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CABLE ADDRESS "HUNTER" FULTON.

Fulton, N. Y.

*L. C. Smith Specialty Grade  
Serial Number 94583  
Finished March 3, 1927*

*Certificate No. 19410*

The Hunter Arms Company, Inc. manufacturing records for Serial Number 94583 are contained in the Shipping Records and show that it is a 12 gauge Specialty Grade with 32-inch barrels. It was started on September 22, 1926, proofed on February 17, 1927, patterned on February 18, 1927, and finished on March 3, 1927. It was shipped March 31, 1927 on consignment to Sam McKinley. McKinley returned it to the factory, and it was sold on May 9, 1927 to Vanderwort Hardware (no address provided) to complete order number 21838. The letters REOBV in the ledger indicate that it has a regular frame, automatic ejectors, Hunter Selective One-Trigger, beavertail forend, and ventilated rib – all of the options available in 1927. No other information is available for this serial number. The Research assumes no responsibility for the recorded accuracy at the factory.

The Specialty Grade was advertised as “every inch a true sportsman’s gun.” Production started in 1912. When it was officially introduced in 1913, its base price with double triggers and extractors was \$64. A Hunter One-Trigger and automatic ejectors raised the price to \$100. By the time it was shipped in 1927, a Specialty Grade with the configuration of 94583 would have retailed for about \$192.

The Specialty Grade was available with Nitro fluid steel barrels, although a few early guns have been reported with Damascus steel barrels. Engraving was placed on the barrels at the breech and occasionally near the muzzle. The right barrel was usually roll-stamped L.C. SMITH SPECIALTY GRADE and the left was marked HUNTER ARMS CO. M’F’R’S FULTON, N.Y. U.S.A. Some variations to these markings have been reported.

The lock plates were fully engraved with a pair of quail in cover on the left lock plate and a duck flying over a marsh on the right lock plate. Both lock plates were engraved L.C. SMITH. Additional engraving was placed on the frame, top lever, forearm iron, and trigger guard. A few variations to these patterns have been reported. The frame and locks were color case-hardened. The stocks were usually made from high quality walnut containing some figure. The stock and forend were checkered and were usually finished with oil.

Specialty Grade shotguns were manufactured in 10, 12, 16, and 20 gauges and .410. Total production during the period of 1912 to 1950 was 6,675, and production of 12 gauge Specialty Grades totaled 4,879. Eighteen hundred and two of the 4,879 had 32-inch barrels, and 791 were made in the exact configuration of Serial Number 94583.

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Sincerely,

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