Viet Cong / Captured Colt U.S. M1911 S/N 584325

By Bo Ramsour

This Colt M1911 made in 1918 has Type I S-17 eagle inspector stamp. This gun also has an encircled S to indicate that this pistol was supplied or reworked for the USMC by R.F. Sedgley. Mr. Sedgley’s shop in Philadelphia was located within blocks of one of the largest USMC supply depots in the country, which was the first naval shipyard in the United States, formed in 1776.

A 1911 that was supplied to the USMC is a very scarce and collectable item. This pistol saw service in all major wars including Vietnam and was captured by our indo-china enemies. The Korean & Vietnamese and Chinese took these captured pistols from our retreating U.S. forces and converted them to fire the Russian 7.62 x 25 Tokarev (1) round to be used against us.

John M. Browning would be spinning in his grave. In my opinion, this pistol was converted during the Vietnam conflict because of the 30/31 row full checkered wood grips. These grips were initially used on the government national match pistols 1955 to 1968. After 1968 many of these surplus wood grips were distributed as spare grips throughout the military supply system. Note: The faint #80 inventory rack number that proves this is a late military arsenal replacement grip.

The WW2 Scoville magazine has been crudely narrowed, tapered and brazed to hold and fire the 7.62 x 25 communist Chinese/Russian round.

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The magazine well and feed ramp was enlarged by a coarse file. The grip portion of the frame has been tapered and rasped out and squeezed to accept this modified WW2 45ACP magazine. This can be observed by seeing the gap between the grips and frame. A standard 1911 45 magazine will not fit into this gun.

The extractor has been welded and grafted. The WW2 barrel was re-sleeved and grafted and extended in the rear to accept the 7.62 x 25 round. The ejector and the ejection port is slightly modified.

The worn out freckled finish suggest that it was used in a high humidity jungle environment. In the Korean war the Chinese converted many U.S. 1911’s. They exercised more craftsmanship by using an actual T-33 Tokarev magazine in our 1911, 1911A1 pistols.

The slide of this gun is a 1943/1944 1911A1, WW2 style with a later square notch sight. The mainspring housing is an early 1911A1 Colt. The slide stop and hammer is 1911 WW1 version. Lastly, the trigger is a late WW2 stamped version. This mismatched 1911 pistol was probably assembled in the jungle by the Viet Cong because there is no evidence of the pistol going through a complete arsenal refit by our military.

This is an interesting U.S. Military sidearm that became a spoil of war that we got back from the spoiler.

In either case the enemy knew how to take a paper weight with elementary machining & welding skills to make a useful weapon against us. That is why it’s important to destroy all war material before you retreat or abandon your position.

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This is an attempt to provide you with the current information on the 2015 Gun Show and the events leading up to where we are today. Nearly 60% of the 2014 table holders signed up at the 2013 Gun Show. We based our 2014 table fees on the then current rent and associated costs. We had a long standing cooperative relationship with the Merchandise Mart management. Then the Mart changed hands and the first thing the new owners did was to raise our rent and notify us that they intended to charge both the attendees and vendors for parking. Vendors would be charged on a per day basis. It was up in the air how they would deal with vehicles that took up more than one space. We then began negotiations with the new owners and we hired an attorney to review the proposed contract(s) and aid in the negotiations. The attorney fees are significant but necessary.

We ended up agreeing to rent the parking lot in addition to the Mart space. This resulted in the rent for 2014 being increased by 18.9%. This does not include the Red Coats at $20 per hour or the Deputies at $42.50 an hour and the Fire marshal at $42 per hour. These costs/fees will take a big bite out of any profit for the 2014 show.

I order to not have another "Day of Infamy" we have made a deposit and signed a contract for both the 2015 and 2016 shows. The contract includes renting the parking lot for both years shows.

The rent for the 2015 show will be up an additional 24% over the 2014 rent. The 2015 show is the 50th anniversary of the CGCA and will include the Expo Hall. The NRA will participate and we have invited the Military Collectors to be a part of the show. This may result in a revising of the rules limiting what firearms that may be brought into the show.

Since the 2016 show does not include the Expo Hall the rent is only 18% over the rent form the 2014 show. That is a nearly 37% increase over the 2013 shows rent.

These increases force us to raise the rent for the 2015 and 2016 shows by $30 per table!

Before you besiege me with calls and emails, we have investigated hotels, vacant buildings and warehouses for a suitable space, there is no alternative space in Colorado.

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Apr. 12-13, Pueblo, CO State Fairgrounds
Apr. 27, Golden, CO Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Apr. 26-27, Denver, CO Denver Merchandise Mart
Apr. 26-27, Kearney, NE Expo Center, Fairgrounds
May 3-4, Colorado Springs, CO Event Center
May 3-4, Loveland, CO The Ranch
May 24-25, Riverton, WY Fremont County Fairgrounds
Jul. 11-13, Cody, WY
Jul. 12-13, Colorado Springs, CO Event Center at Rustic Hills
Jul. 20, Golden, CO Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Aug. 9-10, Colorado Springs, CO Event Center at Rustic Hills
Sep. 13-14, Alliance, NE American Legion
Sep. 13-14, Colorado Springs, CO Event Center at Rustic Hills
Sep. 27-28, North Platte, NE D & N Event Center
Oct. 5, Golden, CO Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Oct. 11-12, Ogden, UT Weber County Fairgrounds
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Monthly Meeting Schedule
Monthly Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except for the December meeting. In December we have Christmas Dinner on the first Saturday. Meetings start promptly at 7:00 P.M. They are held in the American Legion Hall at I-25 and Yale Ave., Exit #202 from I-25, East on Yale and take the 1st right.

March 18, 2014
April 15, 2014
May 20, 2014
June 17, 2014

July 15, 2014
August 19, 2014
September 16, 2014
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January 21, 2015
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