

## 1.0 PISTOLS

### Colt Army 38 Special

This is the standard Colt .38 calibre revolver with a 6 inch barrel. Revolvers were not common issue to United States forces in World War II. Revolvers were mainly used by officers, air crews and counter-intelligence units. Other revolvers used were the 2 and 4 inch barrel version of the Colt .38, and the Smith and Wesson .38 Military revolver.

### Inglis Browning HP 9mm No. 2 Mk I

This weapon was the last design by John Browning and was a very successful pistol. The Browning HP was used by many Allied nations. The HP replaced the Webley revolver.

### Colt 45 M1911A1

The Colt 45 is a very well designed gun with strong knock down power. Designed by Browning, the 45 is rugged and will function in all conditions.

## 2.0 RIFLES

### M1903 Springfield

The M1903 Springfield was manufactured for World War One and is based on the German Mauser. The Springfield included many improvements and is considered one of the finest rifles made. Variations included the M19301A1 with modified stock and the M1903A3 simplified for mass production.

### M1903A4 Springfield Sniper

The final version of the Springfield was modified for sniper use. The M73B1 scope was added increasing the range and accuracy. This model was used by the United States Army and Marine Corp.

### M1 Garand

Known in the United States as the “gun that won the war”, the M1 was the first semi-automatic rifle to be adopted by any nation. The gun used an 8 round magazine. The rounds could not be inserted manually nor could you insert a half full magazine. When the magazine was emptied, the magazine ejected and the bolt remained opened. This activity was loud and could sometimes alert an enemy force that the gun needed to be reloaded. The Garand had a fixture for a bayonet and although it could be deployed as a grenade launcher, rifle grenades were rarely used. Five and a half million were produced from 1936 until production ceased in the mid 1950’s.

### M1 Garand Carbine

The M1 Carbine was used as a replacement for the Colt 45. Introduced in 1941, the gun was popular with non-combat troops. Although considered underpowered by Military

standards, the gun gained wide-spread use. The Rangers, Airborne infantry, squad leaders, Mountain infantry, assistant gunners and the Marine Corps all adopted the M1 Carbine. The gun performed well in the close combat situations like those found in jungles and urban combat. A grenade launching attachment was available allowing the M1 to use rifle grenades. The M1 could fire with the grenade launcher attached. The gun used a 15 round magazine. In 1945 a 30 round magazine was introduced. Over 5 million were produced. It remained in service through the Korean war.

### M1A1 Carbine

The M1 Carbine was modified with a folding stock for paratrooper forces. This increased the weight to 2.82kg.

### M2 Carbine

In 1944 a variant of the M1 Carbine was introduced. The M2 had selective rate of fire and a 30 round magazine. Few were used in World War Two, primarily in the Pacific theatre.

## 3.0 SUBMACHINEGUNS

### Thompson M1928A1

The Thompson submachinegun is a very recognizable weapon. The gun was fed by a 20 or 30 round magazine, or 50 or 100 round drum. The M1928 machinegun was the final Thompson to accept a drum magazine. The M1928 was used by reconnaissance and armoured units. The M1928 was heavy and expensive to produce. The gun was also susceptible to dirt and was noisy to carry.

### Thompson M1

The Thompson submachinegun, or “Tommy Gun”, was a very rugged submachinegun. The M1 was a redesign of the M1928 and greatly simplified from previous Thompson SMG’s. The M1928 drum type magazine cannot fit on an M1.

### M3 Grease Gun

The M3 submachinegun was a simple weapon that was very cheap to make. The weapon was nicknamed the Grease Gun by front-line troops. The M3 used a 30 round box magazine. The M3 was replaced in 1944 by the M3A1. The M3 can be distinguished from the M3A1 by the presence of a bolt-retracting handle.

### M3 OSS

At the request of the Office of Strategic Services, in 1943 the High Standard Manufacturing Company equipped silencers to the standard M3. M3’s so equipped with a silencer have reduced effective range.

### M3A1

In 1944, General Motor’s Guide Lamp Division came out with

