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Colt, by the means of this letter, is proud to authenticate the manufacture of the Colt firearm with the following serial number:

COLT NEW FRONTIER REVOLVER

Serial Number:	5766-NF
Caliber:	.45/c
Barrel Length:	5 ½"
Finish:	Blue
Type of Stocks:	Not Listed
Factory Engraved:	Yes, Class "B" engraving.
Engraver's Name:	Colt Engraver, Dennis Kies
Shipped To:	Gun Store 714 Main Street Klamath Falls, Oregon
Date of Shipment:	September 30, 1971
Colt Factory Order:	#12200
Number of Same Type Guns in Shipment:	1

We trust you will find the historical information, retrieved from the original Colt shipping records, to be of interest.

Sincerely,

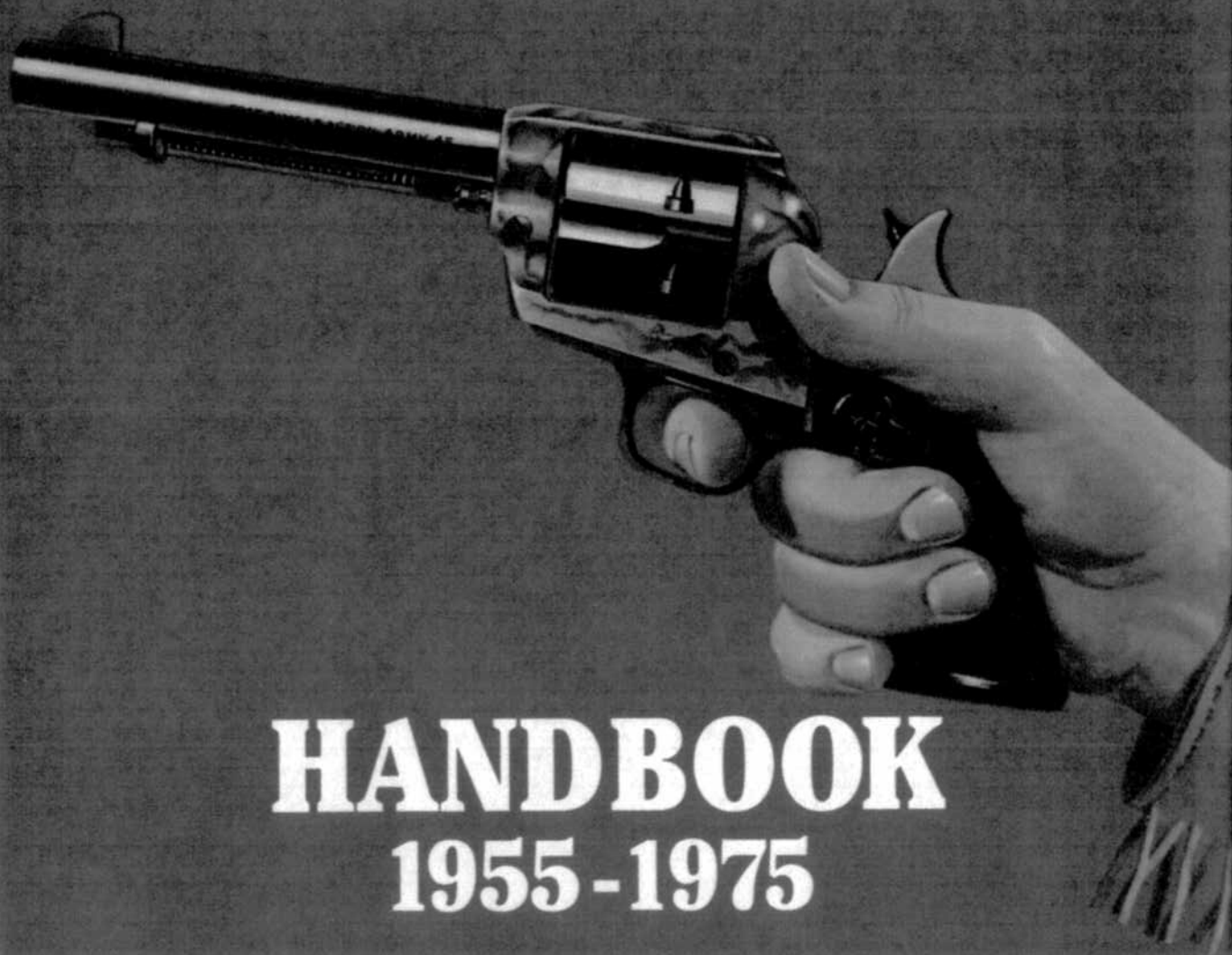
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SINGLE-ACTION REVOLVER



HANDBOOK 1955-1975

Don Wilkerson

ENGRAVED NEW FRONTIER REVOLVERS

The general characteristics of factory engraved New Frontiers are similar to engraved single action revolvers with the exception of rarity. While factory engraved single action revolvers are rare; engraved New Frontier revolvers are extremely rare. Only 34 New Frontier revolvers were factory engraved. Most New Frontier revolvers were engraved in the period from 1962 to 1975 and by the same Colt engravers listed in the single action section. Engraving styles, coverage and types of engraving were the same as that offered on single action revolvers. (See the chapter on Engraved Single Action Revolvers for more information.)

New Frontier revolvers was manufactured in four calibers; .45 Colt, .38 Special, .44 Special and .357 Magnum, but only two calibers, .45 Colt and .357 Magnum, were engraved by factory engravers. Of the 34 known factory engraved New Frontier revolvers, 20 were in .45 Colt and 14 in .357 Magnum.

Thirty (30) were assembled with a Royal blue and casehardened finish and four were nickel plated. Six (6) sets of consecutively numbered revolvers were engraved.

Only twelve (12) New Frontier revolvers were inscribed. These revolvers were not engraved other than the inscription.

The total number of engraved New Frontier revolvers by caliber, barrel length and finish can be found in each caliber specific chapter.

New Frontier

Additional sets:

Two sets of .45 caliber New Frontiers featured a 7 1/2" revolver paired with a 12".

One set consisted of a 5 1/2" revolver and a 7 1/2" revolver.

One set consisted of a .357 Magnum revolver and a .45 caliber, both with 7 1/2" barrels.

.45 CALIBER NEW FRONTIER - ENGRAVED

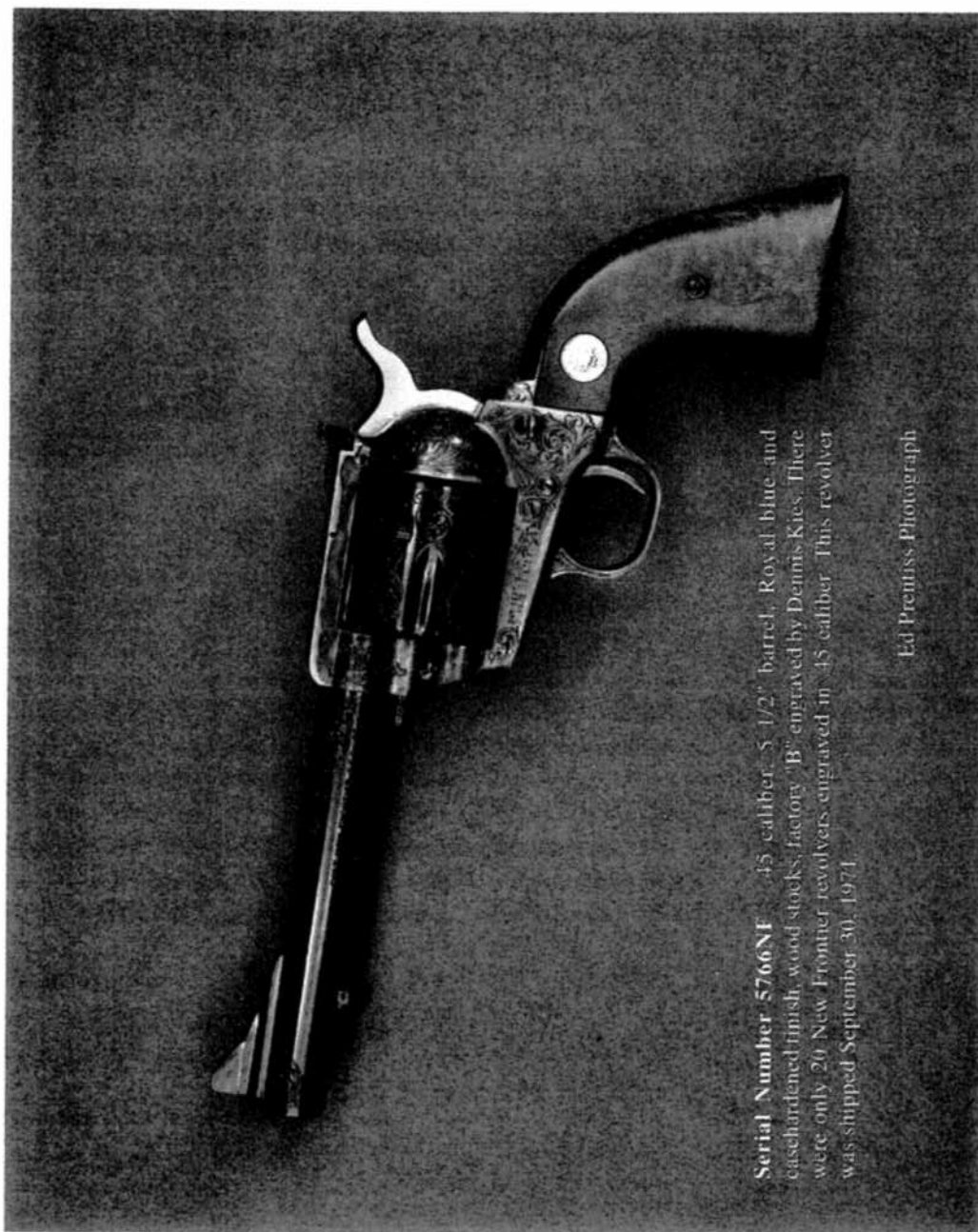
Type of Engraving	Barrel Length	Finish	Number
A	4 3/4"	Royal Blue and Casehardened	1
A	5 1/2"	Royal Blue and Casehardened	1
A	7 1/2"	Royal Blue and Casehardened	5
B	5 1/2"	Royal Blue and Casehardened	2
B	7 1/2"	Royal Blue and Casehardened	3
C	7 1/2"	Royal Blue and Casehardened	4
C	12"	Royal Blue and Casehardened	1
C	12"	Nickel	1
Custom	7 1/2"	Royal Blue and Casehardened	1
Custom	16"	Nickel	<u>1</u> 20

.45 CALIBER NEW FRONTIER - INSCRIBED

There were six .45 caliber New Frontier revolvers with backstrap inscriptions.

NEW FRONTIER BUNTLINE SPECIAL

Listed in a 1962 Colt catalog as the Model P-5, it was a standard New Frontier with a 12" barrel. The catalog advertised "At last the adjustable rear sight version of the famous buntline - now 12" barrel length with the additional



Serial Number 5766NF, .45 caliber, 5 1/2" barrel, Royal blue and casehardened finish, wood stocks, factory "B" engraved by Dennis Kies. There were only 20 New Frontier revolvers engraved in .45 caliber. This revolver was shipped September 30, 1971.

Ed Prentiss Photograph

Exact Revolver

THE
POST-WAR

COLT

SINGLE-
ACTION
REVOLVER

1955-1975

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FACTORY ENGRAVED POSTWAR
SINGLE ACTION ARMY REVOLVERS
1956-1979

BY
ALBERT E. BRICHAUX

FACTORY ENGRAVED NEW FRONTIERS 1962-1976

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ALBERT E. BRICHAUX

This section will be comprised primarily of photographs and production charts. Text relating to the engravers who worked on these "flattop" models can be found in the engraved Single Action chapter.

Because Colt's total, old model, New Frontier revolver production was limited to less than 4200

guns, collectors will infrequently encounter these scarce variations. And Lady Luck will truly be smiling on the Colt enthusiast who finds an original factory engraved, New Frontier. The following chart depicts the total known quantity of engraved New Frontiers, accentuating the rarity of these pieces.

ENGRAVED NEW FRONTIER MODELS

TOTAL KNOWN PRODUCTION

1962-1976

CALIBERS AND ENGRAVING STYLES		BARREL LENGTHS AND FINISHES										TOTALS
		4¾"		5½"		7½"		12"		16"		
		Blue	Nickel	Blue	Nickel	Blue	Nickel	Blue	Nickel	Blue	Nickel	
.38	A											No Known Examples
	B											
	C											
	Custom											
.357	A			4	1	1						14
	B					2						
	C				1	5						
	Custom											
.44	A											No Known Examples
	B											
	C											
	Custom											
.45	A	1		1		5						20
	B			2		3						
	C					4		1	1			
	Custom					1					1	
TOTALS		1		7	2	21		1	1		1	34

↑ Only 2 Factory Made

NEW FRONTIER

WILLIAM MAINS

CALIBERS AND ENGRAVING STYLES		BARREL LENGTHS AND FINISHES										TOTALS
		4¾"		5½"		7½"		12"		16"		
		Blue	Nickel	Blue	Nickel	Blue	Nickel	Blue	Nickel	Blue	Nickel	
.357	A			1								7
	B					2						
	C					4						
	Custom											
.45	A			1		3						6
	B					1						
	C					1						
	Custom											
TOTALS				2		11						13

STOCKS: WALNUT

7

3 (2 GUN SET) WITH CONS. S/N

NEW FRONTIER

DENNIS KIES

CALIBERS AND ENGRAVING STYLES		BARREL LENGTHS AND FINISHES										TOTALS
		4¾"		5½"		7½"		12"		16"		
		Blue	Nickel	Blue	Nickel	Blue	Nickel	Blue	Nickel	Blue	Nickel	
.45	A											1
	B			1								
	C											
	Custom											
TOTALS				1								1

STOCKS: WALNUT

1

only 1 of 1 By Dennis Kies

NEW FRONTIER

ROBERT BURT

1970-PRESENT												
CALIBERS AND ENGRAVING STYLES		BARREL LENGTHS AND FINISHES										TOTALS
		4¾"		5½"		7½"		12"		16"		
		Blue	Nickel	Blue	Nickel	Blue	Nickel	Blue	Nickel	Blue	Nickel	
.45	A					1						2
	B			1								
	C											
	Custom											
TOTALS				1		1						2

1 WITH EXTRA .45 ACP CYLINDER

STOCKS: WALNUT

2

PRESENTATION CASE: 1 SINGLE

Exact Revolver(*)

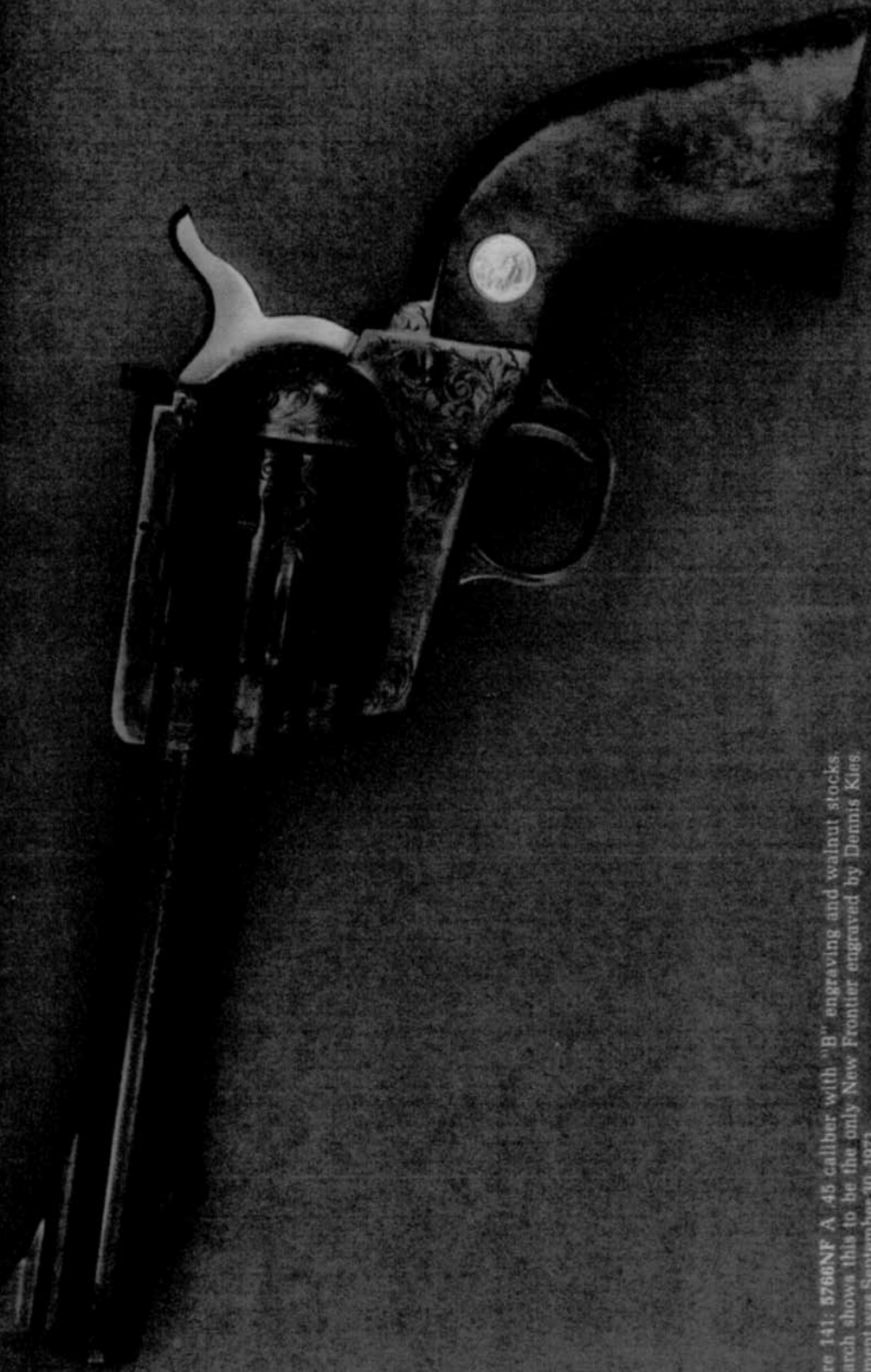


Figure 141: 5760NF A .45 caliber with "B" engraving and walnut stocks. Research shows this to be the only New Frontier engraved by Dennis Kies. Shipment was September 30, 1971.

Howard Steere Collection
Photo by Ed Prentiss