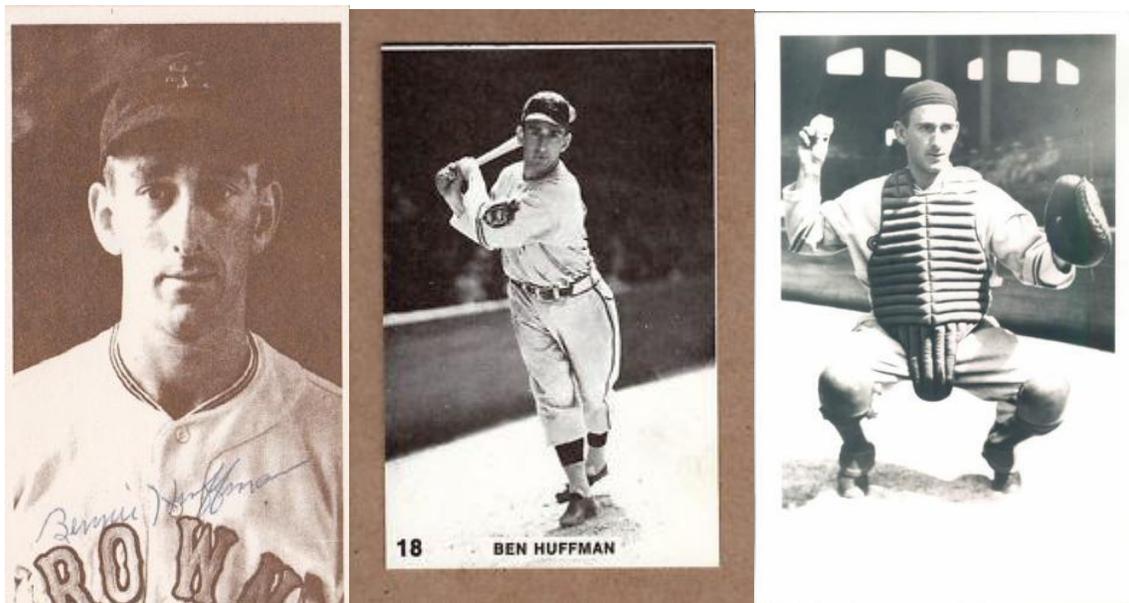


Irwin Pedersen Serial Number 1775265

This rifle belonged to Bennie Huffman of Luray Va., a catcher for the St. Louis Browns baseball team in 1937 and a WWII Navy veteran.



Few players in the years before World War II started their professional baseball careers in the major leagues, but "Bennie" Huffman broke into the Big Show in 1937 with the St. Louis Browns. If it had not been for a serious shoulder injury that summer as well as the later onset of World War II, Huffman probably would have enjoyed a longer major league career. Without a day of minor league experience, the left-handed batting catcher hit .273 with the Browns in his only American League season. In 1939 Huffman was farmed out to San Antonio of the Texas League where his shoulder got better and he won the clubs MVP award for 1941.

He was all set to go back to the Browns as the first-string catcher. Instead, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. In January 1942, Huffman enlisted on a bigger team, the U.S. Navy, and he spent four years in the service during World War II. Bennie, whose job was to teach seamanship, also played ball for Navy teams at several bases, including the Norfolk Naval Training Station.

After serving stateside, Bennie received his orders for Saipan and became a member of the Third Fleet US Navy baseball. The armed forces fielded [service teams](#) that traveled to various theaters including the [Pacific Tour](#) of 1945.

His orders are shown below:

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Name HUFFMAN, Bennie Franklin
(Name in Full, Surname to the Left)

624 24 42 Rate CSp(A)(T) V6, USNR
(Service No.)

Date Reported Aboard: 25 October 1944

U.S. NAVAL RECEIVING BARRACKS, AIEA, T.H.
(Present Ship or Station)

USN TADCEN, SHOEMAKER, CALIF.
(Ship or Station Received From)

FEB 18 1945

Serving outside the continental United States this date.

2-18-45: Transferred this date to the Commander Forward Areas Central Pacific, for assignment to duty. HUFFMAN authorized to participate in Athletic Troop Exhibitions in forward Areas in accordance with CinCPac Adv. Headquarters Conf. Dispatch 942870 of February, and upon completion, report to Commander Forward Areas for further assignment to Naval Units in forward areas., AUTH: ComServPac Personnel Order No. 3644 of 18 February 1945.

Date Transferred 18 February 1945.

To ComForward Areas Central Pacific

ROY R. HANBLIN, JR. SN. CLC, USN
Signature and Rank of Officer Authorized to Sign

By direction.

Date Received Aboard: 1 March 1945.

Headquarters Command ComFwdAreaCenPac.
(New Ship or Station)

U.S. NavRec.Bks, Aiea, T. H.
(Last Ship or Station)

M.P. WATKINS, Jr. Lt. Cdr. USNR. (4TP)
Signature and Rank of Officer Authorized to Sign

DUPLICATE
FOR BuPers ENLISTED MAN'S JACKET

Also noted in the orders are other baseball players including [William Barney McCosky](#), [Vincent Ambrose Smith](#), [Thomas Jerome Ferrick](#), [John Dungan Rigney](#), [Albert Brancato](#) and [Merril "Pinky" May](#).

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ULTIMATE DESTINATION REPORTING

Reported 1 March 1945. Signature: J. FLATHER,
By direction.

You will be governed by general, special, and supplemental instructions, as applicable, shown on reverse of transfer order.

Records and accounts are handed you herewith, for delivery to ultimate destination, in accordance with Article 9-606, BuPers Manual. Missing papers, if any are listed on separate page, indicating when, from where, and by what means, they will be forwarded.

4. Copy of transfer order is being mailed by this command direct to Ultimate Destination.

(Over)

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In service ball he played alongside major league sailors such as Dom DiMaggio, Bob Feller, Pee Wee Reese, Johnny Mize, and Johnny Vander Meer. Bennie's service history during WW2 is shown in the picture below:

Date	Ship or Station	Duty and Remarks
1-9-42	NRS HOUSTON TEXAS	ENLISTED
1-14-42	NRS NORFOLK VA.	RECRUIT TRAINING
2-10-42	REC. STA. PHILA, PA.	REC. STA.
2-25-42	REC. STA. BOSTON, MASS.	" "
4-17-42	" " "	SHIPS COMPANY
6-1-42	NRS NEWPORT, RI.	" "
8-13-42	TRAINING SCHOOL	SCHOOL & SHIPS COMPANY
11-3-42	LION TWO	ADVANCE BASE UNIT
4-1-43	DIZO	" " "
4-22-43	RS NOR NORVA	
5-13-43	CHR FIGHT	ADVANCE BASE UNIT
6-13-43	NAV TRA STA	PHYSICAL INSTRUCTOR SCHOOL
8-26-43	BRANWICKS RD NORVA	SHIPS COMPANY - SEAMAN SHIP - INST.
9-4-44	SHOEMANS, CALIF.	
9-25-44	NAB NORVA	SHIPS COMPANY
2-18-45	COM FOR ARJA	
5-9-45	NABAL DIR BASE KOBLER	DUTY
6-18-45	1SCOM SAIPAN	DUTY

After his service in WW2, Huffman played and managed in the minor leagues for four seasons. In 1952 he became a scout for the White Sox and did so for the next 32 years.

In 1999, this rifle was sold to its second owner. That person's name is written on a paper insert inside the handguard (see below). In 2011, it was loaned to be a part of the NRA museum. The placard is shown below. The text gives a brief history of the M1 carbine, Irwin Pedersen and a picture of the display. There is another picture on the NRA Facebook page in a display setting for those interested. Recommended readings are all IP related newsletters, especially **CCNL 374 IP Marked Carbiners** by Chris Albright.



Irwin-Pedersen Arms Company M1 Carbine

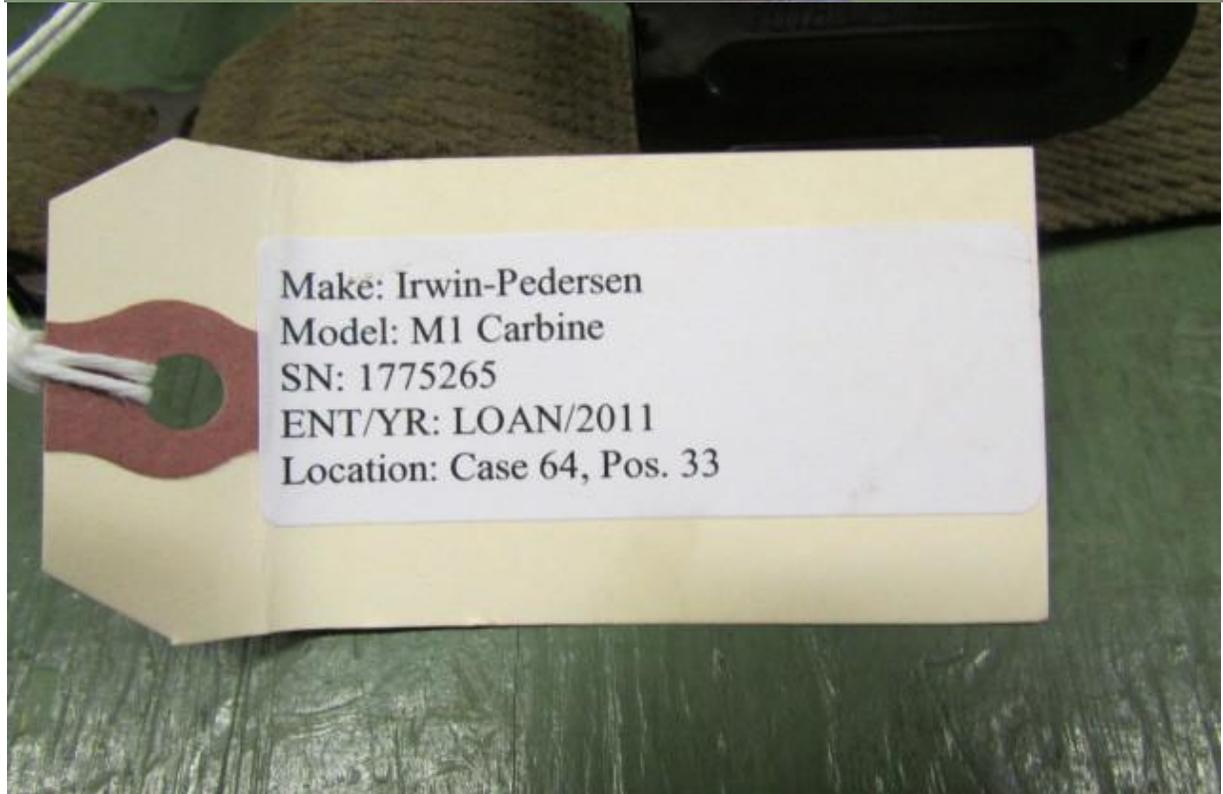
Designed as a light, rapid-firing rifle for use by officers, support troops and others, the M1 Carbine served in every theater of World War II. Over six million units were produced from June 1942 through 1945.

The prime contractors engaged in carbine production, and their output, were:

Inland Division GMC (2,644,048)	I.B.M. Corp. (346,500)
Winchester (865,394)	Saginaw Steering Gear (293,592)
Underwood (545,616)	Standard Products (247,155)
National Postal Meter (412,778)	Rock-Ola (228,500)
Quality Hardware (359,666)	Irwin-Pedersen (223,620)

Rarely seen today, Irwin-Pederson carbines were produced for less than a year before the company ceased production and its contract was assumed by Saginaw.

CCNL 70 states that when Saginaw took over the Irwin Pedersen contract carbines were processed in 3 "batches". This featured carbine is a "**1st batch**" as it falls between serial numbers 1,762,--- and 1,785,--- and it has all Irwin Pedersen parts. This **IP** has the expected matte black oxide finish. The receiver serial number is of type **IP2** as the 7's do not have a serif (CCNL 374-2). The finish can be seen on various parts in this article. The manila NRA tag is also shown.



The I-cut stock is marked **S'G'** with the expected cartouche (below top left). The I-cut is not recessed and bares a distinctive stamped letter **A** inside the stock (below bottom

left). The sling well is marked **IR-IP** with an **ordnance bomb** (below top right). The inside of the stock shows the machining marks consistent with early Pederson stocks (below bottom right).



A close up of the wrist (marked with a P inside a circle), cartouche and stock nose.

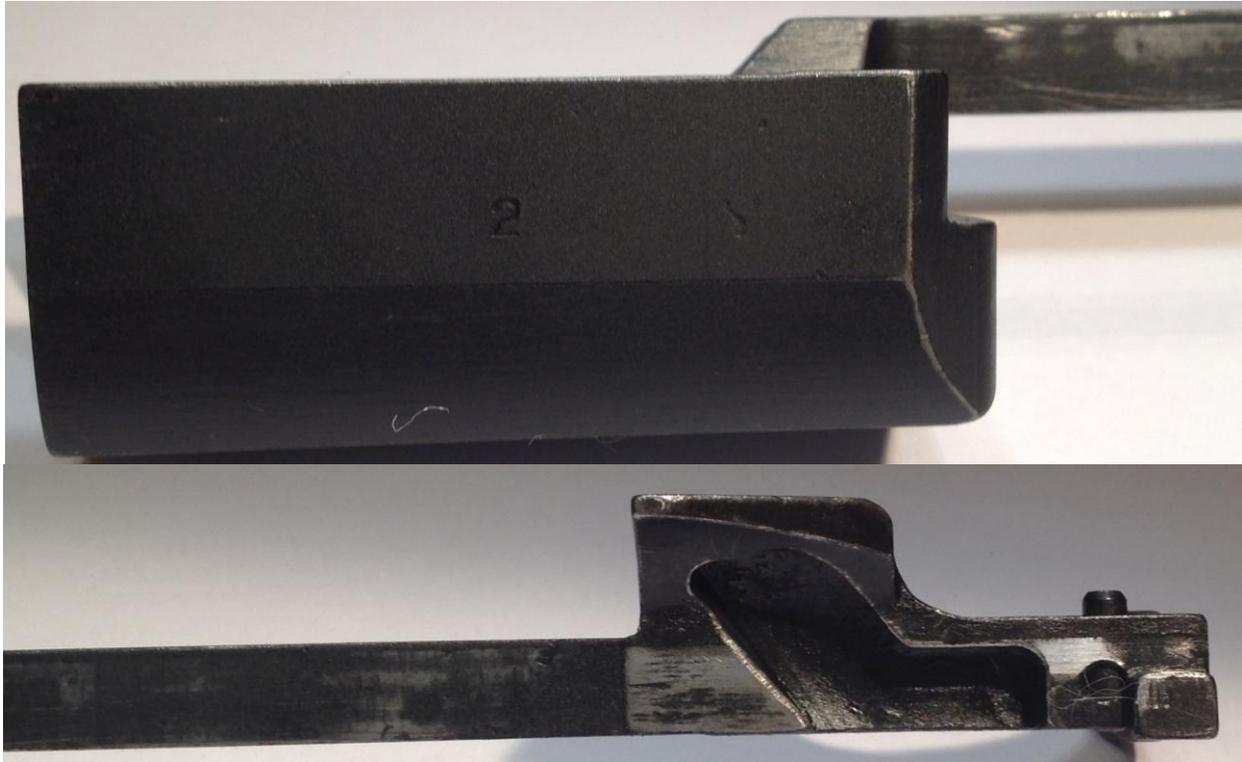


The handguard is marked **IR-IP** with an ordnance bomb. The yellowish color shown below is a piece of paper that reveals the handwritten name and SSN of the previous owner. The oiler is marked **ISP**.



Typical marks included on the rear receiver flat are the **pine needle**, **house** or **fat man**. Is there another mark? The **pine needle** mark is shown. The **E279 IP** slide is marked with a **2** on the outside.





The trigger housing is marked **IP** on the right side. Note the 22 coil hammer spring, the hint of a recessed cut on the trigger, the tooling hole, the wear patterns left by the stock and the **M4** marking on the receiver rail.



Here, the magazine catch is marked **IP-B** and the dogleg hammer is marked **IP** with hardness test marks. This writer has also observed an ordnance bomb in the same area as the hardness test marks.



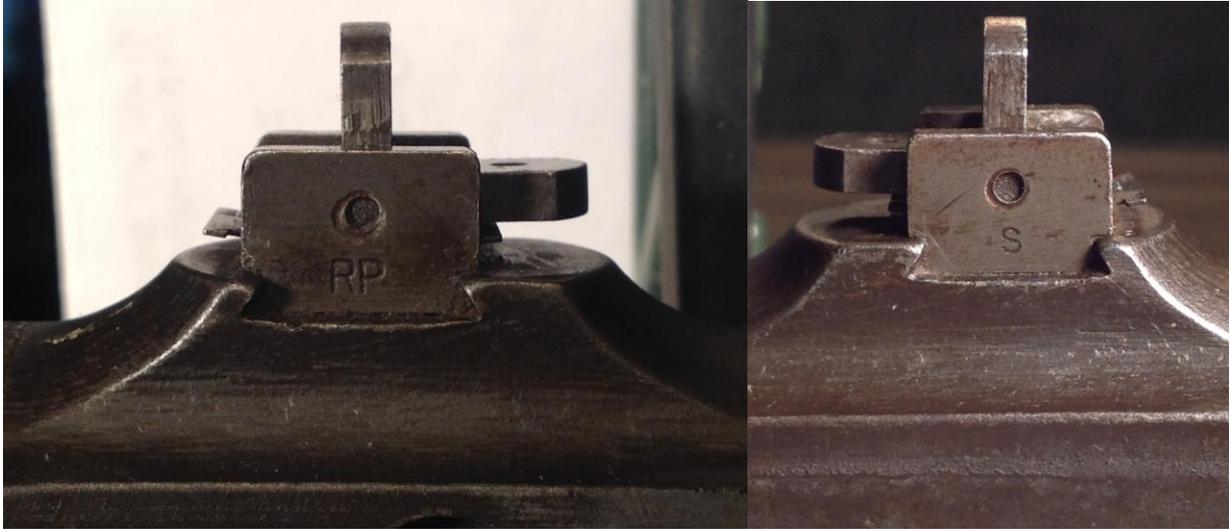
Hardness test marks, Receiver Ring marking **U.S CARBINE CAL. .30 MI**, Ordnance bomb on barrel flat.



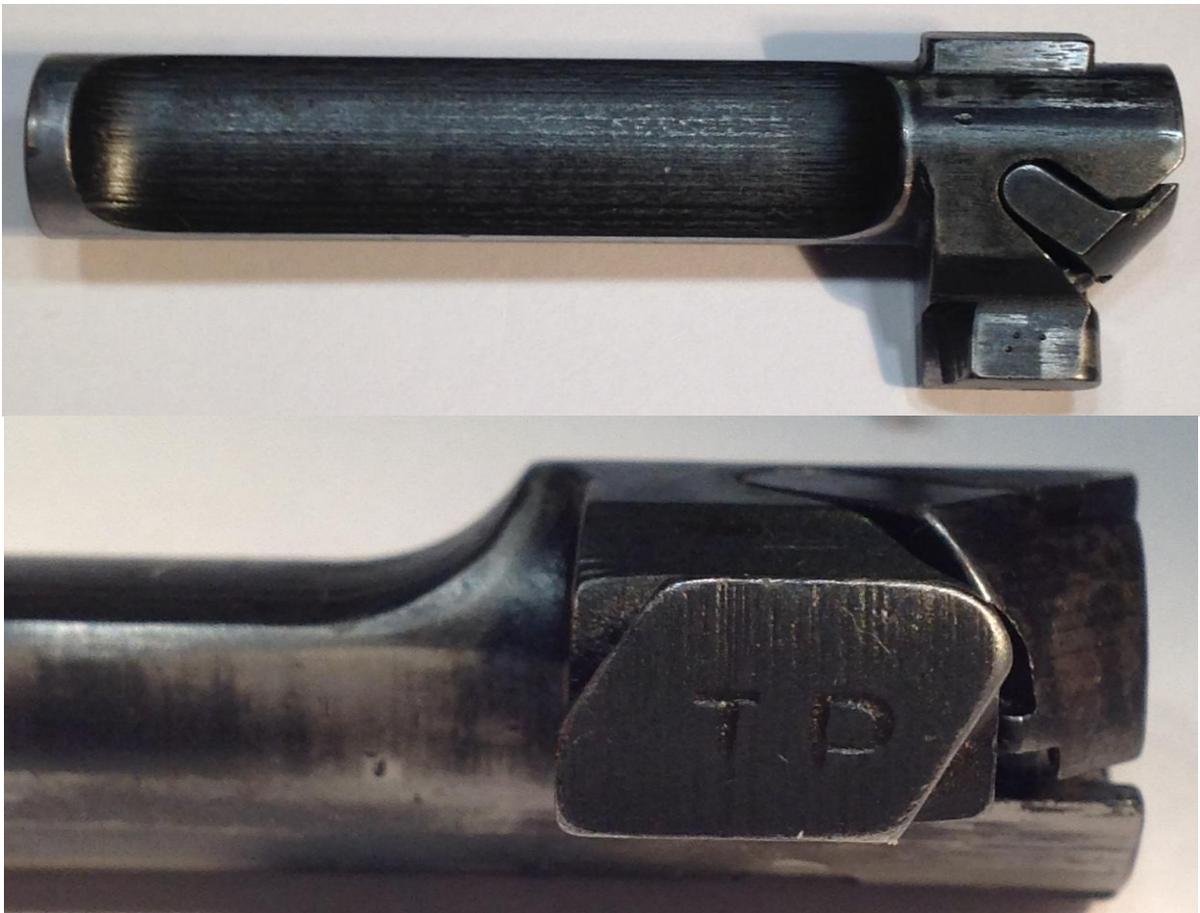
The rear sight is marked **RP** and **S** on the other side. The rear sight was staked on one side by bashing it with a blunt instrument. The bottom rear receiver rail is marked **M4**, but does not have an ordnance bomb marking to the rear of the mill cut. The hardness test mark on the receiver are also shown. The rear sight leaf is also marked **RP**.

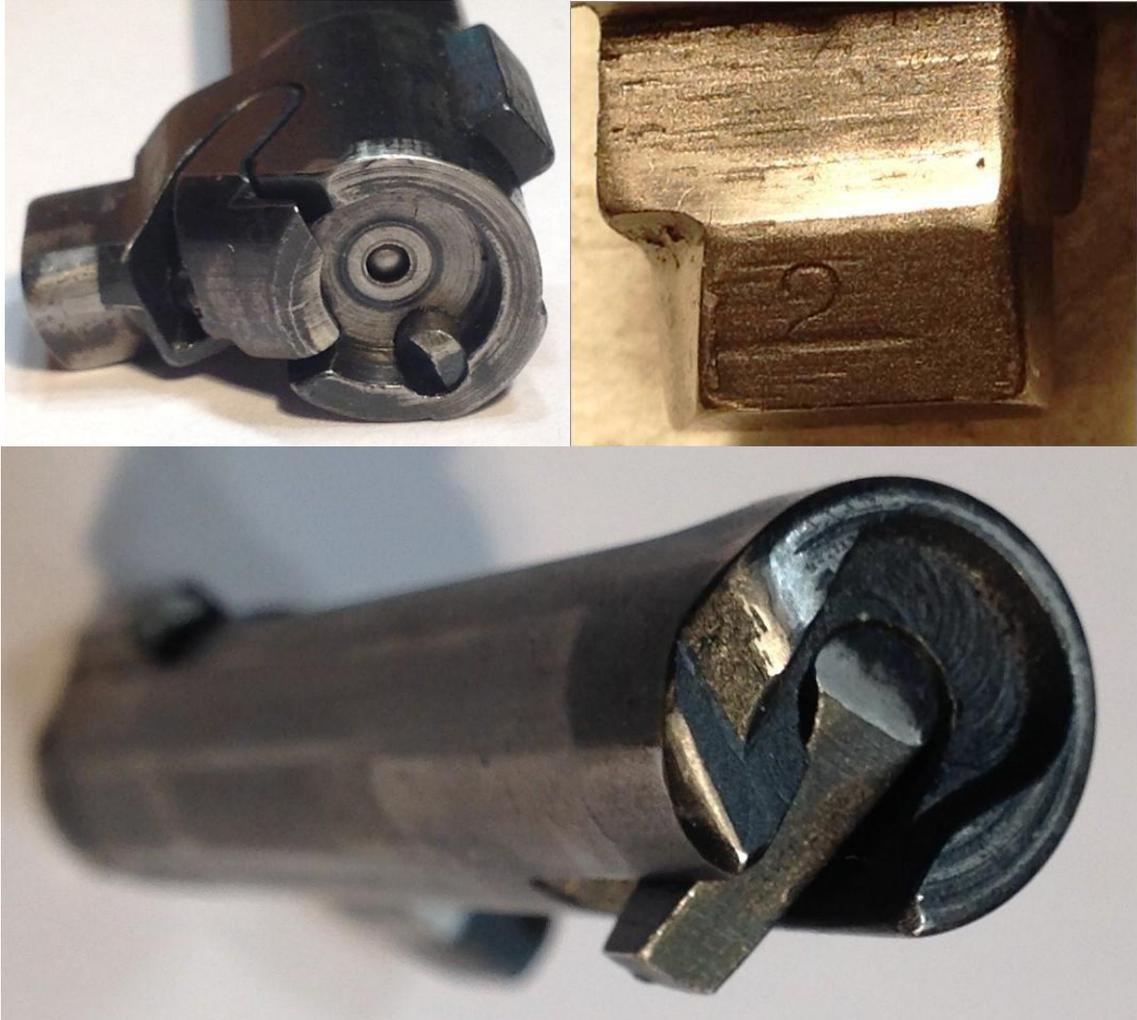


Close up of the rear sight, dove tail staking and leaf.

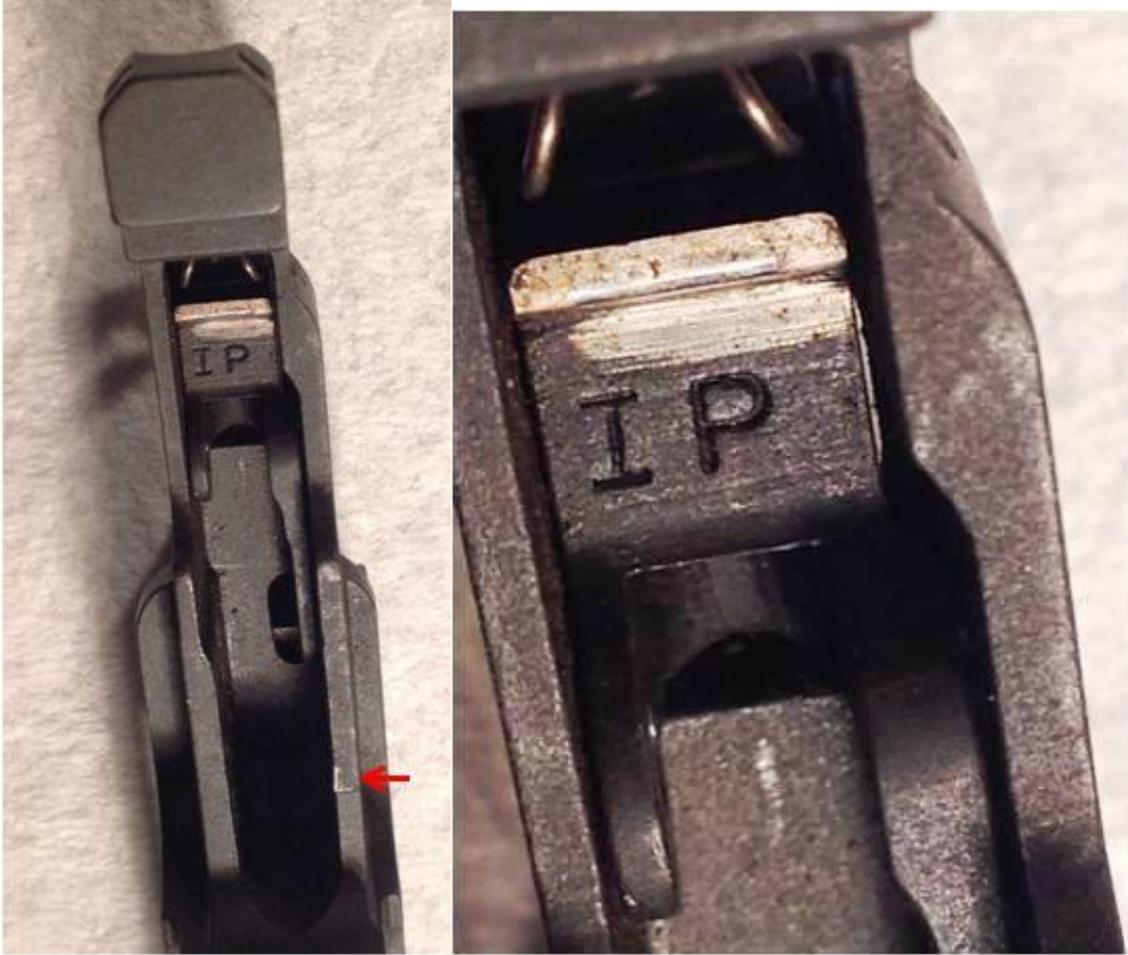


The flat bolt is marked **IP** on the right lug and a **2** is stamped on the underside of the lug. Note how the lower half of **I** is missing.





Top view and close up of trigger housing including single hammer strike mark.



IP Barrel Proof Mark

The **IP Barrel Proof mark** appears to be sideways and it was difficult to get an accurate measurement for the datasheet. If others have serial numbers in this range, please report the orientation of the **P** mark.



This **IP** has a 1-43 dated Underwood barrel. The type 1 barrel band is unmarked and has three weld scars. The swivel is marked **UP** for **Union Hardware Co.** of Torrington Connecticut.



The unmarked butt plate is also shown. Note the finish that has worn off over time.



Both sides of the front sight are shown including the number 7 stamped on the left side.



Inside view of barrel, slide and barrel band.



The Carbine Club was started as a small group of collectors and has grown to the standard for carbine information. If you have something to share please let us know, without your submissions we are just another forum.

Ted Sidehamer

DATA SHEET		CARBINE CLUB	REV 01-01-11	REPORTER	ADDITIONAL DATA ON BACK	MANUFACTURER IRWIN PEDERSEN	
BOLT		BLUE	FLAT	RT. LUG SHAPE	LEFT LUG	RIGHT LUG	NAME ON RECEIVER
PARK		FLAT	ROUNDED	POINTED	BELOW LEFT LUG	OTHER	IRWIN PEDERSEN
GAS PORT IN BOTTOM (1/16" HOLE)		YES	EXTRACTOR	MARKING	PLUNGER	EJECTOR TIP	SERIAL NUMBER
1 2 3		TOP	INSIDE	INSIDE	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1775265
FIRING PIN		BLUE	1 2 3	MARKING	WHITE	1 2 3	CODE OR MARKING BELOW SERIAL NUMBER
MARKING		IP	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3	BARREL DATE: 1-43
SLIDE		TYPE=BOXES CHECKED	CAM EARLY	LATE	OP SPRING GUIDE TIP	FRONT SIGHT KEYWAY	MARKS
E279B		EXAMPLE: E279A	SHAPE	SHAPE	SHAPE	CHAMBER SKIRT	P HEIGHT 1/16"
ARM JOINT		1 3/8" BEVEL	2 3/16" STEP	3 9/16" STEP	4 M2 STEP	SIGHT KEY RETENTION	P P (TWO)
SLIDE BOX REAR		5 FULL ROUND	6 PART ROUND	7 FLAT	8 INTERNAL CAM CUT	CHISEL NOTCH	PUNCH MARK
BOTTOM VIEW OF SLIDE		APPROX. HOLE TO CAM CUT	M INSIDE BOTTOM	LEFT SIDE	SLIDE STOP	MARK - GAS CYL.	MARK - PISTON
3/32" 2/32"		A	IP	2	MARK - PISTON	BBL. COLOR	OTHER MARKS
TRIGGER HOUSING		M1	MILLED	BEVELS ON MILLED HOUSING	FRONT	HOUSING RETAIN. PIN	RECEIVER
M2		STAMPED/BRAZED	NO	NO	NO	NO	U.S. CARBINE CAL. 30 M
MARKING		RIGHT	IP	MAG WELL WALL	INSIDE BOTTOM	HOLE IN LEFT SIDE BEHIND MAG CATCH	MARK + IF SERIAL NUMBER IS ALSO STAMPED IN FRONT OF SIGHT
LEFT		IP	IP	INSIDE BOTTOM	NO	NO	HANDSTAMPED
TOP VIEW MAG WELL REAR WALL		NARROW	WIDE	WIDE LEFT M2	COLOR	MATE BLK.	RT. SIDE
MAG CATCH		1	1a	2	3	4	M4
SAFETY		1	2	3	4	5	BOTTOM
HAMMER		PARK.	BLUED	NO FINISH	MARKS: LEFT	RIGHT	TRIG. HSN. LUG
M1		NO HOLE	MARK	SEAR SPRING STRAIGHT TAPER END	TRIGGER MARKING	IP	1
M2		HOLE	SW-IP	IP	IP	IP	2
BARREL BAND		1	2	3	SIGHTS	SIGHT PIN STAKING	3
MARKS		UP	SWIVEL	LUG	FRONT	REAR	4
FOR TYPE 1 BANDS - SLING WINDOW WIDTH		1/4"	5/16"	BAND RETAINER	FRONT SIGHT MARKS	REAR SIGHT MARKS	5
LINE		NO LINE	TIP	FRONT	FRONT	RIGHT	6
STOCK		M1	M1A1	M2	M2 POTBELLY	LEFT	NO SLOPE
RIGHT SIDE		LEFT SIDE	GRIP	OILER SLOT	DEEPER CROSS CUTS	HANDGUARD	FRONT
IR-IP		IR-IP	IR-IP	WOOD AT SLIDE	HANDGUARD MARK	IR-IP	REAR
OTHER SIDEWAYS		A IN CUT	BOTTOM	HANDGUARD MARK	IR-IP	IR-IP	MARKING
M1A1 RIVETS		BRASS	STEEL	TUBULAR	SOLID	RIVET MARK	RECOIL PL. SCREW THREADED AREA
RIVET MARK		RECOIL PL. SCREW THREADED AREA	HEAD MARK	RECOIL PL. SCREW THREADED AREA	HEAD MARK	RECOIL PL. SCREW THREADED AREA	RECOIL PL. SCREW THREADED AREA