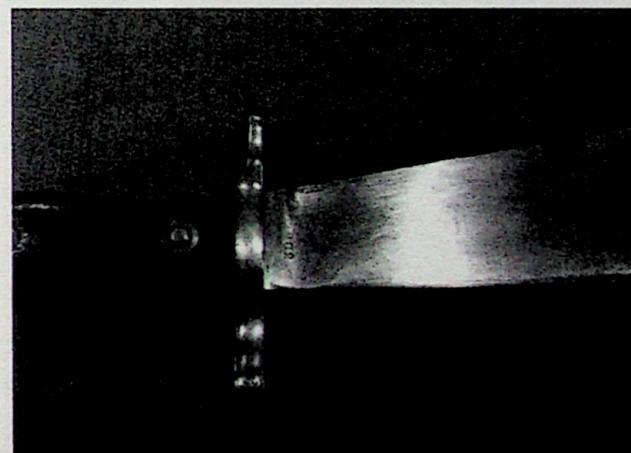
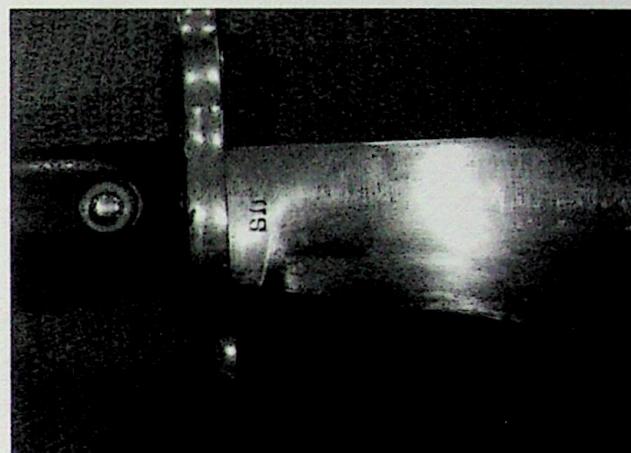
These bayonets were put through much the same testing program as the Bowie knife bayonet had been, but the results were much more favorable than those for the Bowie knife bayonet. This was perhaps influenced by the fact that the bolo bayonet had been suggested by one of their own people. Six more bolo bayonets were manufactured by Springfield Armory in 1903, probably for examination and consideration by the Infantry Board and other groups.

The bolo bayonet design was considered successful, at least for tropical use. However, before a decision could be made to put it into mass production, the ramrod-bayonet Model 1903 rifle was adopted as the service rifle, thus precluding the use of any such bayonet.

As an interesting postscript to the Krag bolo bayonet story, one of the main reasons for the longer blade of the Model 1905 bayonet, as compared with the Model 1892 design, was to obviate the need for a separate bolo or bolo bayonet by providing a knife bayonet more suitable for cutting small branches and twigs. This objective was not fully achieved, however, as evidenced by the subsequent resurrection of the bolo bayonet.

The low production of 56, together with a probable low survival rate due to their almost exclusive use in the Philippines, places the Krag bolo among the rarest of all American bayonets. As a result many fakes have been produced and foisted upon the arms collection fraternity. An important point to remember in evaluating the authenticity of a specimen is that genuine Krag bolo bayonets were produced at least three years before the practice of serial numbering U. S. bayonets was instituted. Also, all blades were forged by from a single piece of steel, including the portion within the hilt, and marked with a date

stamp (1902 or 1903) which applied all four digits uniformly. Anyone investing a substantial sum of money in one of these bayonets would be well advised to insist on a metallurgical or radiological examination as a condition of purchase.



**ABOVE:** Markings US right side and date 1902 left side.

**Photos:** Courtesy Mike Raborn

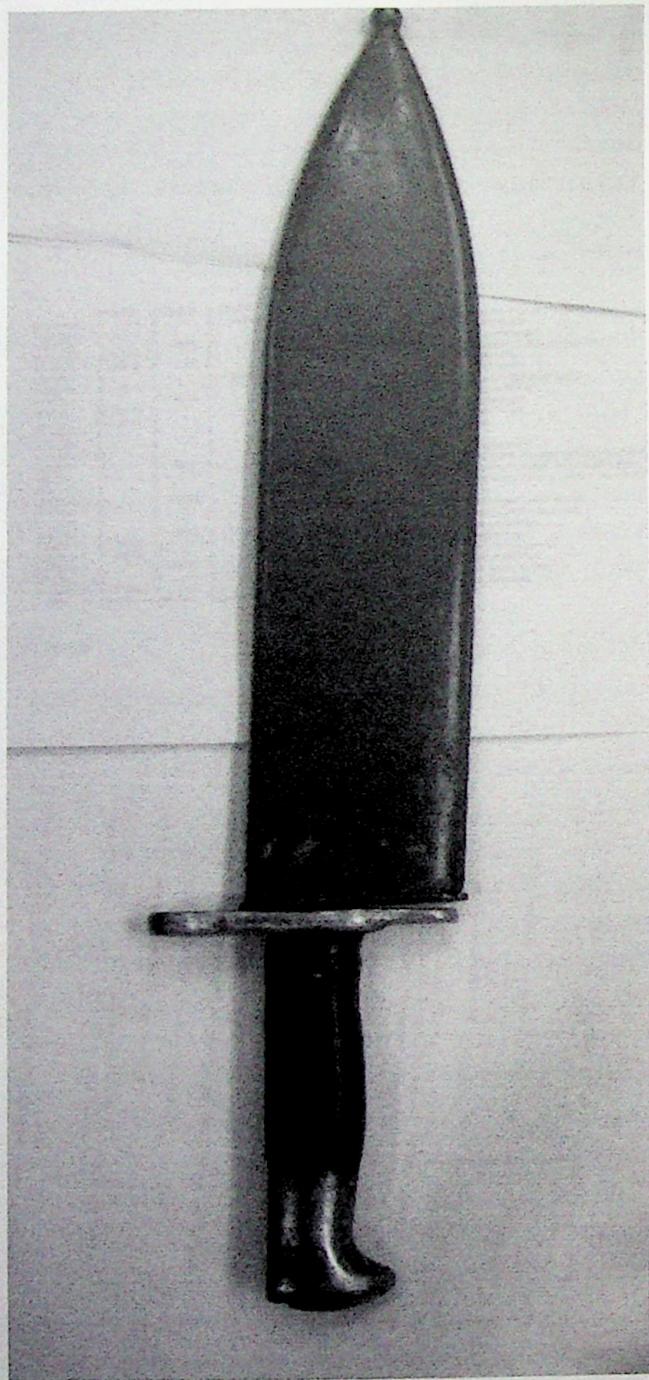
**Text** from Springfield Research data base, notes from the U.S. Archives, and excerpts from *The Krag Rifle Story*.

## KRAG BOLO PIKE COMBINATION

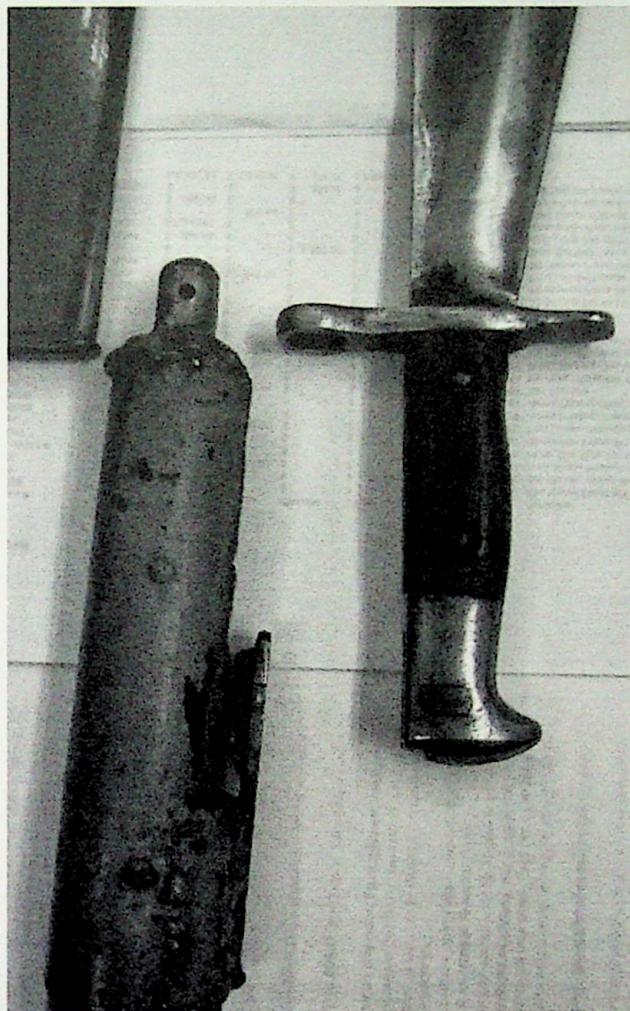
The following Bolo assembly was shown at the last American Bayonet Society during the Baltimore Gun Show March 2016.



Above: Bolo attached to pike staff.



Above: Bolo and scabbard.



**Above:** Bolo, pike, and scabbard.

**Note:** *We have no other data on this assembly. Comments are invited. Editor*

## AN ADDITIONAL BAYONET

### THE SEDGLEY KRAG BAYONET

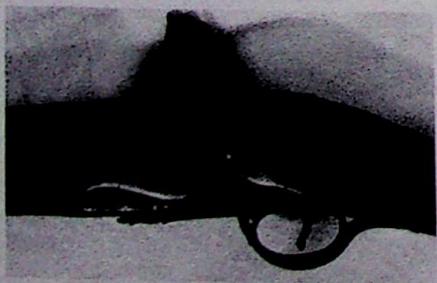
The following data is from our SRS records and the research papers used in The Krag Rifle Story. There is very little information on this Krag bayonet. We are searching for any other manufacturers and models that have been produced over the years of Krag rifle use.

The Sedgley bayonet is quite limited and little data exists on this bayonet made by a commercial company for the U.S. Krag rifle. A somewhat crude but serviceable copy of the Model 1892-1898 bayonet was made by the Sedgley Arms Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., in the early 1940s. Some were sold along with Sedgley M1903 rifles to the U. S. Government and issued to Virginia Military Institute to replace their Springfield M1903 rifles, which had been withdrawn from use in the Service. Others were sold to the Office of Strategic Services, Pennsylvania Military College, Minnesota State Guard and foreign governments. These can be distinguished from the regulation bayonet by the shape of the grip, square end of the ricasso, and other details. There is no known usage of these bayonets on U.S. military Krag rifles.

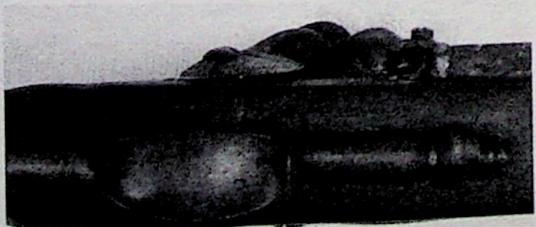
THE BATTLE OF LOUISBOURG,  
NOVA SCOTIA. THE FRENCH  
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**Above:** Brown Bess Long Land Model, Louisbourg Battle Vintage.



**Above:** Left Side Plate.



**Above:** Trigger Guard.



**Above:** Barrel proof mark.

The following data is taken from New England family histories, internet histories, and various New England historical articles.

The Siege of Louisbourg was a pivotal operation of the Seven Years' War (known in the United States as the French and Indian War) in 1758 that ended the French colonial era in Atlantic Canada and led directly to the loss of Quebec in 1759 and the remainder of French North America the following year.

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Pitt assigned the duty of capturing the fortress to Major General Jeffrey Amherst. Amherst's brigadiers were Charles Lawrence, James Wolfe and Edward Whitmore, and command of naval operations was assigned to Admiral Edward Boscawen. The chief engineer was John Henry Bastide who had been present at the first siege of Louisbourg in 1745 and was chief engineer at Fort St Philip, Minorca, in 1756 when the British had surrendered the fort and island to the French after a long siege.

As they had in 1757, the French planned to defend Louisbourg by a large naval build-up. However, the French fleet sailing from Toulon was blockaded in Cartagena by a British force, and a relief force was defeated at the Battle of Cartagena. After this the French abandoned their attempt to reinforce Louisbourg from the Mediterranean, meaning there would be few ships available to actively oppose the British off Louisbourg.

British forces assembled at Halifax, Nova Scotia where army and navy units spent most of May training together as the massive invasion fleet came together. After a large gathering at the Great Pontack, on 29 May the Royal Navy fleet departed from Halifax for Louisbourg. The fleet consisted of 150 transport ships and 40 men-of-war. Housed in these ships were almost 14,000 soldiers, almost all of whom were regulars (with the exception of four companies of American rangers). The force was divided into three divisions: Red, commanded by James Wolfe,

Blue, commanded by Charles Lawrence and White commanded by Edward Whitmore. On 2 June the British force anchored in Gabarus Bay, 3 miles (4.8 km) from Louisbourg.

The French commander (and governor of Île Royale), the Chevalier de Drucour, had at his disposal some 3,500 regulars as well as approximately 3,500 marines and sailors from the French warships in the harbor. However, unlike the previous year, the French navy was unable to assemble in significant numbers, leaving the French squadron at Louisbourg outnumbered five to one by the British fleet. Drucour ordered trenches to be prepared and manned by some 2,000 French troops, along with other defenses, such as an artillery battery, at Kennington Cove.

On 21 July a mortar round from a British gun on Lighthouse Point struck a 74 gun French ship of the line, L'Entreprenant, and set it ablaze. A stiff breeze fanned the fire, and shortly after the L'Entreprenant caught fire, two other French ships had caught fire. L'Entreprenant exploded later in the day, depriving the French of the largest ship in the Louisbourg fleet.

The next major blow to French morale came on the evening of 23 July, at 10:00. A British "hot shot" set the King's Bastion on fire. The King's Bastion was the fortress headquarters and the largest building in North America in 1758. Its destruction eroded confidence and reduced morale in the French troops and their hopes to lift the British siege.

Most historians regard the British actions of 25 July as the "straw that broke the camel's back". Using a thick fog as cover, Admiral Boscawen sent a cutting-out party to destroy the French ships in the harbour. The British raiders eliminated the last two French ships of the line, capturing the Bienfaisant and burning the Prudent, thus clearing the way for the Royal Navy to enter the harbour. James Cook, who later became famous as an explorer, took part in this operation and recorded it in his ships log book.

On 26 July the French surrendered. Having fought a spirited defense, the French expected to be granted "honours of war" as given to the surrendering British at the Battle of Minorca. However, Amherst refused, tales of the atrocities supposedly committed by France's native allies at the surrender of Fort Oswego and Fort William Henry probably fresh in his mind[citation needed].

The defenders of Louisbourg were ordered to surrender all of their arms, equipment and flags. These actions outraged Drucour, but because the safety of the non-combatant inhabitants of Louisbourg depended upon him he reluctantly accepted the terms of surrender. The Cambis regiment refused to honor the terms of surrender, breaking its muskets and burning its regimental flags rather than hand them over to the British victors. Brigadier-General Whitmore was

appointed the new Governor of Louisbourg, and remained there with four regiments.

Louisbourg had held out long enough to prevent an attack on Quebec in 1758. However the fall of the fortress led to the loss of French territory across Atlantic Canada. From Louisbourg, British forces spent the remainder of the year routing French forces and occupying French settlements.

New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. The second wave of the Acadian expulsion began. The British engaged in the St. John River Campaign, the Cape Sable Campaign, the Petitcodiac River Campaign, the Ile Saint-Jean Campaign, and the removal of Acadians in the Gulf of St. Lawrence Campaign (1758).

The loss of Louisbourg deprived New France of naval protection, opening the Saint Lawrence to attack. Louisbourg was used in 1759 as the staging point for General Wolfe's famous Siege of Quebec ending French rule in North America. Following the surrender of Quebec, British forces and engineers set about methodically destroying the fortress with explosives, ensuring that it could not return to French possession a second time in any eventual peace treaty. By 1760, the entire fortress was reduced to mounds of rubble. In 1763 the Treaty of Paris saw France formally cede Canada, including Cape Breton Island, to the British. In 1768 the last of the British garrison departed along with most of the remaining civilian inhabitants.

#### **Notes on sources of Louisbourg:**

The research into the historic battle of Louisbourg and the declared war between France and England is documented in many New England writings early in the history of the American colonies.

Many of the New England families had extensive and active involvement in this battle. The diaries and family histories provide a view of what the new colonies were facing and what countries were involved. This included France, England, Native Americans, and Spain.

It was not long after the French and Indian War that our country was in the middle of the American Revolution.

The family histories include those of Roger Wolcott (Deputy Royal Governor of Connecticut, William Pepperrell

(Lt. General and Commander in Chief of Connecticut troops), Captain Brooks, (attack of the Royal Battery), and Morris O'Brien, and Major Pomroy. They are excellent sources for this research.

A reminder of this event is noted in "Louisbourg Square" in Boston, Massachusetts and the Wolcott Memorial in Connecticut.

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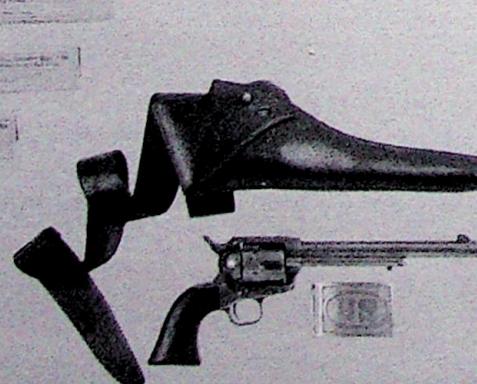
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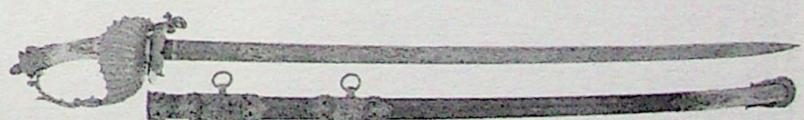
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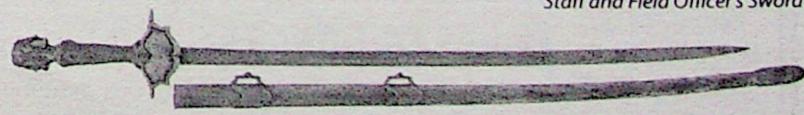
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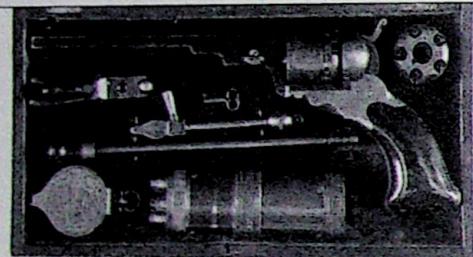
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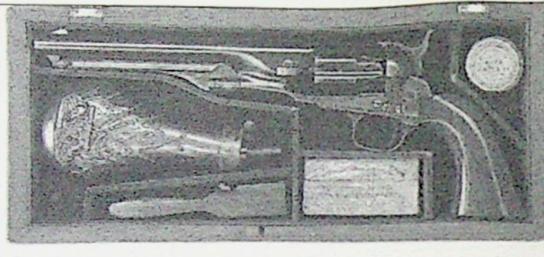
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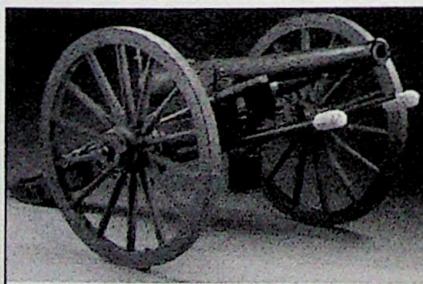
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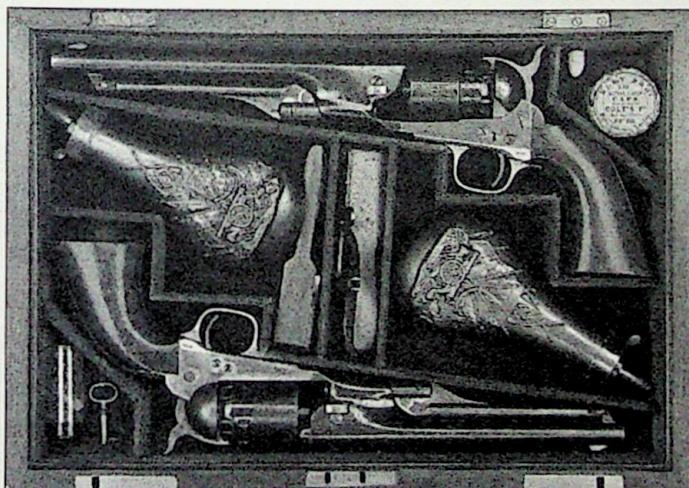
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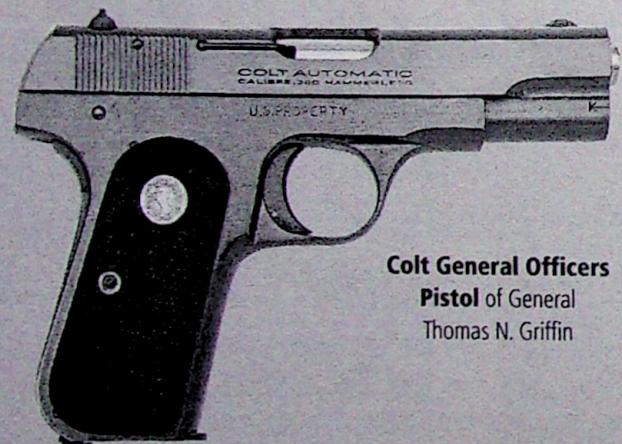
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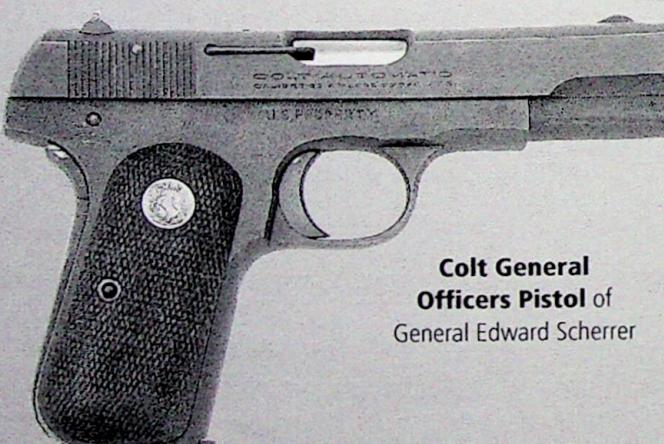


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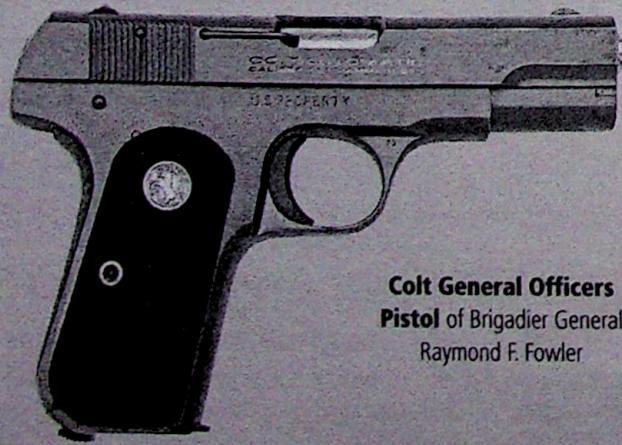
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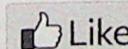
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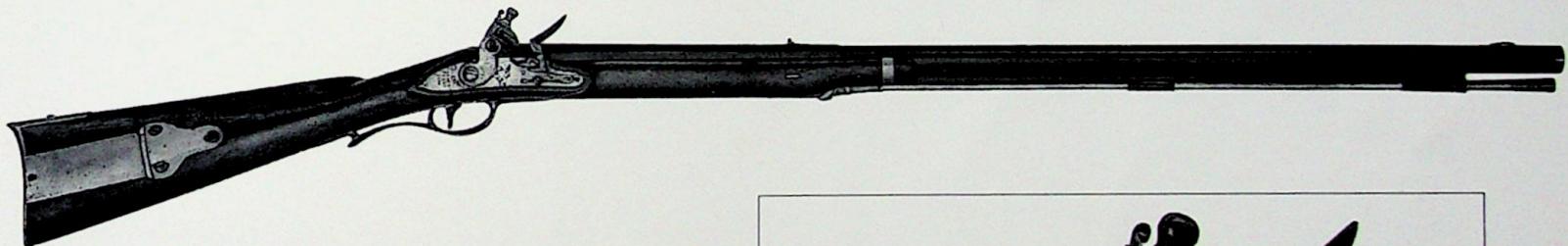
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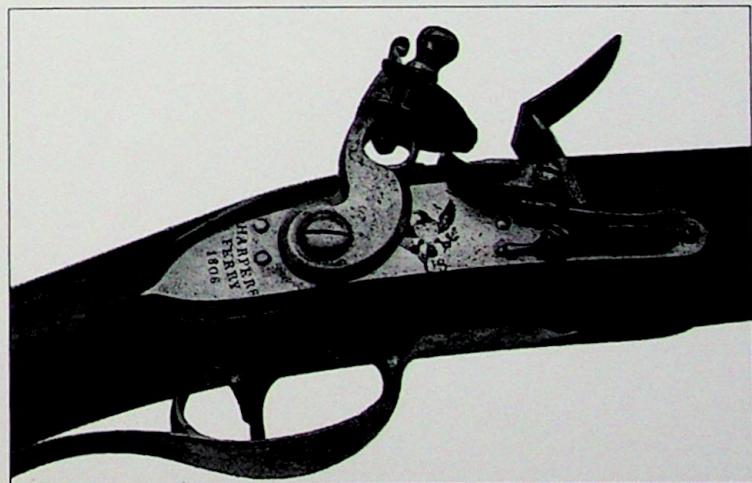
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