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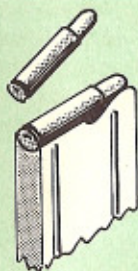
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## LOADING

FIG. 1.



Press cartridge down with thumb until caught under magazine lips. Repeat until full. Turn safety, Fig. 2. (H) down to SAFE (green exposed). Push magazine up into receiver until a click indicates the magazine lock has snapped into place. Pull operating slide handle (J) back and release it - thereby chambering first cartridge. It is a good habit to strike handle with heel of hand to make certain bolt is firmly seated and locked. Turn safety back to FIRE (red exposed).

## UNLOADING

Turn safety down to SAFE (green exposed).

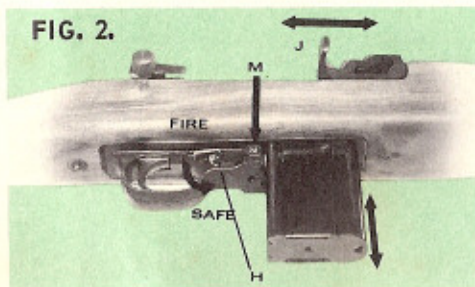
Press magazine lock (M) in Fig. 2.

Slide magazine down and out.

Pull operating slide back to eject remaining cartridge.

Magazine is unloaded by sliding cartridges forward and out, one at a time.

FIG. 2.



*NOTE: To withdraw 5 shot slip when bolt is in open position, draw slide back and hold it firmly while depressing magazine follower through top of gun with left thumb. Allow bolt to move forward slowly over magazine follower. When magazine follower is under bolt, withdraw left thumb and let bolt close all the way. **CAUTION. DO NOT RELEASE BOLT AS FINGER MAY BE CAUGHT BETWEEN BOLT AND BARREL.** Clip may then be withdrawn from gun by depressing magazine release button marked (M). Fig. 3.*

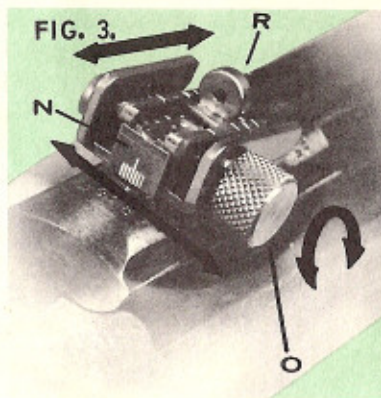
## SIGHTING

Front sight is of the fixed blade type. Rear sight is of the "peep" or aperture type and is adjustable as follows:

Aperture, Fig. 3 (R) slides forward and rearward according to distance to target, and snaps into indents corresponding to 100, 200, 250, and 300 yards.

Ramp (N) moves left and right, by turning knob (O) to correct for windage, or lead on moving target. Each click corresponds to 1" at 100 yds. (2" at 200 yds., etc.).

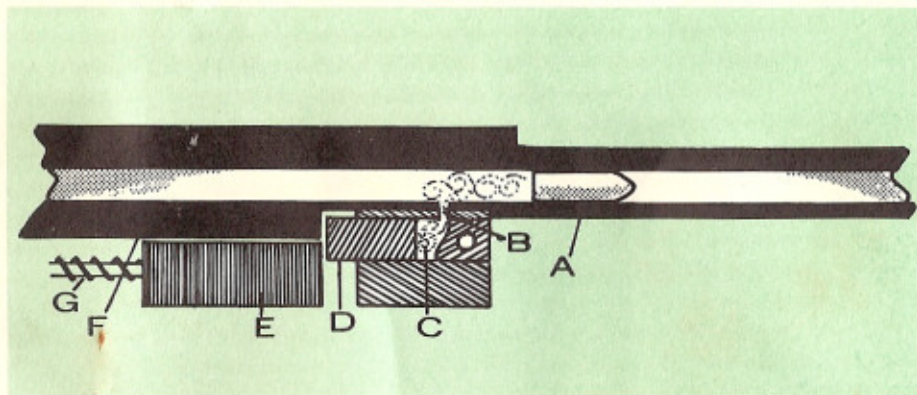
FIG. 3.



## CLEANING

The carbine bore can be cleaned only from the muzzle. Leave EMPTY magazine in gun. Pull operating slide to rear. Magazine will hold bolt open for cleaning. Inspect chamber to make sure it is not loaded. Use cleaning rod, which is available from arms dealers, and guide rod with thumb and finger to prevent damaging rifling at muzzle. Inspect bore with aid of a bore reflector, small mirror or piece of white cloth or paper placed in breech opening at an angle to reflect light. With bore reflector or mirror, bore can be inspected from both ends. Carbine cartridges have noncorrosive primers and therefore it is not necessary to use water in cleaning the bore. However, nitro-solvent or bore cleaner should be used to dissolve powder fouling. Dry bore with clean patches after use of nitro-solvent or bore cleaner, and oil bore with patch soaked in preservative oil. Be sure to remove grease or any obstructions from bore prior to firing.

## OPERATION

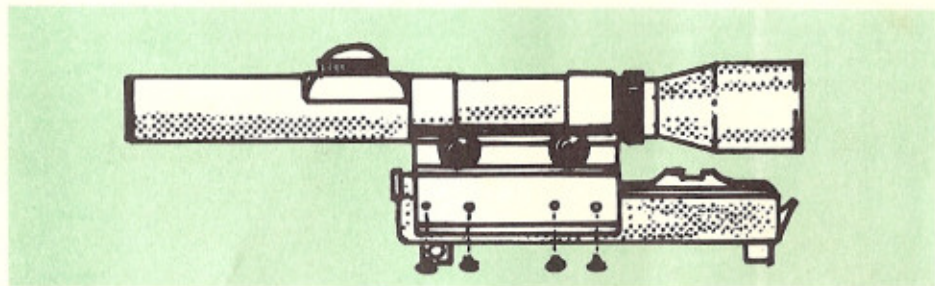


The carbine is gas-operated and has a short stroke action. As soon as bullet (A) is forward of gas port (B) in barrel, gas from the burning powder expands through gas port into gas cylinder (C) and thrusts the piston (D) rearward. The piston strikes the operating slide (E), starting it into motion, and the piston is stopped after about  $3/16''$  of travel by the barrel (F). As the operating slide starts to the rear, the recoil spring (G) begins to be compressed. The operating slide moves rearward about  $5/16''$  before its cam contacts operating lug of bolt. This allows operating slide to gain speed to overcome inertia of the locked bolt, and also gives time for bullet to clear muzzle, allowing pressure in barrel to be reduced to outside pressure before bolt begins to unlock. As operating slide continues to the rear, it compresses the recoil spring and cams the bolt counterclockwise to unlocked position. Extraction and ejection of fired cartridge case, withdrawal of firing pin to safe position inside bolt, and cocking of hammer occurs as bolt moves rearward. When operating slide and bolt move forward, pushed by the compressed recoil spring, the bolt strips top round from magazine and shoves it into chamber. When bolt reaches forward position, cam in operating slide rotates bolt clockwise so locking lugs on either side of bolt head engage locking shoulders in receiver.

## SCOPE MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS

Your new Universal Gun has been drilled and tapped for a scope mount. The base mount and screws are enclosed in the box with your gun. Follow the simple directions to insure best results.

Remove action from stock (See Field Stripping Instructions). Remove plastic insert used to protect screw holes and inletted area. Fasten base to receiver with four screws extremely tight. Gunsmiths often apply a bonding cement (available at hardware stores) to the screws and under the base for greater security. Tighten each of the four base cap screws a little at a time until they are very tight so there can be no slippage. The rifle is then ready for sighting in.



Before attaching scope, windage and elevation adjustments should be zeroed or centered. (See your Scope Instructions). The scope turret must be forward of the mount. Slip the mount caps over the tube. Don't remove the scope turret or eyepiece.

Fasten the mount in position on the base. Place the gun in a vice or some fixed position with the bore or regular sights precisely aligned on a target about 40 feet distant. To boresight rifles, look through the barrel by means of a small mirror held at an angle in the breech. Without moving the rifle from its boresighted position, the scope should be adjusted to the boresight mark.

**IMPORTANT:** All screws are specially hardened. Turn them as tightly as possible to eliminate possibility of loosening from recoil or rough handling.

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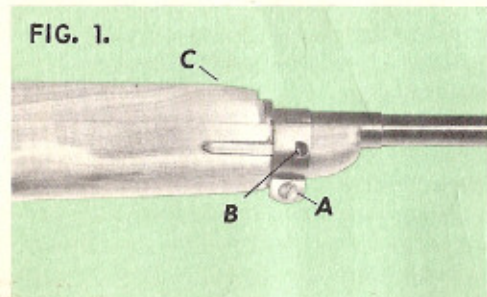


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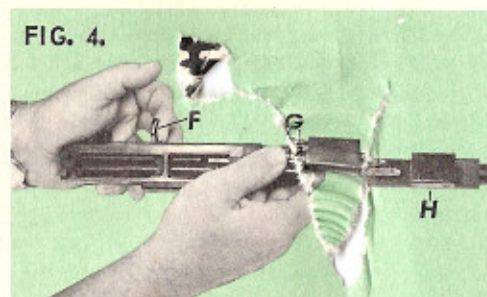
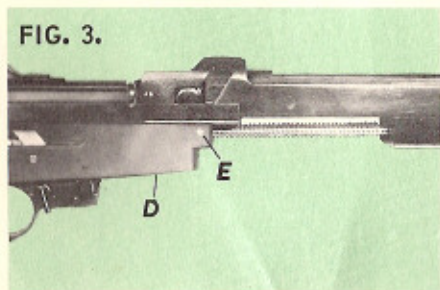
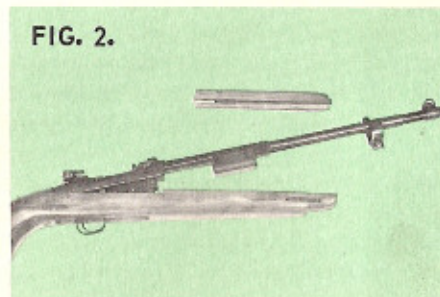
## DISASSEMBLY - FIELD STRIPPING

Be SURE gun is unloaded! Open action to be sure cartridge is not in chamber.



Remove magazine from trigger guard. Loosen Barrel Band Screw (A) Fig. 1. Do not remove. Depress Barrel Band Retainer (B) with narrow screwdriver to disengage notch from Barrel Band and slide Barrel Band forward by tapping lightly with hammer until Barrel Band clears Hand Guard (C). Grasp Barrel at forward end and pull from Stock. See Fig. 2.

Fig. 3. Lay gun on flat surface supporting back side of trigger guard (D) to prevent damage. Drive Trigger Guard Housing Pin (E) out with a drift punch. When pin is removed, trigger guard may be tapped lightly towards the front sight. This will remove it from the Dove Tail so it can be withdrawn from the receiver.



Turn receiver over and place on back as in Fig. 4. Pull Slide (F) to rear. At the same time bring both the Recoil Spring Guides (G) back. Hold Guides at rear with thumb and let Slide return forward. This disengages Guides from Gas Piston Block (H) and will enable you to remove Recoil Spring Guides. First Right Guide, then Left Guide. Hold Recoil Springs (J) as in Fig. 5 to prevent them from flying loose.

Fig. 6. Using small screwdriver, loosen small 6/40 screw (K) from slide. Do NOT remove. Place gun on rear end and tap lightly against firm surface. Key (L) will fall out. If Key sticks, tap and jiggle slide slightly.

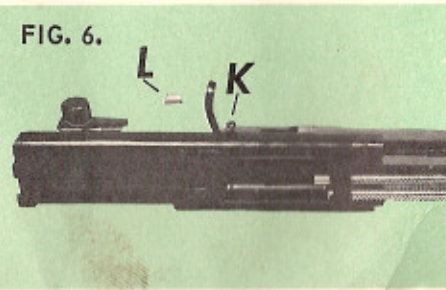
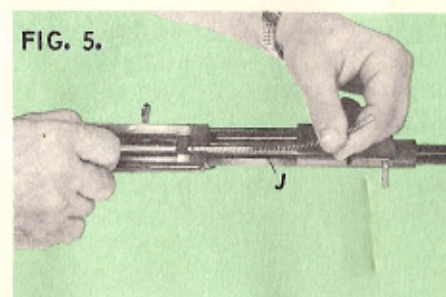
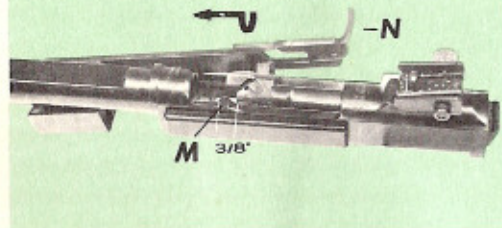
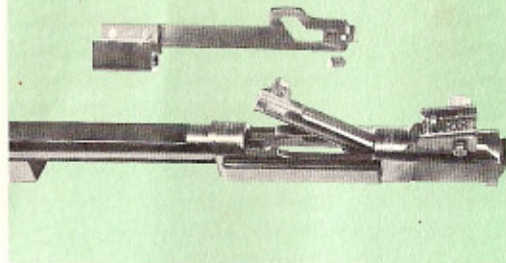


FIG. 7.



Draw bolt and slide rearward (Fig. 7) until approximately  $3/8''$  from face of Left Locking Lug (M). Raise slide handle (N) rotating bolt to withdraw slide from the receiver. Fig. 8. To withdraw bolt, pull forward and rotate to clear firing pin extension at bottom from the safety cam that has been cut into the receiver. Now the gun has been field stripped.

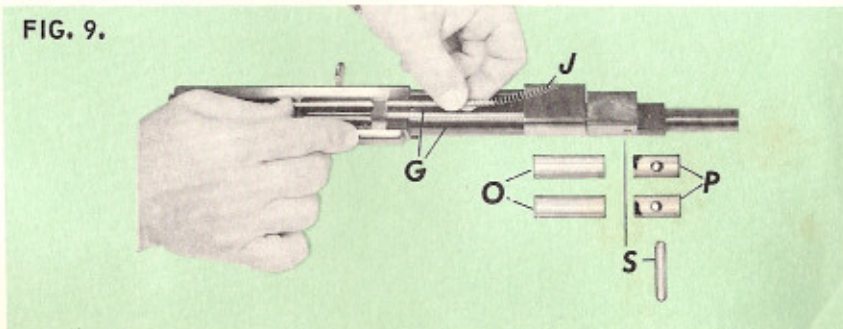
FIG. 8.



## SEMI-AUTOMATIC TO SINGLE SHOT BOLT ACTION

To change this gun from Semi-Automatic to Single Shot Bolt Action follow this procedure. Field Strip gun. (See disassembly instructions). Place gun on firm surface and drive gas piston plug pin (S) from chamber with  $3/16''$  punch. After Pin has been removed, tap Gas Piston (O) towards front sight with large punch to remove Gas Piston Plug (P). Note gas control channel at top of plug. By turning this plug over  $180^\circ$ , channel will be away from the barrel and gas flow will be cut off from the piston. Insert plug and align hole. Drive Gas Piston Plug Pin back through holes in chamber and Plug. Note: This is a special heat treated pin. Do not replace with substitute. The Gas Piston assembly requires no cleaning.

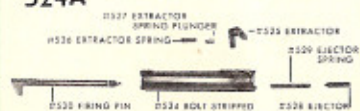
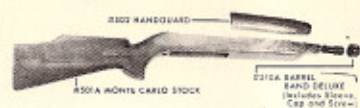
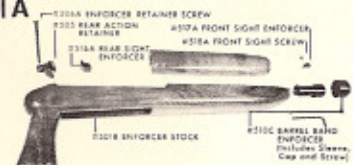
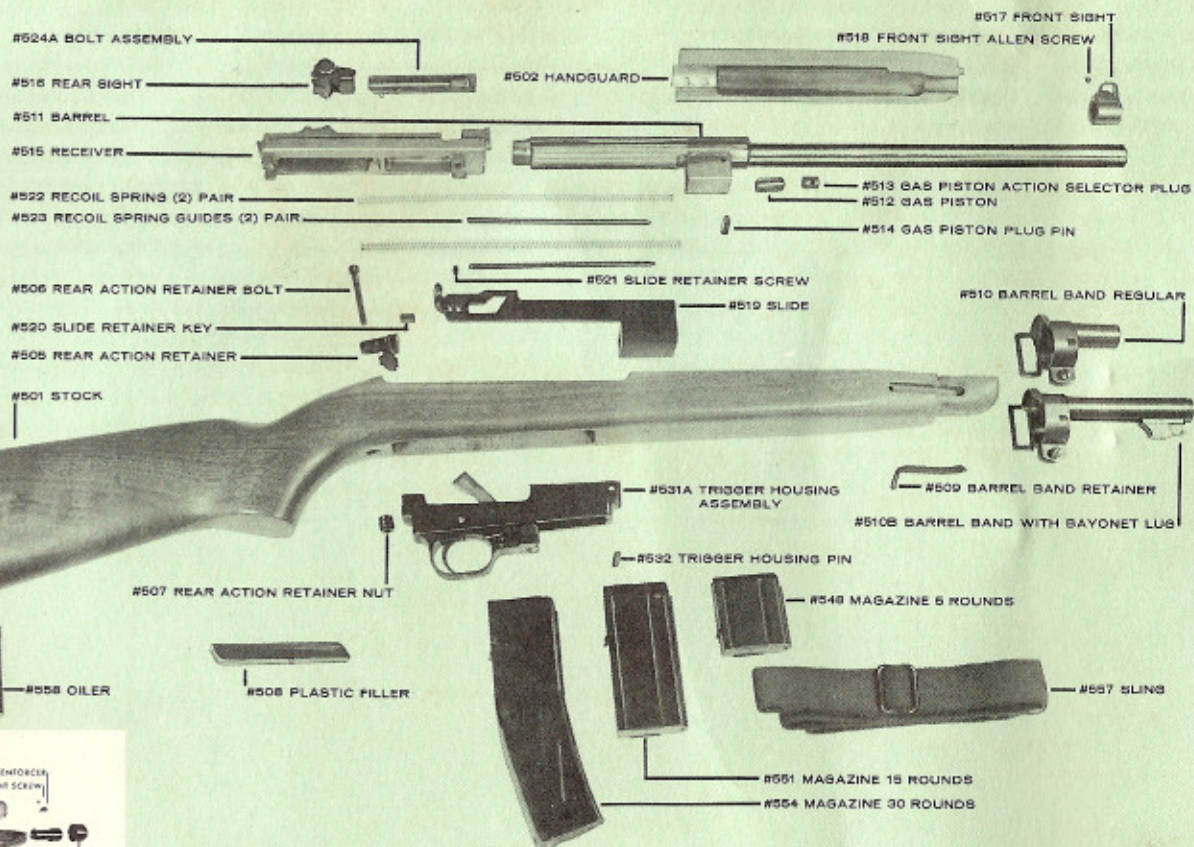
FIG. 9.



For assembly, reverse Field Stripping procedure. Assemble bolt and slide making sure that bolt is approximately  $3/8''$  from face of Left Locking Lug (M) so slide will fit over barrel assembly and bolt in slide channel. Replace Key and tighten special hardened screw tightly. If screw does not return all the way, it is binding against the key. Loosen and make sure key is in proper position before retightening. Feed Right Recoil Spring (J) onto Recoil Spring Guide (G) as illustrated in Fig. 9. With right thumb push Guide forward until it engages Recoil Slide Hole. Note Springs are flared at both ends to enable you to thread over Guides easily. Repeat for left spring and guide. Make sure Guides are firmly engaged in holes at forward end, and rear ends of Guides clear hole for Trigger Guard Housing Pin. Place rear of Trigger Guard Housing in dovetail and tap lightly at forward end of Trigger Guard until holes are properly aligned. Replace Trigger Guard Housing Pin by driving from same side as Slide Handle. Make sure back side of trigger guard is supported to eliminate possibility of breaking Trigger Guard. Replace entire barrel assembly in stock and reset Barrel Band over notch. Tighten Barrel Band Screw.

## ASSEMBLY

Make sure back side of trigger guard is supported to eliminate possibility of breaking Trigger Guard. Replace entire barrel assembly in stock and reset Barrel Band over notch. Tighten Barrel Band Screw.

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#501B	Enforcer Stock	\$18.50	#527	Extractor Spring Plunger	\$ .50
#502	Handguard	\$ 5.00	#528	Ejector	\$ 1.00
#503	Butt Plate	\$ 2.50	#529	Ejector Spring	\$ .12
#504	Butt Plate Screw	\$ .15	#530	Firing Pin	\$ 3.50
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#510A	Barrel Band Deluxe	\$ 7.50	#537	Trigger Pin	\$ .50
#510B	Barrel Band w/Bayonet Lug	\$ 7.50	#538	Hammer	\$ 5.50
#510C	Barrel Band for Enforcer	\$ 7.50	#539	Hammer Spring	\$ 1.00
#511	Barrel	\$22.00	#540	Hammer Spring Guide	\$ 2.00
#512	Gas Piston	\$ 1.50	#541	Hammer Pin	\$ .50
#513	Gas Piston Action Selector Plug	\$ 2.00	#542	Magazine Lock	\$ 3.50
#514	Gas Piston Plug Pin	\$ .50	#543	Magazine Lock Spring	\$ .50
#515	Receiver	\$25.00	#544	Magazine Lock Spring Plung.	\$ .50
#516	Rear Sight	\$ 5.00	#545	Magazine Lock Retaining Spring	\$ .25
#516A	Rear Sight Enforcer	\$ 2.50	#546	Magazine Lock Retaining Spring Plunger (2) pair	\$ 1.00
#517	Front Sight	\$ 4.50	#547	Safety	\$ 3.50
#517A	Front Sight Enforcer	\$ 2.50	#548	Magazine 5 rounds Blue	\$ 4.50
#518	Front Sight Allen Screw	\$ .40	#549	Magazine 5 rounds Nickel	\$ 6.50
#518A	Front Sight Allen Screw Enforcer	\$ .40	#550	Magazine 5 rounds Gold	\$ 6.50
#519	Slide	\$ 9.00	#551	Magazine 15 rounds Blue	\$ 4.50
#520	Slide Retainer Key	\$ 1.00	#552	Magazine 15 rounds Nickel	\$ 7.50
#521	Slide Retainer Screw	\$ .50	#553	Magazine 15 rounds Gold	\$ 7.50
#522	Recoil Spring (2) pair	\$ 1.50	#554	Magazine 30 rounds Blue	\$ 8.00
#523	Recoil Spring Guides (2) pr.	\$ 1.50	#555	Magazine 30 rounds Nickel	\$10.00
#524	Bolt Stripped	\$ 9.50	#556	Magazine 30 rounds Gold	\$10.00
#524A	Bolt Assembly	\$18.50	#557	Sling	\$ 2.50
			#558	Oiler	\$ 1.50

Every Carbine is proof-tested and function-fired in order to prove that it is in perfect condition and conforms fully to our specifications and standards before shipment.

If there is any question with regard to the performance of the gun, please write to our Service Department, fully describing all circumstances and conditions involved.

If you should return your Carbine for repair or if you order component parts, please comply with the following suggestions for prompt service:

1. Please enclose remittance with order.
2. Guns shipped to the factory should be sent prepaid. We will not accept collect shipments.
3. If no work is required on the stock, the complete barrel, receiver and mechanism may be sent alone.
4. Always give serial number and model of firearm. Give detailed information covering difficulty or work desired. Give name of shipper, if other than correspondent. Be sure to order parts by name and number.

Please: Be Sure Gun is Unloaded! Open Action to be Sure Cartridge is Not in Chamber.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Weight of carbine with 15-round magazine (unloaded)	5.50 lb.	Muzzle velocity	1,900-2,000 f.p.s.
Weight of carbine with 15-round magazine (loaded)	6.10 lb.	Pressure in chamber per square inch maximum (approx)	40,000 lb.
Magazine capacity	15 rd.	Maximum range	2,000 yd.
Weight of 15-round magazine (unloaded)	0.17 lb.	Effective range	300 yd.
(loaded)	0.59 lb.	Length of barrel	18.00 in.
Over-all length of carbine	35.58 in.	Sight radius at 100 yards	21.5 in.
Over-all length of carbine with bayonet attached	42.26 in.	Trigger pull	4½-7 lbs.
Weight of 100 cartridges	2.8 lb.	Sights: Front blade protected by wings; rear peep sight adjustable for windage and elevation.	
Weight of 1 ball cartridge	193 gr.	Type of Fire: Single shot only. Pressing the trigger fires the cartridge, ejects the empty case, loads in a new cartridge and leaves the weapon cocked and ready for next pull of trigger.	
Weight of bullet (apprx)	111 gr.		

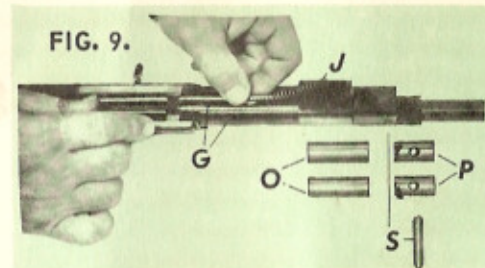
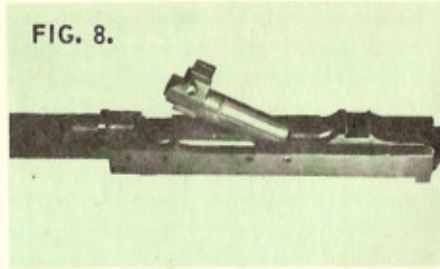
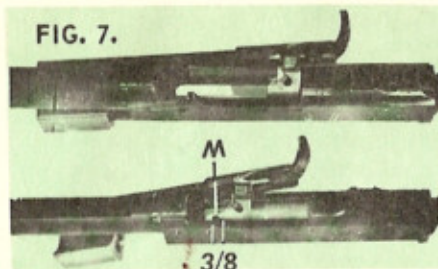
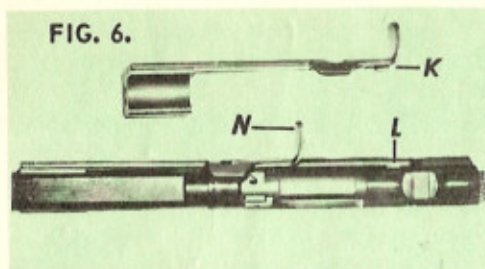
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We have modified your new Universal Carbine to give you the finest gun of its kind possible. Please refer to these instructions for Field Stripping when you have reached Fig. 6 in our regular brochure and for subsequent assembly instructions.



**Fig. 6.** Move slide (N) and bolt assembly to rear until key (K) on slide is in line with key slot (L) in receiver. Move slide outward and upward so key passes into slot as far as it will go. With slide in this position, move bolt completely to rear of receiver to allow key on slide to clear slot, Fig. 7 (Top). Move bolt and slide forward together until face of bolt is  $\frac{3}{8}$ " from left locking lug (M), Fig. 7 (Bottom). Raise slide and move forward to completely disengage slide from bolt and receiver, Fig. 7 (Bottom). Rotate bolt to left one-quarter turn while moving bolt upward to release bolt from receiver, Fig. 8.

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### ASSEMBLY

**CAUTION:** If Misfire Occurs, Wait One Full Minute Before Ejecting Faulty Round.

For assembly, reverse Field Stripping procedure. Slip bolt firing pin through opening in receiver. When face of bolt is approximately  $\frac{3}{8}$ " behind face of left locking lug, turn bolt approximately one-quarter turn to left to allow left lug of bolt to fit into receiver. Turn bolt back to right to seat bolt in receiver. Make sure bolt slides freely back and forth. With face of bolt  $\frac{3}{8}$ " from left locking lug, put slide into place so right lug on bolt will fit through opening on slide. Move slide and bolt together to rear until key on slide lines up with key slot in receiver. Drop slide key through slot. Bolt and slide are now properly aligned and should move smoothly back and forth. Feed Right Recoil Spring (J) onto Recoil Spring Guide (G) as illustrated in Fig. 9. With right thumb push Guide forward until it engages Recoil Slide Hole. Note Springs are flared at both ends to enable you to thread over Guides easily. Repeat for left spring and guide. Make sure Guides are firmly engaged in holes at forward end, and rear ends of Guides clear hole for Trigger Guard Housing Pin. Place rear of Trigger Guard Housing in dovetail and tap lightly at forward end of Trigger Guard until holes are properly aligned. Replace Trigger Guard Housing Pin by driving from same side as Slide Handle. Make sure back side of trigger guard is supported to eliminate possibility of breaking Trigger Guard. Replace entire barrel assembly in stock and reset Barrel Band over notch. Tighten Barrel Band Screw.

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