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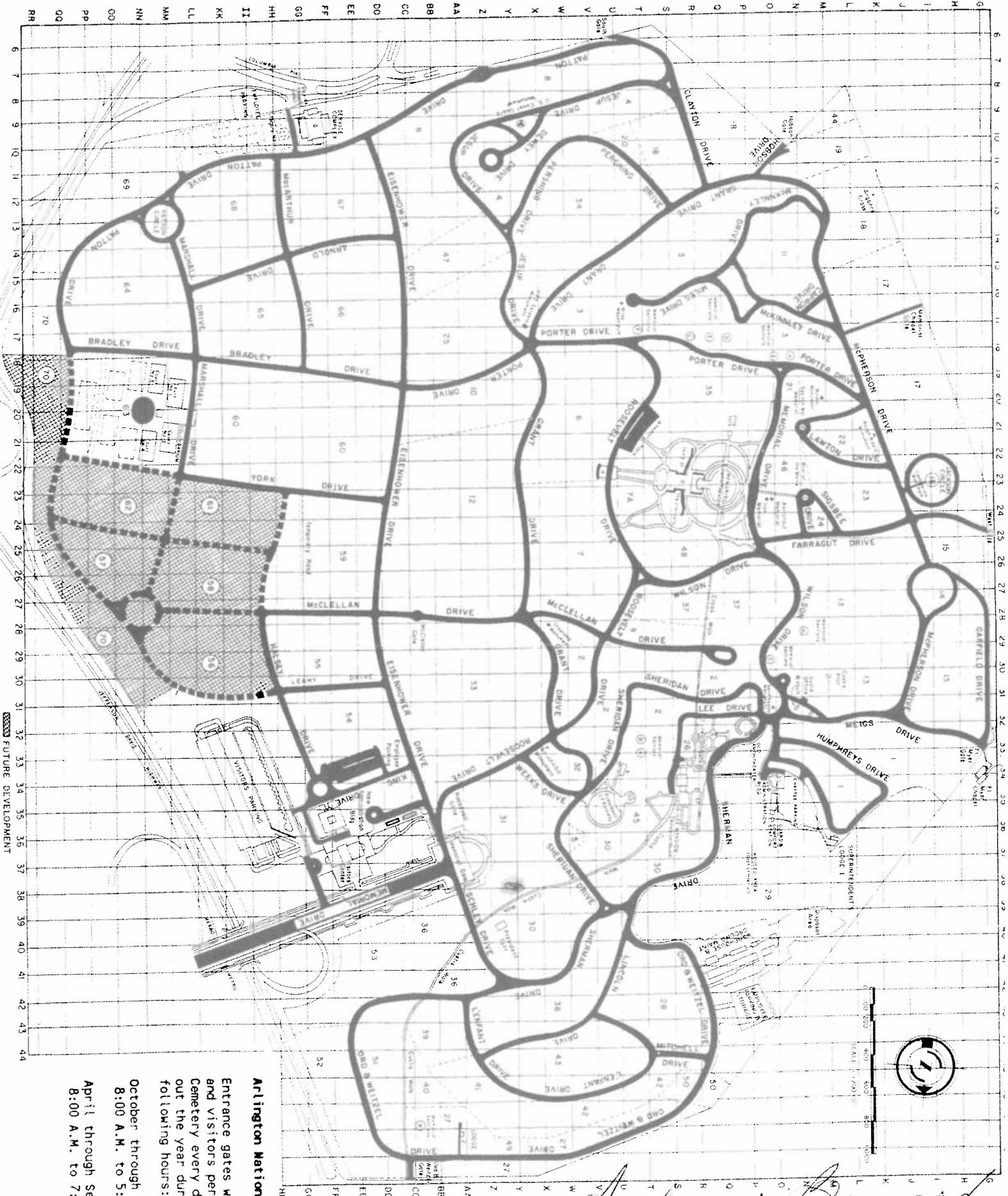
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**PISTOLS M1911A1  
CALIBER .45 ACP**

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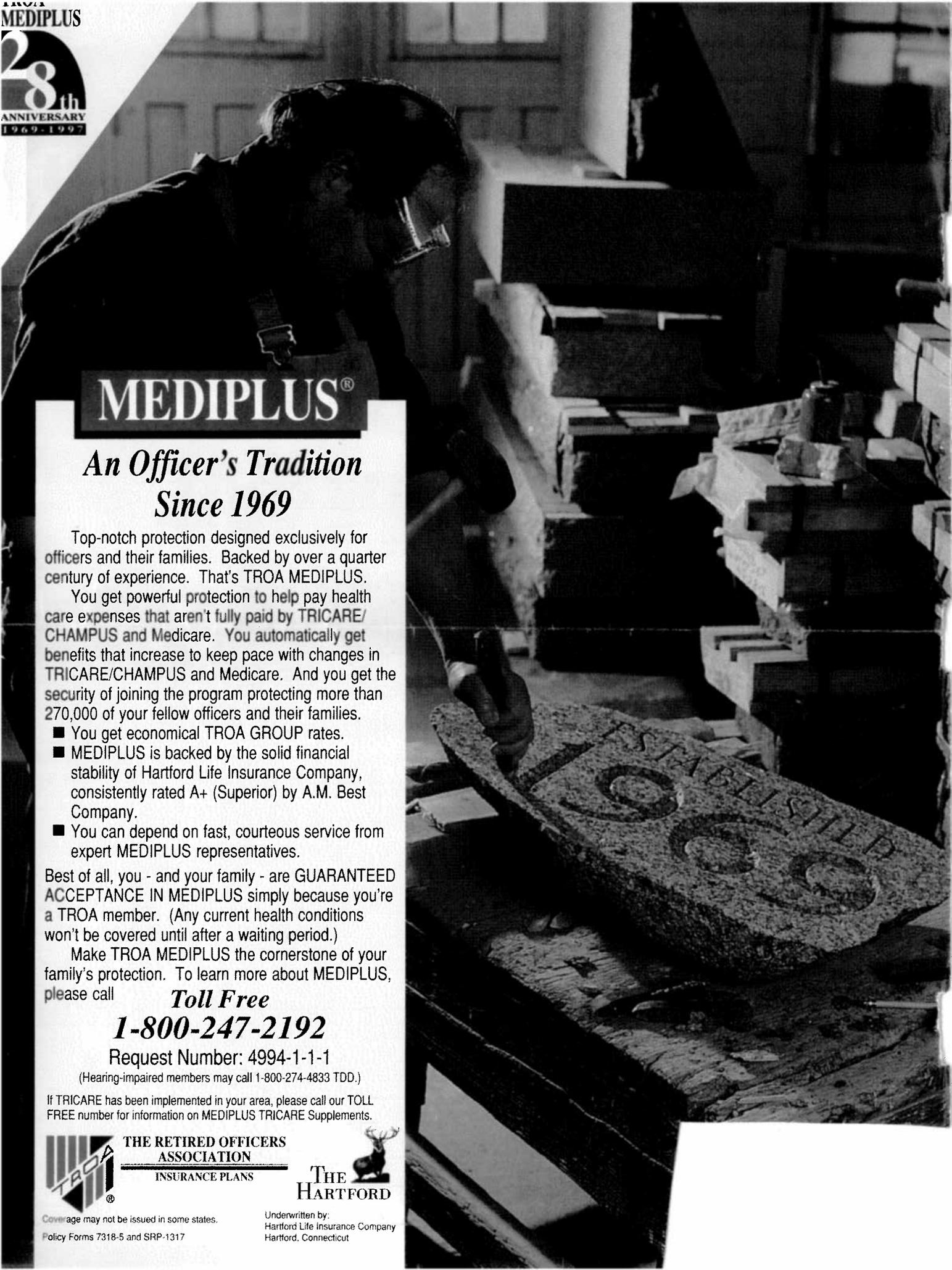


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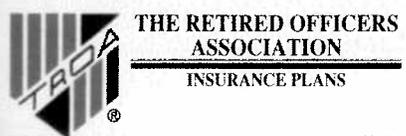
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vilian inspectors to various plants on temporary duty through mid-1942.

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### Army Inspectors of Ordnance Ordnance District Offices

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**R.S.**

Robert Sears, Colonel, Hartford Ordnance District  
 Executive Officer May 1, 1937-Jun. 30, 1941  
 Army Inspector of Ordnance Aug. 3, 1937-Jun. 30, 1941  
 Colt M1911A1 pistols:  
 Serial nos. 723000-750500 ± (Approximate)  
 723840-750290 (Observed)  
 (Also other items and arms manufactured in the district.)  
 Transferred to Ogden Arsenal on June 30, 1941, but RS acceptance stamps continued to be used until November 1941.  
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 Lt. Colonel Sep. 1, 1934  
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 Deputy District Chief Dec. 15, 1941-Jun. 16, 1942  
 Army Inspector of Ordnance Jul. 1, 1941-Jun. 16, 1942  
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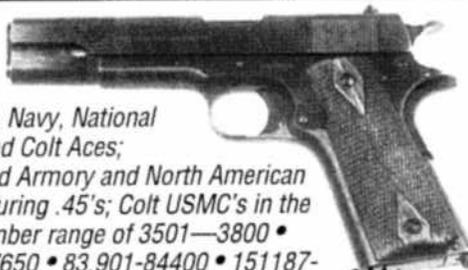
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