

Featured Carbine - Saginaw S'G' 3549164

During WWII, Lieutenant Commander Charles Stewart Dowrick served aboard the USS Altamaha (CVE-18), the first US light carrier to conduct hunter-killer patrols for enemy submarines in the Pacific Theater.



On December 17th 1944 the Altamaha was part of Task Force 38 commanded by Admiral Halsey, and on that date TF 38 was struck by typhoon Cobra with 100 mph winds and very high seas.

USS Altamaha (CVE 18) underway 16 Jul 1943. The ship was commissioned 15 Sep 1942. [80-G-74432]



Facing that typhoon, the Altamaha had 65 planes aboard, 45 of them tied down on the flight deck, which made the ship top-heavy. By 0900 on the 18th, the escort carrier was laboring heavily and rolling as much as 25 to 30 degrees to either side. The storm soon swept 37 of the planes off the flight deck. Top heavy no longer, it was this loss of so many planes that saved the ship. At war's end, Lieutenant Commander Dowrick was honorably discharged on December 7th 1945 and soon after, settled with his family in Quezon City in the Philippines working for The United States Philippine War Damage Commission. At some point during his stay there, Lieutenant Commander Dowrick (retired) was presented with this ornately carved "gift" M1 carbine by Philippine dignitaries in appreciation for his post war restoration efforts.

The "Gift" Carbine



The stunning artistry of the craftsman that sculpted this black walnut GI stock into a work of art can be clearly seen just by looking at the way the basket weave pattern has been carved from the nose to the recoil plate.





The exact date as to when this Inland stock was carved is unknown, but there is no doubt as to where this stock was transformed into this amazing gift.

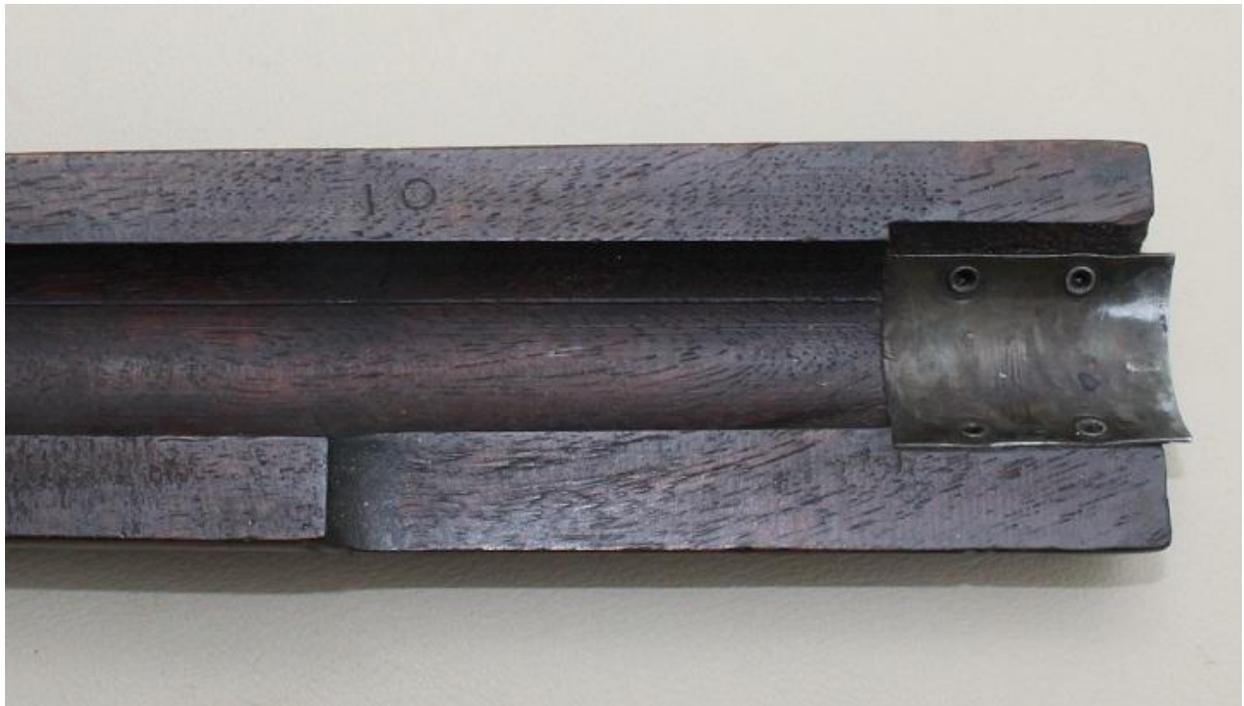


Notice the simulated bamboo pattern that is deeply carved into the 'IO' marked 4-rivet handguard.





The handguard, 'DI' marked recoil plate, and the Inland square pattern buttplate are three clues that tell us that this stock set once belonged to an Inland carbine. The details of how this Inland low-wood stock and original S'G' carbine action were mated together are lost to history.





This late 1943 produced Saginaw S'G' carbine with an un-dated S.G. barrel closely matches the COM in NL 364-15 (see data sheet for details). The tooling locator holes and the unique notch in the trigger are two details that must be present in all S'G' trigger housings. The B-S'G' marked flip rear sight has been recently "upgraded" to an adjustable rear sight by the Dowrick family that occasionally uses this carbine as a shooter. The adjustable sight has not been staked in place and the original flip sight is kept in a safe place.





Charles Stewart Dowrick's name is prominently displayed on the left side of the stock leaving no doubt as to whom this gift was intended.





Carved into the right side of the stock, a bare-footed farmer is shown working his wooden plow pulled by a Philippine Carabao, a swamp type domestic water buffalo. A traditional Nepa hut and palm tree fills the space behind the oval oiler cut. More simulated bamboo can be seen on the top and bottom of the stock along with mountains, clouds and a pair of flying birds.



The three dimensional scene carved into the left side of the stock shows a horse drawn Kalesa or Karitela, a very common mode of transportation in the Philippine Islands at that time. The sling cut has been cleverly transformed into a path coming out of the woods. Notice that both

wheels of the Kalesa are shown. A large tree completes the scene at the butt end. Thank you Charles S. Dowrick II for sharing your family treasure with us.

DATA SHEET		CARBINE CLUB	REV 01-91-11	REPORTER CHARLES S. DOWRICK	ADDITIONAL DATA ON BACK	MANUFACTURER SAGINAW	
BOLT		BLUE PARK	LEFT LUG	RIGHT LUG	S'G'	NAME ON RECEIVER SAGINAW S'G'	
FLAT		ROUND	GAS PORT IN BOTTOM (1/16" HOLE)	YES	NO	SERIAL NUMBER 3 5 4 9 1 6 4	
RT. LUG SHAPE		ROUNDED	POINTED	EXTRACTOR MARKING		EJECTOR TIP	
FIRING PIN		MARKING S'G'	BLUE	WHITE	1	2	3
SLIDE		TYPE & BOXES CHECKED	CAM SHAPE	EARLY	LATE	OP SPRING	GUIDE TIP
ARM JOINT		3/16" BEVEL	3/16" STEP	9/16" STEP	M2 STEP	FRONT SIGHT KEYWAY	
SLIDE BOX REAR		FULL ROUND	PART ROUND	FLAT	INTERNAL CAM CUT	CHAMBER SKIRT	
BOTTOM VIEW OF SLIDE		APPROX. HOLE TO CAM CUT	M: INSIDE BOTTOM	S'G'	LEFT SIDE	SIGHT KEY RETENTION	
TRIGGER HOUSING		M1	M2	BEVELS ON MILLED HOUSING		HOUSING RETAIN PIN	
MAG WELL		NARROW	WIDE	WIDE LEFT M2	COLOR	HAMMER SPRING COILS	
MAG CATCH		1	1a	2	3	4	4a
SAFETY		1	2	3	4	HAMMER PLUNGER	
HAMMER		PARK	BLUED	NO FINISH	MARKS LEFT	RIGHT	FRONT
SEAR		M1	M2	NO HOLE	MARK	SEAR SPRING STRAIGHT	TRIGGER MARKING
BARREL BAND		1	2	3	SIGHTS		SIGHT PIN STAKING
FOR TYPE 1 BANDS - SLING WINDOW WIDTH		18"	5/16"	FRONT		REAR	
BAND RETAINER		LINE	NO LINE	FRONT SIGHT MARKS		REAR SIGHT MARKS	
STOCK		M1	M1A1	LEFT		RIGHT	
OILER SLOT		DEEPER CROSS CUTS	WOOD AT SLIDE	HANDGUARD		RIVETS	
HANDGUARD		GROOVE	DEEP	SHALLOW	M1A1 RIVETS		RECOIL PL. SCREW
BUTTPLATE		PATTERN	SQUARE	DIAG.	RECOIL PL. SCREW		HEAD MARK
RECOIL PLATE		MARKING	DI	RECOIL PL. SCREW		HEAD MARK	