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Historically Important Winchester Model 1894 Number 1331722

A careful inspection has been made of this Winchester. This inspection includes the outside of the gun as well as the inside workings and components.

This carbine remains in the original condition as issued to the "Pacific Coast Militia Rangers".

In early 1942 it was believed in government circles that an invasion of the Canadian Pacific coast could occur. Responding to this possibility, the "P. C. M. R." group was formed.

According to the few records now remaining, about three thousand Winchester were purchased for arming these rangers. These purchases included some 1894 model carbines.

After the war was over, members of the rangers were permitted to purchase their issued guns for \$5.00 each. Arms not purchased by the veterans were returned to government stores and later issued to other official agencies.

According to research done by Ken and Hettle Shover, the arms in government possession were destroyed in about 1962.

The newspaper accounts of this group of rangers, they were regarded as the "Roughest and toughest men in British Columbia".

Twenty inch round barrels and full magazine were standard for carbines, as seen here.

All of the P.C.M.R. 1894 models were chambered for the .30 W.C.F. Cartridge, known world-wide as the "30-30".

Slings loops were added for use by the rangers, and a variety of sling attachments are found. On this '94 the front loop is attached with a steel band encircling the barrel and forward.

Web slings with brass fittings, as on this carbine, were provided and bore the Canadian "Broad Arrow" military markings. This logo, an arrow encircled by the letter "C", is seen on the sling, on the right side of the forward and on the left side as well as on the receiver and on the stock.

Front sight ramps were forged as part of the barrel and were provided with sight covers.

Overlaid into the sight ramp is a sight blade with silver bead.

"Series 22" rear sights were standard, and bore the reversible adjustable sighting notch.

The elevator provided was the "3-C" series.

Markings on the barrel and tang are of the correct style for this serial series.

Straight grain walnut was used for stocking this carbine, and the buttplate is of serrated style.

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All of the PCMR Winchester Colts seen here have in the serial series made from 1942 to 1943.

Marked under the upper tang is "5", the number of the fitter and assembler who worked on the gun. On the inside lower tang is seen "A". Winchester general inspection marks, showing the gun had passed on overall gauging and visual inspection. Just ahead of the trigger on the lower tang is the number "1", the mark of the assembler who adjusted the critical hammer and trigger relationship.

This is a rare and historically important Winchester, and it remains in very good condition, showing use but no abuse.

Number 1331722 merits a prominent place in any fine collection or museum.

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