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SPRINGFIELD ARMORY Edged Weapon Survey Data by Thomas J. Wiltzius

M-1904 Hospital Corps Knife



| Year | Production* | Low Serial No. | High Serial No. |
|----------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1904 (a) | 295 | 264** | 2,960 |
| 1905 | 2,905 | 3,053 | 4,333 |
| 1906 | 1,500 | -- | -- |
| 1907 | 450 | 4,616 | 5,749 |
| 1908 | 1,000 | 5,974 | 8,254 |
| 1909 | 5,938 | 8,351 | 12,224 |
| 1910 | 3,000 | 12,595 | 16,876*** |
| 1911(b) | 2,300 | 16,407 | 21,843 |
| 1912 | 11,000 | 24,268 | 33,118*** |
| 1913 | 3,700 | 31,926 | 34,898 |
| 1914 | 4,700 | 36,079 | 40,637 |
| 1915 | 3,831 | -- | -- |

* Production figures from *Arsenal Of Freedom*, Wm. Brophy, and validated by Burton Kellerstedt with exceptions: (a) 2,705; and, (b) 2,000

** The first 236 M-1904 Hospital Corp Bolo Knives were originally issued without serial numbers. The Surgeon General asked that they be numbered and they Springfield Armory began numbering them beginning with 237 and forward. Although correspondence from the Armory indicates that previously issued knives were to be returned for numbering, no evidence exists that they were.

*** Indicates where serial numbers are known to overlap the presented (lowest known) serial number of the following year. This was caused when bayonets were dated at the end of the calendar year, then stored for straightening, inspection and stamping with a serial number. At the beginning of the calendar year, when bayonets in production were stamped with the new year's date and sent to storage, it appears that some of the more recent bayonets were brought out before the slightly older ones.

Low/High serial numbers are from research in progress by author.

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