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CABLE ADDRESS "HUNTER" FULTON.



*L.C. Smith Field Grade  
Serial Number 201556  
Finished March 12, 1943*

*Certificate No. 09511*

The Hunter Arms Company, Inc. manufacturing records for Serial Number 201556 are contained in the Shipping Records and show that it is a .410 Field Grade with 26-inch barrels. It was started on August 7, 1942 and finished on March 12, 1943. It was shipped on March 15, 1943 to the J.S. Ashman Company (no address provided) to fulfill Order No. 52879. The letters FwSP in the ledger show that it has a featherweight frame and a single sighting plane rib. Offered earlier as an option, the single sighting plane rib became standard equipment in 1941. No other information is available for this serial number. The Research Division assumes no responsibility for the recorded accuracy at the factory.

The Field Grade was the most popular and least expensive L.C. Smith shotgun, but it had the same lock mechanism and rotary cross bolt locking system found on the highest grades of L.C. Smith shotguns. The Field Grade was introduced in 1913 at a price of \$25 and manufactured until 1950 by which time the price had increased to \$99. When Serial Number 201556 was shipped in 1943, the cost to the jobber was \$39.60 and \$52.45 to the retailer. The suggested price of a Field Grade to the consumer was \$63.60.

The Field Grade was available only with rust blued Armor fluid steel barrels. The top of the right barrel was often roll-stamped L.C. SMITH FIELD GRADE, and HUNTER ARMS CO, M'F'R'S FULTON, N.Y., U.S.A was placed on the left barrel. Some variations to these markings have been reported, and occasionally the barrels were left unmarked.

Neither the frame nor the locks were engraved. Both lock plates were stamped L.C. SMITH. The frame and locks were color case-hardened to add strength and beauty. The stocks were usually made from American walnut. The stock and forend were checkered. The diamonds were left flat, rather than pointed.

Field Grade shotguns were manufactured in 10, 12, 16, and 20 gauges and .410. Total production during the period of 1913 to 1950 was 195,205. The production of .410 Field Grade shotguns totaled 2,442. Twenty-six inch barrels were fitted on 1,387 Field Grade .410s, and 1,004 had a single sighting plane rib.

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Sincerely,

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