

Merrill Rifle Survey

Carbine

This survey is for researching similarities and differences among the Merrill rifles. Please do not show your name, address or telephone number, unless you would like me to contact you. A space is provided at the bottom of this form for this information if you so choose.

1. TYPE: ☐ RIFLE ☒ CARBINE MODEL: ☒ FIRST ☐ SECOND
2. Serial # 4295 on the lock plate.
3. Serial # 4295 on the breech operating lever.
4. Letter or Number in wood of stock inside of patch box Yes appeared to be "L" or "P" twice
original Extra Nipple still inside Patch box
5. Parts # on inside of patch box lid 285.
6. Parts # on interior surface of trigger guard's bow Never Removed
7. Parts # on interior surface of breech lever 285.
8. Parts # on interior surface of breech lever latch 285.
9. Parts # on face of gas check None Noted
10. Parts # on face of stock's fore-arm nose cap N.A. - Carbine *Brass silver plated & factory Engraved.*
11. Parts # on (or maybe inside) of front barrel band None; rear barrel band N.A. - Carbine
12. Parts # on cleaning rod by threads N.A. - Carbine
13. What side of stock are the barrel band latch pins and their escutcheons— RIGHT or LEFT? (circle one) N.A.
14. What is the general outline shape of the front sight Half-moon Blade, Post or Staple? (circle one)
15. What are inspector's initials? Never stamped Are they on left of stock ABOVE or BELOW the lock-screw retaining plate (side-plate)? (circle one)
16. Is the furniture iron or brass? If not, explain All parts except Patch box furniture is brass
17. Does the barrel retain its BLUING (browning) or is it "in the WHITE"? (circle one) Silver plated & Fact. Engraved
18. How many rifling grooves inside the barrel? 7
19. Are the metal of the breech flats and the breeching lever relieved equally on both the lock-side and the opposite side of the barrel? ☒ Yes ☐ No
20. Do the breech flats taper smoothly and run out into the barrel or is there a slight "step" at the joint of breech flat's taper and round of the barrel? Circle one.
21. How many screws are in the trigger plate? 2 ☐ 3 ☒ 4 ☐ Is trigger bow heavy square based, rounded with a round pedestal? (circle one)
22. Are there any other markings of letters, numbers, initials, etc. appearing on the Carbine ~~rifle~~? If so, what are they?
(Please attach separate sheet of paper if needed.) Barrel underneath & Action as attached each stamped 85 85 Internal parts numbered 85 or 85, 3 let rear sight numbered 3 & 5 - lower 1st let not numbered Buttplate inside stamped 85

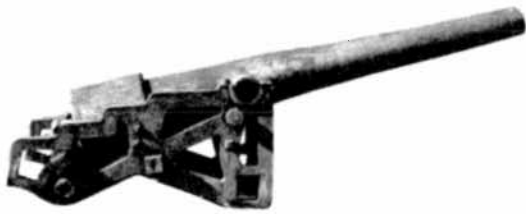
OPTIONAL: Your Name _____

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Thank you for participating in the survey. Please mail the completed form to:
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Dear Major Yearout,

Thank you for responding to my request for information concerning Merrill firearms.

I am pleased to enclose my questionnaire for you to complete. Obviously, some of the questions involve having taken the firearm apart to locate the internal parts numbers and any re-stamping of serial numbers on the inside of the lockplate, etc. If you have not done this, please do not do so on my account. Complete as much as you can and return the form to me.

I have found that the inside surface of the stock's forearm under the barrel is sometimes marked in pencil with the parts number as is the bottom of the breech and the barrel where they join.

Also, are there any small sized capital letters stamped on the metal parts and wood? These letters are in addition to the parts numbers that are stamped on or inside any metal part. Please indicate whether the trigger-plate has two, three or four screw/bolt holes.

I have also enclosed a couple of extra forms for your friend. While I cannot acknowledge everyone who has helped with this project (some prefer to remain anonymous), I can extend my sincere thanks in advance for any assistance given.

With luck I will have my findings compiled and in form to submit to the Gun Report by this late Fall.

Thank you again for participating,

Sincerely,