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Re: custer carbine 18000 sn

Posted by Dick Hosmer on Saturday, 26 September 2015, at 5:57 p.m., in response to Re: custer carbine 18000 sn, posted by bob turner on Saturday, 26 September 2015, at 4:42 p.m.

There are just over 60 numbers known between 18000 and 19000. 18803 is new to me, but 18852 has an interesting story, if true. More info to follow.

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*Posted by **Dick Hosmer** on Monday, 28 September 2015, at 2:14 p.m., in response to Re: custer carbine 18000 sn, posted by bob turner on Monday, 28 September 2015, at 12:51 p.m.*

I have NO idea how this is going to post - it may require some intensive parsing. Here is the key:

Col. 1: s,n Col. 2: does it exist today? Col. 3: regiment, if cited Col. 4: troop, if cited Col. 5: meaning presently redacted - not relevant to this question Col. 6: contemporary date, if any was cited Col. 7: modern date (when info logged)

17,994 yes 7-26-2010 18,006 yes 7 F 1 2-1-1876 12-11-2012 18,026 yes 2-5-2002 18,087 yes 9-30-2012 18,089 10 3 5-16-1876 18,137 10-1-1879 18,141 10-1-1879 18,183 yes 12-9-2001 18,187 10-11-2011 18,200 yes 18,202 10-1-1879 18,211 2 4 4-21-1877 18,230 yes 7 2 1-29-1878 8-26-2000 18,232 yes 18,260 yes 8-18-2008 18,268 yes 12-30-2005 18,347 yes 18,349 9 M 4 1-4-1879 12-8-1998 18,353 yes 5-21-2010 18,368 3 3 4-29-1879 18,377 3 3 7-12-1879 18,383 ??? 7 2 8-4-1877 3-13-2010 18,426 yes 8-18-2008 18,453 yes 18,469 yes 8-15-2011 18,484 yes 8-18-2008 18,486 yes 12-30-2005 18,489 ??? 2-15-1881 1-5-1998 18,491 yes 18,495 yes 18,501 3 3 7-12-1879 18,564 10 3 5-16-1876 18,580 yes 12-8-1998 18,589 3 1 10-1-1875 18,618 yes 1-28-2014 18,619 9 F 4 9-20-1878 12-8-1998 18,634 ??? 2-15-1881 1-5-1998 18,675 yes 4-3-2006 18,693 yes 6-14-2000 18,694 yes 8-18-2008 18,714 yes 7 4 18,715 yes 8-18-2008 18,729 ??? 2-15-1881 1-5-1998 18,731 yes 5-29-2013 18,732 3 10-14-1880 18,765 10 3 4 5-16-1876 18,793 ??? 7-17-1999 18,803 yes 9-26-2015 18,816 3 10-14-1880 18,825 2 18,852 yes 7 C 6-23-2010 (needs further research) 18,855 yes 7-7-2003 18,861 3 3 4 7-12-1879 18,862 10 3 5-16-1876 18,913 yes 18,930 4 4-2-1879 12-8-1998 18,942 yes 8-18-2008 18,943 3 10-14-1880 18,949 9 F 4 7-20-1878 12-8-1998 18,973 yes 8-18-2008 19,003 yes 12-6-2005

Well, that's what I thought - have at it.

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Re: Custer carbine?

Posted by **Dick Hosmer** on **Monday, 1 October 2012, at 12:03 a.m.**, in response to [Custer carbine?](#), posted by **JOHN peeff** on **Sunday, 30 September 2012, at 7:52 p.m.**

I'll quote the ad:

"The serial number on this particular carbine is 18,087 and based on this it is strongly believed(1) that this places it within the correct range for a 7th Cavalry Carbine. It's quite possible(2) that this gun was used in the Battle of Little Bighorn! 140(3) authenticated Custer Carbines have been linked to the 16,000-21,000 serial number range.

There are a total of 43 carbines listed in the National Archives and collectors (4) data bases . Only 22(5) Carbines in this key(6) 18,000 serial number range are known to exist today. Carbines in the serial number range are rarely offered for sale and of the 25(7) serial numbers listed in the National Archives only two are known to exist today. Nine carbines from this range have been authenticated as Little Big Horn survivors based on case forensics. An authentic carbine with serial number 20,140 sold for over \$250,000(8). This carbine with serial number 18,087 remains untested.

This carbine is being sold by our shop by a internationally recognized scientist, engineer, historian and author(9) who has been collecting historically significant firearms for over 50 years."

(1) That and \$2.00 will buy you a cup of coffee. (2) Hell - there are 40,000 POSSIBLES; we want probables! (3) My bullshit alarm just went off - there are around 70 which have varying degrees of "association" with the 7USC. (4) My database has approx. 1150 entries. (5) I have 56 18xxx carbine numbers, of which at least 27 exist - allowing for possible "problems" (I've not actually seen them all) might cut that to 45-50. (6) 16xxx and 21xxx are better. (7) I thought there were 43? (8) So? (9) I'd like to draw my own conclusions - if he is such a paragon, why hide his light under a bushel?

Now as to the gun - the only definite problem I can see is the sanded wood. The metal looks pretty decent, and actually color-matches better than a LOT of others. Don't see any obviously wrong parts - even the bar is right. A GREAT many early carbines are pimped with late bars and rings.

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- **Re: Custer carbine?**

Bob Meyer -- *Monday, 1 October 2012, at 12:39 a.m.*

- **Re: Custer carbine?**

Bob Meyer -- *Monday, 1 October 2012, at 12:40 a.m.*

- **Re: Custer carbine?**

charles -- *Monday, 1 October 2012, at 8:21 a.m.*

- **Re: Custer carbine?**

Bob Meyer -- *Monday, 1 October 2012, at 12:06 p.m.*

- **Re: Custer carbine?**

Dick Hosmer -- *Monday, 1 October 2012, at 11:01 a.m.*

- **Re: Custer carbine?**

Bob Meyer -- *Monday, 1 October 2012, at 12:05 p.m.*

- **Re: Bob's new (was Custer) carbine**

Dick Hosmer -- *Monday, 1 October 2012, at 1:15 p.m.*

- **Re: Bob's new (was Custer) carbine**

Dick Hosmer -- *Monday, 1 October 2012, at 1:22 p.m.*

- **Re: Custer carbine?**

Gary Tepe -- *Wednesday, 18 November 2015, at 6:51 p.m.*

- **Info on serial #**

sheba -- *Friday, 5 October 2012, at 1:16 p.m.*

- **Re: Info on serial #**

Dick Hosmer -- *Friday, 5 October 2012, at 3:10 p.m.*

- **Re: Info on serial #**

sheba -- *Friday, 5 October 2012, at 3:45 p.m.*

- **Re: Info on serial #**

Dick Hosmer -- *Tuesday, 9 October 2012, at 11:56 a.m.*

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