

LETTER OF AUTHENTICATION

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This letter verifies that this Accuracy International Rifle, AWP, Serial No. 85-AW2145, Caliber .308 Winchester, is from my personal collection. I owned it for approximately 20 years and used it primarily for shooting demonstrations, especially before audiences of sniper students that I instructed.

It is accompanied by a golf ball that I shot at a range of 200 yards for one such demonstration. I also used the AWP to shoot coins, but find that I gave those away to spectators and children I hoped to inspire as future rifle shooters.

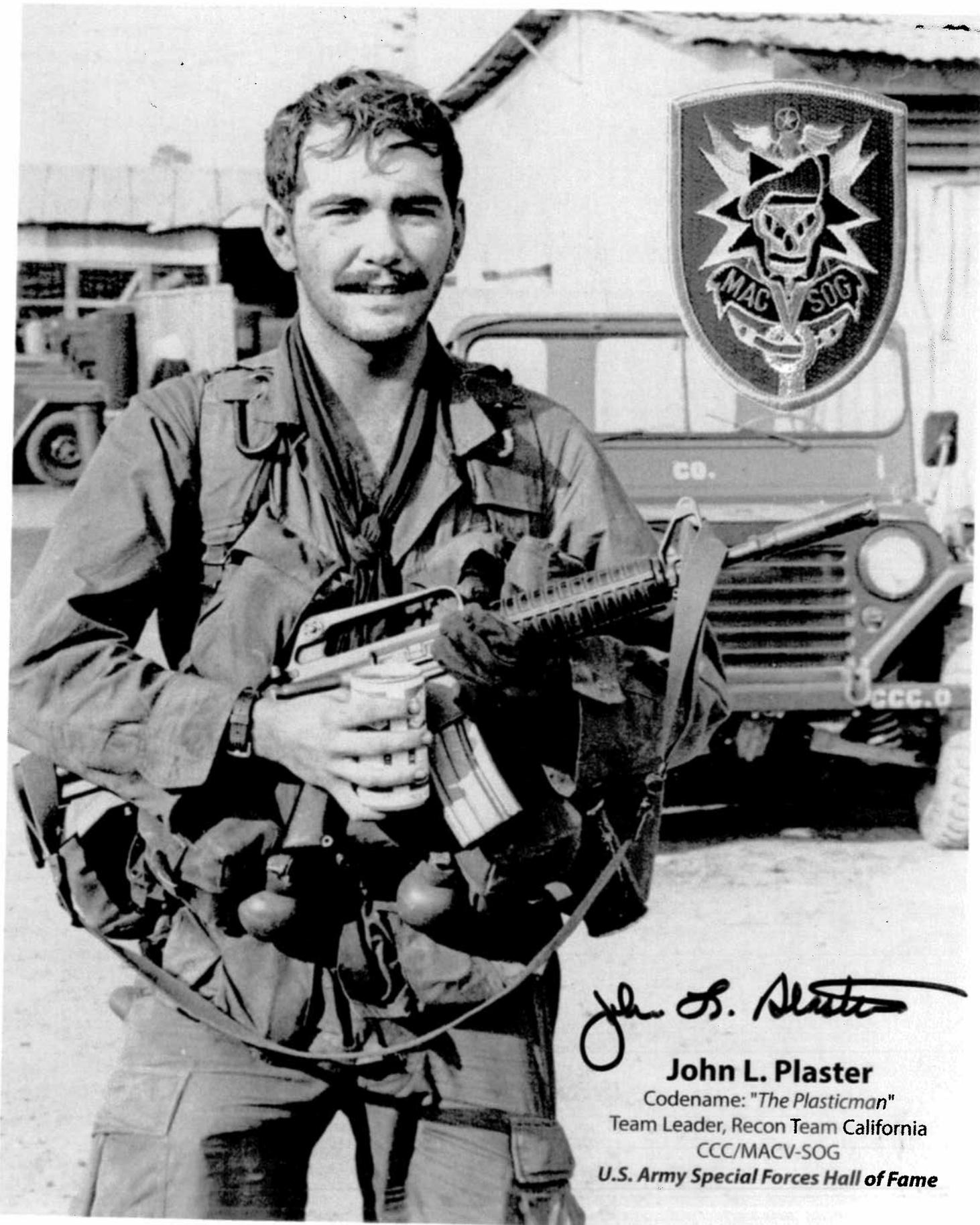
The round-count is definitely below 500, out of a likely barrel life of 5000 rounds. Today it shoots as accurately as when I first acquired it, and is capable of shooting one-hole groups. My best was a 5-shot string measuring 0.323 inches. It was always a challenge shooting this AWP because of its incredible accuracy.

The rifle is accompanied by two photographs, one taken in 1970 as a Green Beret SOG team leader, when I had just returned from a top secret mission in Laos. If you look closely, you will see that the tape on my bore has been shot off due to a gunfight the previous night. The second photograph shows me with the rifle, taken circa 1995, shortly after I acquired the rifle and then had a Leupold Mk IV scope mounted on it. This second photo was shot at Gunsite Training Center, where I was then a Precision Rifle Instructor.



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