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# **.303-in. BREN LIGHT MACHINE GUN**



**Parts Identification & Lists, Bren L.M.G. Series Notes,  
Exploded Parts Drawings, Descriptions,  
Accessories & Fittings**

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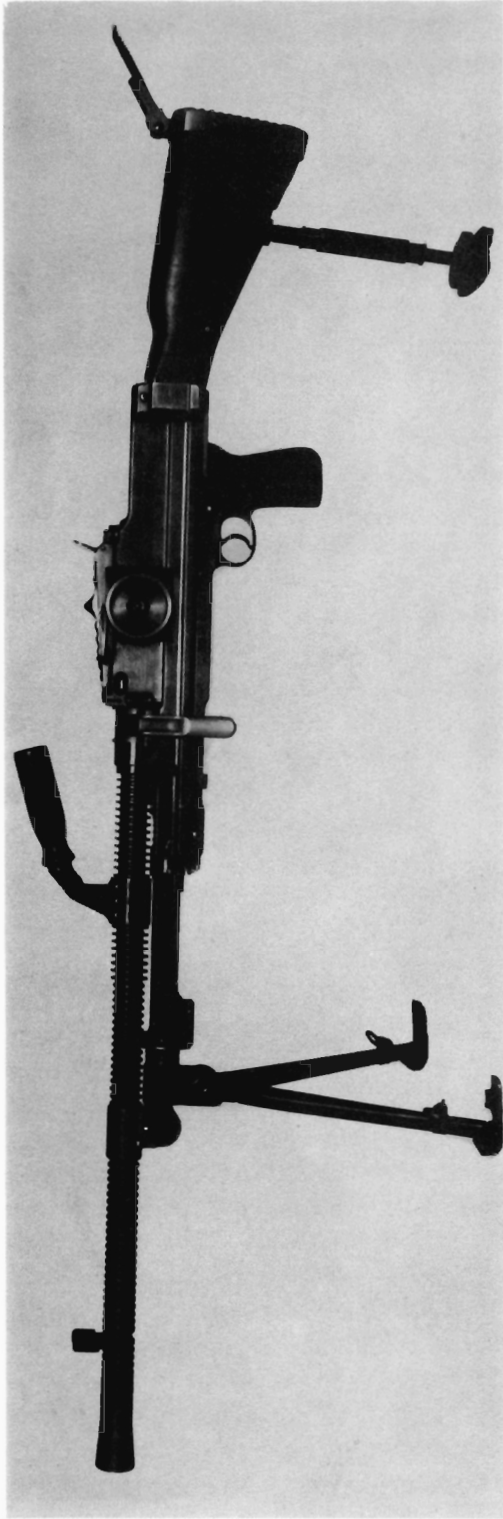
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**.303-in. ZGB 1933**  
 (Model No. 2) Trials  
 Light Machine Gun.  
 Note the finned barrel  
 with "muzzle brake"  
 holes for the flash  
 hider, position of the  
 rearsight and its drum  
 and the butt monopod.  
*M.O.D. Pattern Room.*



**.303-in. Bren Mark 1 (M)**  
 Light Machine Gun (Lithgow).  
 Fitted with Mk 1 bipod,  
 Mk 1 butt with shoulder strap  
 (but no butt handle), Mk 1\*  
 barrel, and other typical  
 Mark 1 and Mark 1(M) body  
 features. *Infantry Centre*  
*Museum, Singleton, Australia.*



# GUN, MACHINE, BREN, .303-INCH.

## BREN MACHINE GUN GENEALOGY

A suitable replacement for the Great War Lewis light machine gun resulted in the Small Arms Committee examining the U.S. Browning LMG and other contemporaries, as early as 1922. By late 1930, the 7.92mm ZB26 was being considered, along with an improved Browning BAR, Madsen and Vickers Berthier. Further improvements to the Czech Brno ZB Model 1926 resulted in its advancement to Models 1930, 1933 and 1934; it was in .303-in. configuration for these British trials by 1931. The 1934 model was further developed at R.S.A.F. Enfield until the first production gun was assembled there in 1937. Regarding its name, the first two letters of Brunn (Brno) and Enfield were combined to identify the new gun as the BREN.

The **.303 Bren Mark I** and its equipment was officially approved for British service in August of 1938. Manufacture was also commenced in Canada by John Inglis Co. Ltd. in 1938, and at the Lithgow Small Arms Factory in Australia during 1940.

In order to streamline production, certain features of the early guns were dispensed with not long afterwards. Such machining operations on the receiver included omission of the dovetail for lensatic sight, and deleting the gas cylinder fluting and gas deflection shield and various strengthening ribs. These production shortcuts resulted in a **Mark I (Modified)** version (Mark I\* body) which was produced at all three factories; however few of these "modified" guns are marked as such. Similar economies were applied to the butt and barrel groups and the bipod assembly, resulting in subsequent Marks of the various sub-assembly and component groups.

The **Mark 2 Bren** gun was produced in Britain by the Monotype Group, a consortium of Monotype, Daimler, Hercules Cycle, Climax Rock Drill, F. Tibbenham, British Fabricating Machine Co. and Sigmund Pumps. Sometimes known as the "garage hands" model, the Mark 2 further dispensed with the drum backsight and many machining operations on the body, as well as the folding cocking handle. This new receiver was designated the Mark 2 body, with the gas cylinder being screwed into the body and secured by a pin. In the official introduction of the Mk 2 gun, the Mk 2 barrel, bipod, butt and slide were also announced, although these assemblies are interchangeable on most Marks of Bren guns. Some Mk 2 guns were also produced at R.S.A.F. Enfield and by Inglis in Canada.

Approved in August, 1948, the **Mark 2/1 Bren** has a small locating lug brazed onto the front of the cocking handle slot, to suit the folding cocking-handle slide of the Mk I. The upgraded body is usually engraved with the new nomenclature. As this modified gun was not introduced until 1948, the old designation of Mark number and "\*" variation had been superseded by an upgraded marking, "/1". This replaced the original "\*" classifier which indicates an improvement or modification to the pattern.

In July of 1944, the **Mark 3 Bren** was approved, a considerably lightened variant for jungle fighting. The Mk 3 was produced at Enfield; some may have been made by Inglis in 1945. Certain features from the Mk 2 model are obvious, such as the folding leaf aperture backsight; later marks of the butt and barrel assemblies were also utilised. Substantial milling and lightening cuts were applied to the new body on the Mark 3 gun.



Different Marks of the .303 Bren L.M.G. From the bottom—Guns Mark 1, Mark 2, Mark 3 and Mark 4. Although particular body details are indistinct, the various barrel, bipod and butt configurations are shown. Note the different lengths and sight fixtures of the barrels (Marks 1\*, 2, 2 and 4), the different carry handles, and various butt shapes. *M.O.D. Pattern Room, Nottingham.*

The **Mark 4 Bren** was a lightened Mk 2 model, approved at the same time as the Mk 3, in July 1944. However, not very many Mk 4 models appear to have been converted and so guns with the "Mk 4" engraving are quite scarce. Some Mk 4 guns used Inglis Mk 2 bodies and the original Mk 2 engraving is sometimes visible. According to Laidler, most Mark 4's were subsequently converted to the 7.62mm L4 configuration.

Canada's first Bren gun was assembled on 23rd March 1940 at the John Inglis Co. plant in Toronto. Inglis was contracted to provide part of its production to Great Britain; some original Brno ZB models were sent to Canada in 1936 and Britain's first order for 5,000 Inglis guns was placed as early as September 1938. Production of the Mk I model was followed by the Mk I (M), the Mk 2, and possibly, the Mk 3 in 1945 at the end of production. Canada also produced the Bren chambered for the rimless 7.92 x 57mm round, for export to China. Some .30-06 prototypes were also assembled.



Inglis Bren Mk I(M) body marks. Note Mk 1 backsight, Mk 1 cocking handle & recessed Mk 1 mag catch. *J. Watter.*

In Australia, SAF Lithgow's the first six guns were fired on 8th January 1941. The total wartime production amounted to 17,335 guns, plus a few test and prototype models. Feeder factories at Mudgee, Portland and Dubbo also supplied component parts to Lithgow. The Mark I and Mark I (M) guns was the only types made in Australia, although a lightened pattern was fabricated for trials. The Bren gun was also produced in India at Hyderabad, with manufacture commencing during World War 2.

After the introduction of the new rimless NATO round, many .303 Bren guns were converted to become the **Gun, Machine, 7.62mm L4**; the most commonly encountered 7.62mm model being Britain's L4A4. Certain problems associated with the original .303 rimmed cartridge were thus overcome and the Bren was given a new lease of life using a rimless cartridge, for which it was originally designed. Indian .303 Bren guns were also converted to 7.62mm, with a new "7.62mm IA" designation.

## .303 BREN MODEL IDENTIFICATION

Identification of the various models of Bren Light Machine Guns is relatively easy because this is marked on the body; Mk I, Mk II, Mk II/1, Mk 3, etc. However, few of the Mk I\* bodies were marked as "Mk I M" (modified) or "Mk I\*". The various marks of barrel, bipod, butt, butt slide, gas piston, trigger, were progressively introduced and often fitted onto guns already in service, during routine maintenance and upgrades.

<i>Gun model</i>	<i>Intro-duced</i>	<i>Principal features</i>	<i>Other notes</i>
Mark I	1937	Body Mk I. The original design, based upon the improved Czech ZGB Model No. 4 of 1934. Dial drum backsight, dish-shaped gas deflection shield at front of body, Mk I gas piston and bolt assembly, folding cocking handle, early style milling around gas vent ports.	Has dovetail slot for fixed line sight on the receiver body. Butt originally fitted with a butt handle underneath, and a folding strap at top of the cup-shaped buttplate.
Mark I (M)	1941	Body Mk I*. Omission of dovetail for fixed line sight on left side of body, but retaining dial drum back-sight. Usually fitted with Mk 2 butt-slide, Mark I* barrel assembly, and later style Mk I butt without the hinged buttplate strap or the butt handle underneath.	Some simplification of machining operations on body, flat gas deflection shield, no vertical reinforcing rib outside the magazine housing, and simplified machining/milling around the gas port vents.
Mark II	1942	Body Mk II. Folding leaf backsight mounted onto top of body, dovetail slots for backsight and some lightening grooves omitted. Gas cylinder is a press fit into the body, secured by a pin. Non-folding type of cocking handle with corresponding changes in body slot. Non-corrugated magazine well cover. Simplified production.	Fitted with Mk II barrel, Mk II bipod, Mk II gas piston, Mk II carrying handle, Mk II butt and Mk II butt slide. The thinner, flat gas shield has "horn" extensions projecting up-wards to prevent left/right barrel movement; Mk II has no barrel locating recess or lug.
Mark 2/1	1948	Body Mk 2/1. Additional "/1" marked after the original Mk "II" or "2" designation. Early folding cocking handle.	Mk I cocking handle requires body mod to prevent it reciprocating with piston extension.
Mark 3	1944	Body Mk 3. Fitted with Mk 2 folding leaf backsight. Body machining incorporates many extra lightening cuts resulting in significant weight reduction, particularly noticeable at front of the body, around the gas cylinder.	Essentially a lightened, modified Mk I body fitted with shorter barrel and later production marks of assembly groups.
Mark 4	1944	Body Mk 4. Has the Mk 2 folding leaf backsight. Additional body cuts and machining to reduce weight.	Essentially a lightened Mk II body, fitted with shorter barrel and later group assemblies.

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*Note:—* Some differences may be noted in the body features (*e.g. gas deflection shield*), not always in accordance with original specifications. Certain changes may have been implemented gradually and even applied differently in the Canadian and Australian factories. The various barrel, carry handle, bipod, gas piston, butt and slide groups are basically interchangeable; many guns were upgraded and fitted with later replacement parts in service. For the purpose of identification, the Mark of the gun is taken to be that marked on the body. Service replacement barrels and slide groups were always serial-numbered the same as the gun body number.

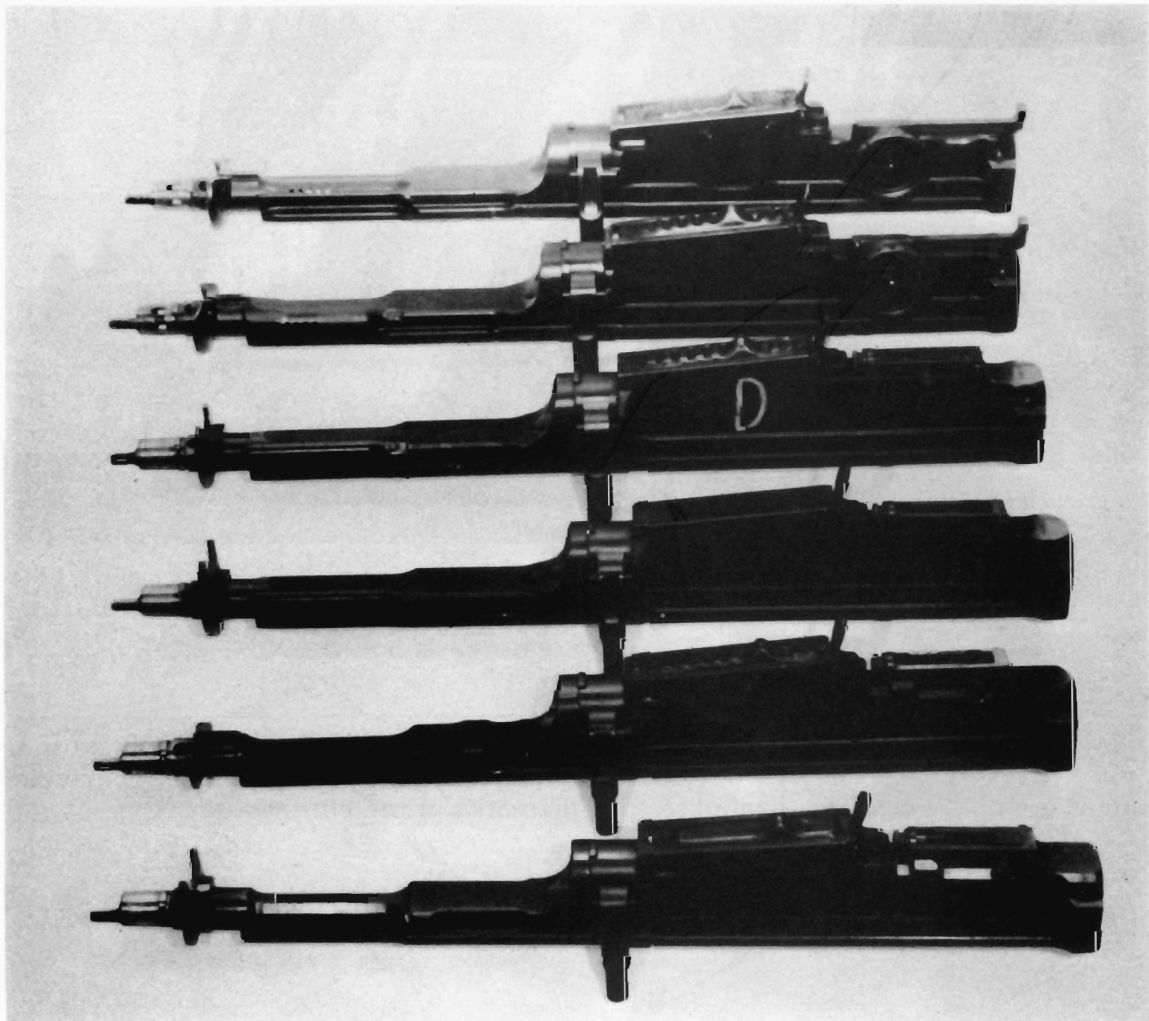
## DIFFERENCES IN COMPONENT ASSEMBLIES

Many guns were upgraded in service with various replacement parts and ensuing Marks of barrels, bipods, butts, &c. Assemblies from the different factories may also be fitted.

The body Mark number is found on the receiver, with the factory name or code and year of production. Most parts and groups are interchangeable on the various action bodies. A code system was applied in Britain during W.W.2 for commercial contractors and stamped on many parts. Enfield guns usually have the "E" logo while the Monotype guns are coded M67 or "D" for Daimler. Canadian receivers can be readily identified as they are marked "INGLIS"; their Australian counterparts are stamped "LITHGOW" and "MA". Indian receivers are usually marked "SAF". Gun serial numbers are usually found at the top rear of body, left side of barrel, rear of butt-slide and on the barrel nut.

*Bodies:*

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Action bodies from top: Mk 1 Enfield (1937), Mk 1(M) Lithgow, Mk 2 Daimler/Monotype, Mk 2/1 (originally Monotype), Mk 3 Enfield and Mk 4 conversion. Note differences in body cuts & lightening, backsights, gas vents & milling, and barrel cradles. Mk 1, 1(M) & 3 bodies have locating lug (rear of gas shield) to centralise barrel. Mk 2 & 4 bodies do not. Barrels Mk 1, 1\* & 3 have a corresponding slot behind the gas block to fit Mk 1, 1(M) & 3 bodies. While reported that Mk 2, 4 & 5 barrels are not interchangeable on Mk 1 & 3 bodies, our experience is that all barrels interchange on all Mark bodies. — *M.O.D. Pattern Room.*

### *Butts:*

**Butt Mk 1.** Cupped buttplate; early model had folding butt strap and butt handle. Production economies dispensed with the folding butt strap and handle.

**Butt Mk 2.** Flat buttplate with extended shoulder rest. Recoil spring and plate omitted, new butt swivel and plate fitted. Return spring retained by a screwed spring tube nut.

**Butt Mk 3.** Further production economies to Mk 2, with flat buttplate heel; not issued.

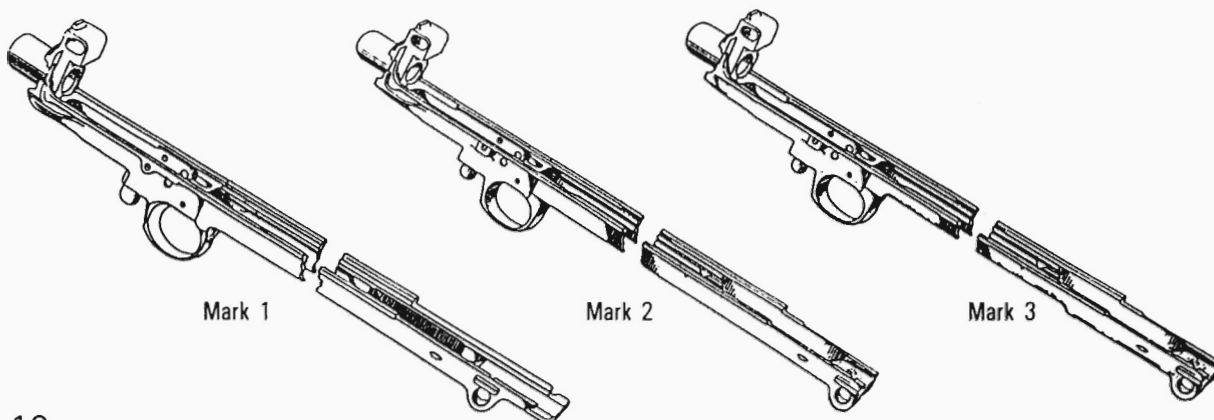
**Butt Mk 4.** Lightened and tapered, sling swivel bar on buttplate with recess slot.



From the left— Butts Mark 1, 2, 3 and 4. *M.O.D. Pattern Room, Nottingham.*

### *Butt-Slides:*

**Marks 1, 2 & 3.** Machined from solid, the new Marks progressively simplified manufacture. Major differences are obvious from the drawings; the progressive machining changes are not necessarily related to specific marks of the butt slides.



### *Cocking Handle:*

**Mk 1.** Spring-loaded and hinged cocking knob, folds forward in the closed position and does not reciprocate with the butt slide during operation. Gives a thinner gun profile.

**Mk 2.** Fixed handle and plunger; it does not fold forward like the Mk 1 pattern.

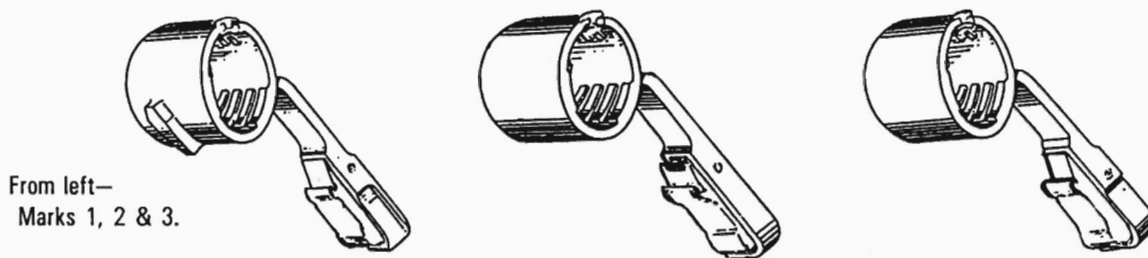


### *Barrel Nut:*

**Mk 1.** Lightening recess on outside of side lever. Safety cam on underside prevents butt being fully withdrawn and mechanism cocked or fired, unless the nut is fully closed.

**Mk 2.** Safety cam omitted. Lightening recess also omitted, a production economy.

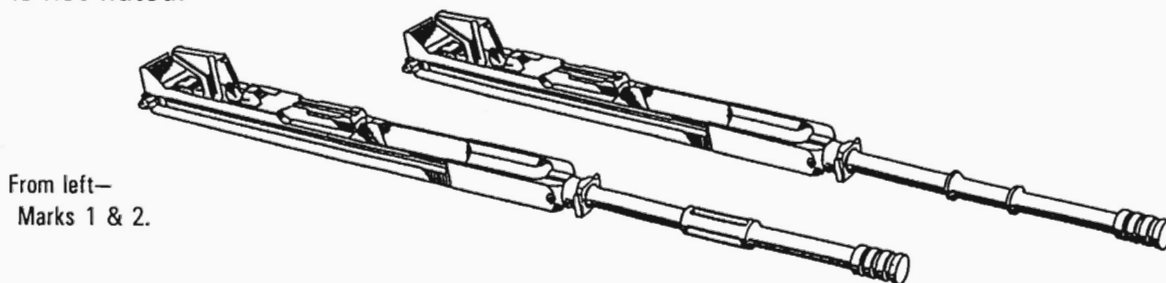
**Mk 3.** Slightly different machining, only uses the catches Marks 2 or 3.



### *Gas Piston & Post:*

**Mk 1.** Comprises stem, extension, piston post, piston post spring, plunger, cotter and pin. Fluted piston stem. Mk 1 piston post is not as deeply recessed, larger in diameter.

**Mk 2.** Mk 2 plunger is longer, the Mk 2 piston post is recessed deeper and is smaller in diameter, giving better support to the plunger and surrounding spring. The piston stem is not fluted.



### *Magazine Catch:*

**Marks 1 & 2.** Mk 1 catch has a milled recess in the rear face of the thumb-piece; the Mk 2 has a hole bored through it.





### *Barrels:*

**Mk I Assembly.** Usually without a Mark designation number. It is 25-in. long with a stainless steel sleeve for the last 10.5-in. to muzzle. Straight taper on flash hider, so it is similar to the Mk I\* except for the external taper of the flash hider cone.

**Mk I\* Assembly.** Stamped "I\*" on left side near breech. Mk III gas regulator fitted, with its larger three gas vents increased in diameter, stamped "III". Some Mk I barrels were converted to this pattern (also 25-in. long). Distinct "kink" in flash hider cone taper.

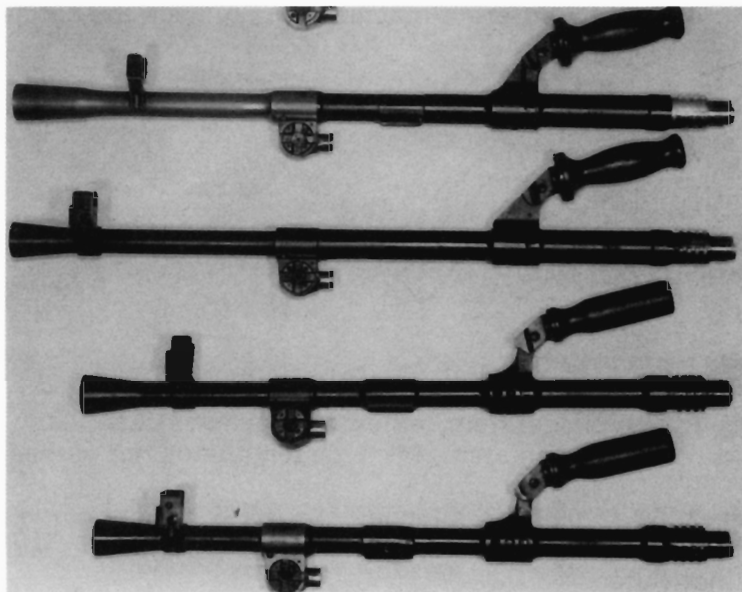
**Mk 2 Assembly.** Flash eliminator and gas block fit onto barrel end, not integral with it. Eliminator incorporates foresight bracket, gas block houses the regulator. No locating recess tongue (near the middle) underneath the barrel; 25-in. long.

**Mk 4 Assembly.** Lighter construction, new design flash eliminator and foresight block; 22.25-in. long. (Mk 3 was 2-groove experimental only).

**Mk 5 Assembly.** Lighter construction, modified Mk 2 production by turning down and shortening. Longer sighting radius, sighting bracket closer to muzzle; 22.25-in. long.

Different barrel marks, from top—Mark 1\*, Mark 2, Mark 4 and Mark 5. Note the different barrel lengths, forms of the foresight and their positioning, which affects relative sighting radius. Carry handle sleeves; Mk 1 has lightening holes, Mk 2 has none, Mk 3 is shorter with lightening holes. Waisted Mk 1 wood carry handle as well as Mk 2 parallel type may be noticed on the later barrels.

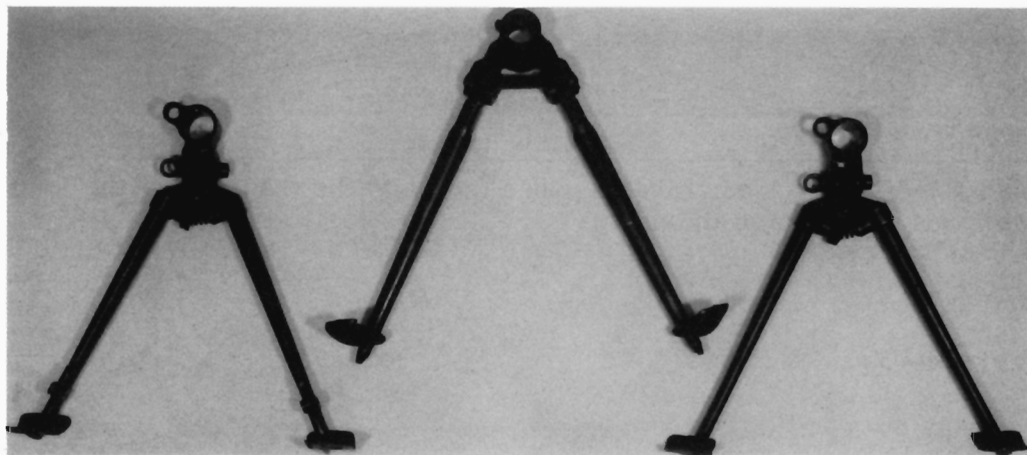
*M.O.D. Pattern Room, Nottingham.*



### *Bipods:*

**Marks 1, 2 and 3** (per 1969 pam). Mk 1 has telescoping legs, spring-loaded so they fold at the same time. Mk 2 has fixed length legs which fold independently. Mk 3 is like Mk 1 but with non-extending legs; also may have spiked feet. In 1947, the British Mk 3 was a Mk 2 type with independent legs; but later nominated as the type shown here.

Left to right—  
Mk 1, Mk 2  
& Mk 3.  
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## Magazines:

**30-rd, Mk I.** The original pattern.

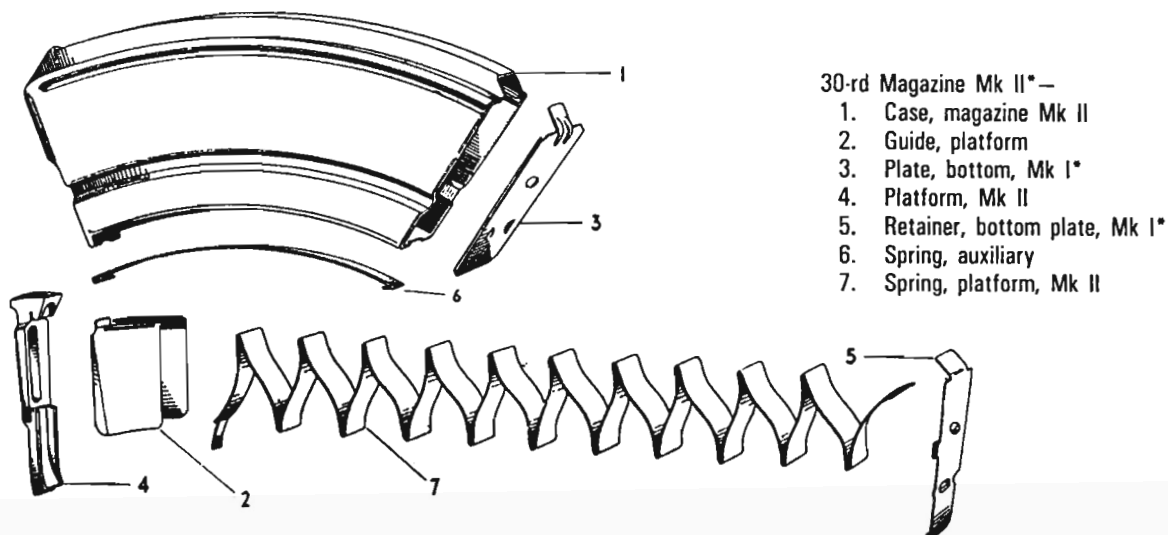
**30-rd, Mk I\*.** Auxiliary spring fitted inside the case, the front of which is recessed top and bottom to provide a seating for the spring. Converted from Mk I magazine.

**30-rd, Mk I\*\*.** Similar to Mk I\* but fitted with Mk I\* bottom plate and bottom plate retainer. Mk I\* plate has two half-moon indents. Converted from Mk I magazine.

**30-rd, Mk II.** Same as Mk I\* magazine but new made. Slight dimensional differences.

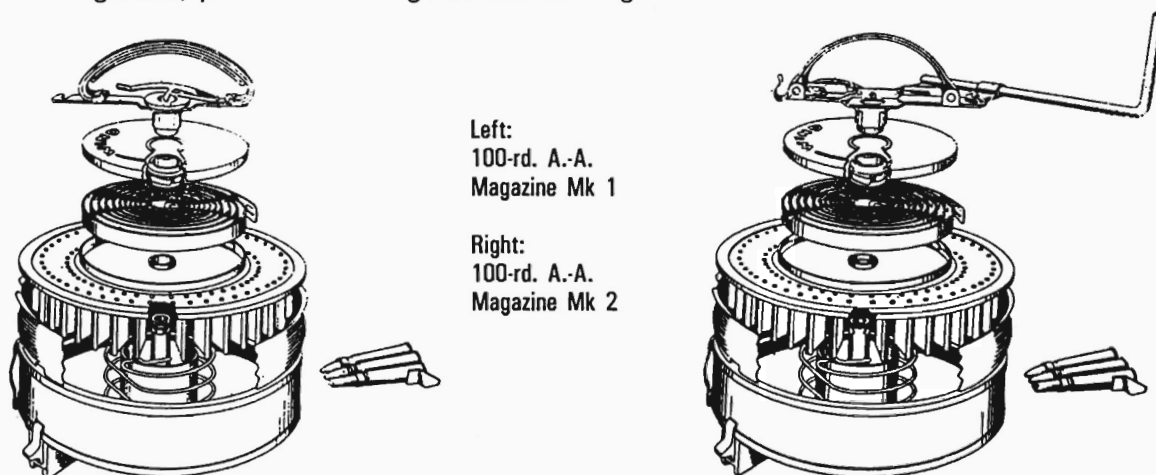
**30-rd, Mk II\*.** Same as Mk I\*\* magazine but new made. Slight dimensional differences.

*Upon the introduction of the Mk I\*\* and Mk II\* models, the Mk I, Mk I\* and Mk II magazines were declared obsolescent. Some magazine cases are stamped as "III".*



**100-rd, Mk I.** Original type. Upon introduction of Mk II drum, (a) Mk I was modified by deleting inspection cover and insertion of a washer in lieu; (b) inspection hole and slot for cover in the top cover plate deleted; (c) "WIND" and direction arrow pressed into top cover plate to eliminate possibility of winding spring in the wrong direction.

**100-rd, Mk II.** Simplified design, which also incorporates the winding handle as part of the magazine, positioned alongside the loading lever.



## SPECIFICATIONS

### GUN, MACHINE, BREN, .303-in.

	<i>Length</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Sight Radius</i>
Gun, Mk 1:	3 ft. 9.5 in. [1155mm]	22 lb. 2 oz. [10 kg]	31.0 in. [787mm]
Gun, Mk 2:	3 ft. 9.5 in. [1155mm]	23 lb. 3 oz. [10.5 kg]	30.8 in. [782mm]
Gun, Mk 3:	3 ft. 6.9 in. [1089mm]	19 lb. 5 oz. [8.76 kg]	27.3 in. [694mm]
Gun, Mk 4:	3 ft. 6.9 in. [1089mm]	19 lb. 2 oz. [8.67 kg]	27.3 in. [694mm]

Barrel Mk 1*:	25.0 in. [635mm]	6 lb. 4 ¼ oz. [2.84 kg]
Barrel Mk 2:	25.0 in. [635mm]	6 lb. 7 ½ oz. [2.93 kg]
Barrel Mk 4:	22.25 in. [565mm]	5 lb. 1 ½ oz. [2.31 kg]
Barrel Mk 5:	22.25 in. [565mm]	5 lb. 0 oz. [2.27 kg]

#### Barrel:

Rifling	...	...	6 groove, Enfield concentric
Rifling twist	...	...	R.H., 1 turn in 10 in.
Mean groove depth	...	...	.0057-in.
Mean width of lands	...	...	.088-in.

#### Sights:

Backsight Mk 1	...	Aperture, dial drum, 200 — 1,800 yds.
Backsight Mk 2	...	Aperture, folding leaf, 200 — 2,000 yds.
Front	...	Blade foresight

Method of Operation	...	Gas-piston
Cyclic Rate of Fire	...	450 - 550 r.p.m.
Magazines	...	30-round box magazine 100-round drum magazine (anti-aircraft)

Cartridge	...	.303-in. British
Muzzle Velocity, Mk VII ball	...	2,440 ft./sec. <i>approximate</i>

Production Costs:	...	£40/0/0d (Mk I, 1939) <i>Enfield, England</i> £30/18/0d (Mk II, 1942) <i>Monotype, England</i> \$160.00 (Mk 2, 1944) <i>Inglis, Canada</i> c. £37/0/0d (Mk I, 1943) <i>Lithgow, Australia</i>
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Tripod; Weight (w/ A.A. leg)	29 lb.
Elevation	19°
Traverse	42°

# USER GUIDE

for PARTS and VOCAB. LISTS

**IMPORTANT—** Read this section first.

British and Australian Lists have been the principal references, updated in some areas. This *User Guide* should be studied so as to better understand the lists and their arrangement.

*REF. NO.* is the part number as illustrated on the adjacent page. *DESIGNATION* is the service part name. Lines are often indented where that particular line applies to the previous entry. For example, the Nut, cam, backsight (page 27, illustrated as Part No. 5) is part of the Backsight assembly of the Body group.

e.g. BODY GROUP, MK I	<i>Part assembly group.</i>
BACKSIGHT, MK I	<i>Part assembly group.</i>
CAM	<i>Part group, applicable to the Backsight Assembly.</i>
CAM, backsight	<i>Component part of the Cam assembly.</i>
NUT, cam, backsight	<i>Component part of the Cam assembly.</i>

Lower case indicates an additional description of the part. It is noted, however, that by the end of the war, these sub-assembly groups tend to have become dispersed; screws, springs, etc. of the various assemblies are inclined to be grouped together, at the end of the particular lists.

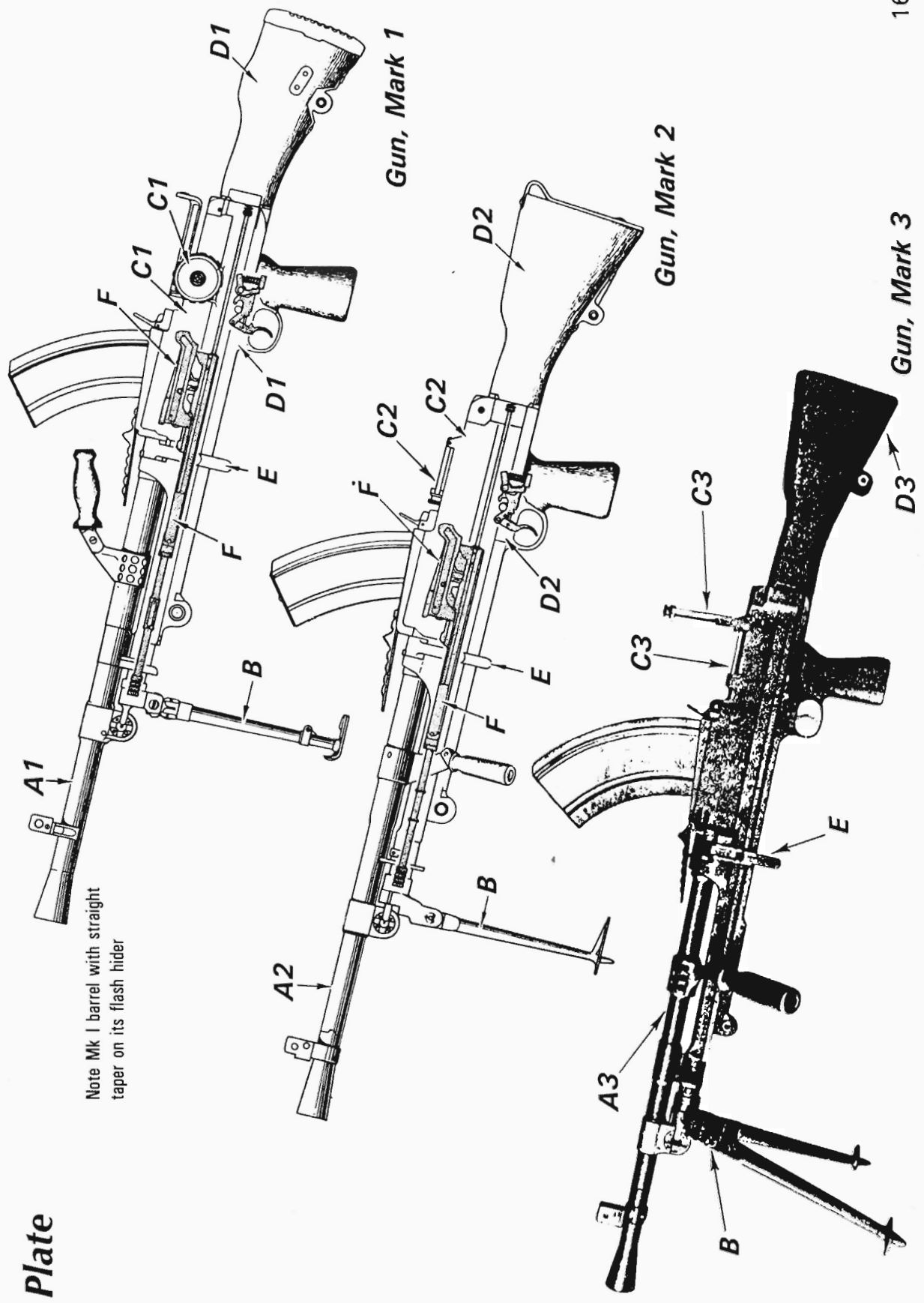
*VOCAB. NUMBER* is the service part number as on original packaging or attached labels, mainly a stores reference. Letter prefixes are also a service indicator. Original British stores numbers use two letters. A third letter suffix is sometimes noted, "A" is an Australian modification, "C" is Canadian. For example, bipod legs Mk I in the Australian list are part nos. CAA 1088 and 1089. CGB is also Canadian. The general "B1/" prefix is for rifle parts, "C1/" for machine gun parts, "C2/" for AFV machine gun parts and "G1/" for general stores and ironmongery.

British Vocab. No. prefixes seem to have commenced with "AA", through "BA" and "BB" for the .303 No. 1 rifle. "BB" was also used for the No. 4 rifle while "BJ" generally relates to its Mk I\* variant. "CR" parts number prefixes seem to date from around 1950, continuing into the 7.62mm NATO era. "BD" prefixes were applied to the .303 Vickers Machine Gun, "BE" to the 9mm Sten and also for the .303 Bren gun. Vocab. Nos. with unusual combination prefix such as M3/MC 8268 (steel keeper split-pin for Mk 2 bipod leg hinge pin) indicates supply from listings outside the small arms series; the M3/MC is from a 3-in. mortar mount. An indicator (#) marks those parts available through the ordnance supply system for normal maintenance.

Major component groups did not have Reference or Vocab. Nos. in the usual column as they were not available. "GA" is a General Arrangement and "A" signifies an "Assembly". This explains the absence of part or vocab. numbers as these were assembly groups or sub-groups.

The *MAT.* column details the part material and *NO. OFF* is the "number of" or quantity required. *DRAWING NUMBER* is the original manufacturer's part drawing. An A.D.D.(S) prefix to the drawing number indicates Australian origin, D.D.(E) is an Enfield drawing (Design Department, Enfield). M.G.D. is also of British origin while M.G.A. indicates an assembly.

# Key Plate



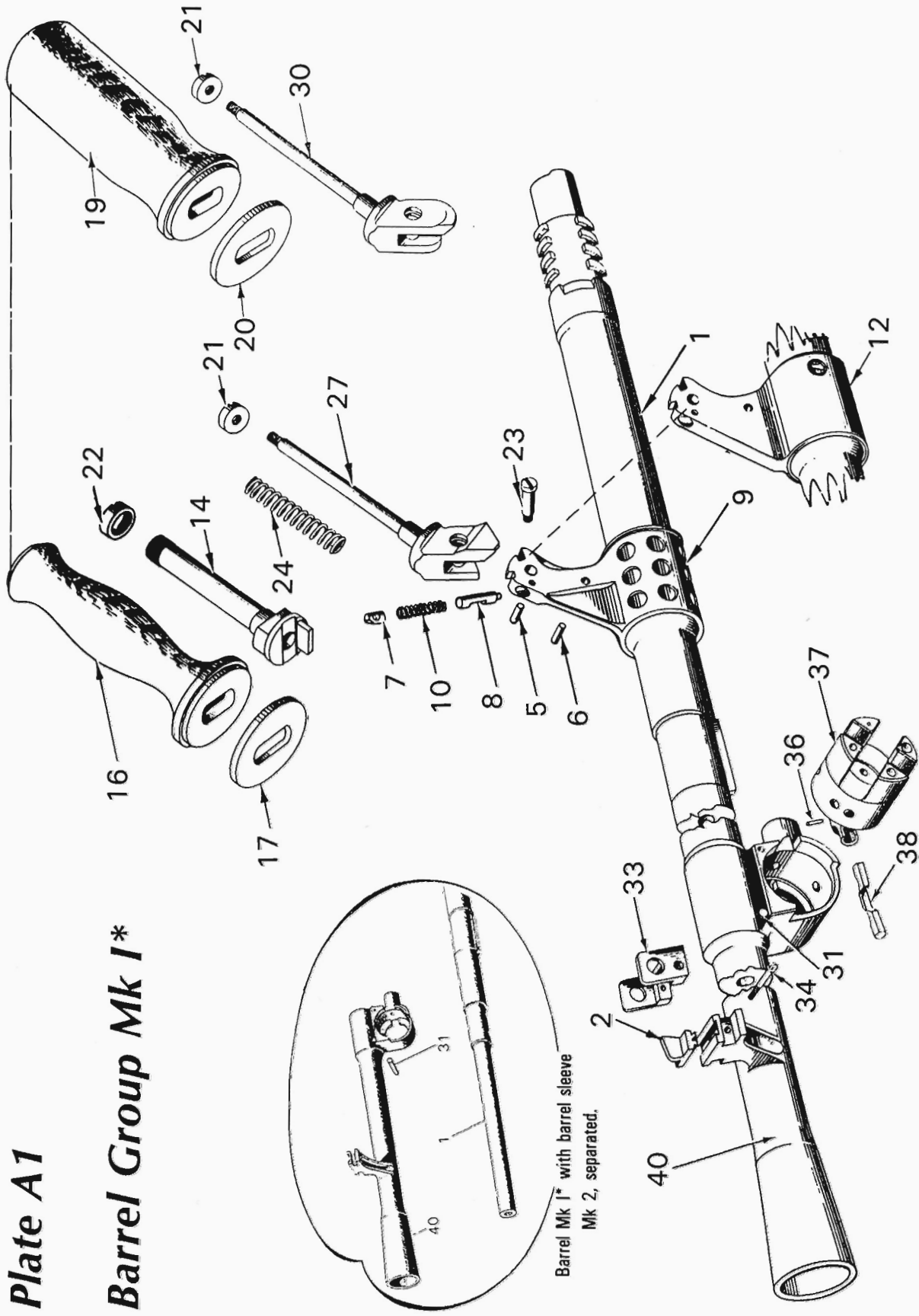
Note Mk 1 barrel with straight taper on its flash hider

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	D1 - D3	Butt & Slide Groups	.	.	.	.	pages 32 - 37
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<b>GUN, MACHINE, BREN, .303-in., MK 1</b>							<b>REMARKS</b>
GUN, MK 1, ASSEMBLY	—	Vocab. No. C1/BE 8176 GA	...	...	...	...	With original Mk 1 barrel, butt, bipod and piston groups.
BODY, GROUP, MK 1	—	Vocab. No. C1/BE 9655 A	...	...	...	...	And C1/CA 0677. Mk 1(M) body used different part no.
BARREL, GROUP, MK 1	—	Vocab. No. <i>unknown</i>	...	...	...	...	Early barrel had stainless steel sleeve for last 10.5-in.
BARREL, GROUP, MK 1*	—	Vocab. No. C1/BE 9702 A	...	...	...	...	Referred to as Mk 1/1, after 1948 vocabulary change.
<b>GUN, MACHINE, BREN, .303-in., MK 2</b>							
GUN, MK 2, ASSEMBLY	—	Vocab. No. C1/BE 4160 GA	...	...	...	...	Manufacturing concessions for wartime production.
BODY, GROUP, MK 2	—	Vocab. No. C1/BE 4149 A	...	...	...	...	Slab-sided body with folding leaf aperture backsight.
BARREL, GROUP, MK 2	—	Vocab. No. C1/BE 4161 A	...	...	...	...	Flash hider and foresight assembly is separate assembly.
<b>GUN, MACHINE, BREN, .303-in., MK 3</b>							
GUN, MK 3, ASSEMBLY	—	Vocab. No. C1/BH 0567 GA	...	...	...	...	Lighter and shorter model for air portability and Far East.
BODY, GROUP, MK 3	—	Vocab. No. C1/BH 0446 A	...	...	...	...	New-design body with folding leaf aperture backsight.
BARREL, GROUP, Mk 4	—	Vocab. No. C1/BH 0557 A	...	...	...	...	Barrel Mk 1, 4 & 5 interchangeable on Mk 1 & 3 Guns.
<b>GUN, MACHINE, BREN, .303-in., MK 2/1</b>							
GUN, Mk 2/1, ASSEMBLY	—	Vocab. No. C1/CA 0845 A	...	...	...	...	Modified Mk 2 body, to suit Mk 1 cocking handle.

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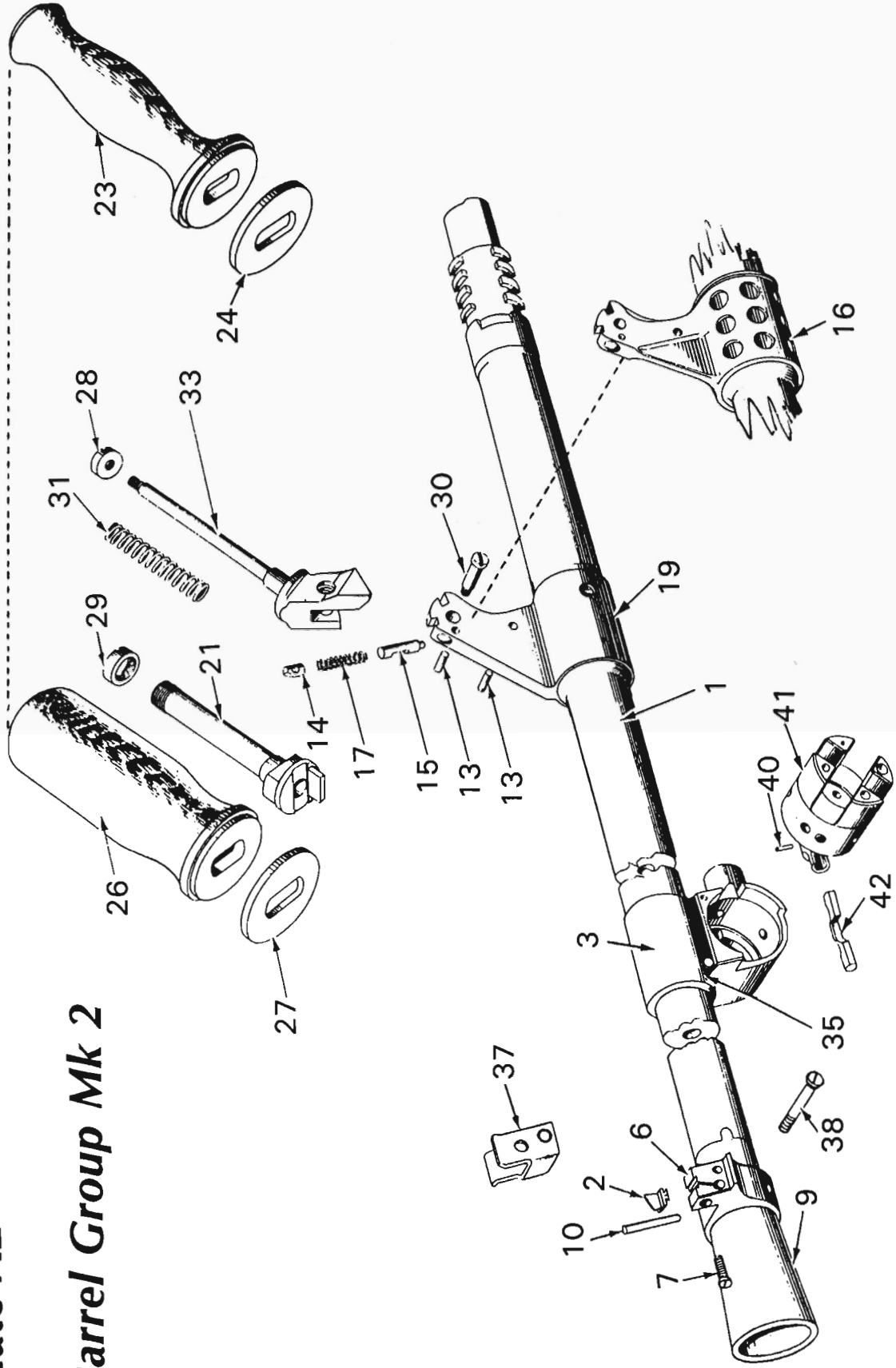
## Barrel Group Mk I\*



REF. NO.	DESIGNATION	VOCAB. NUMBER	MAT.	NO. OFF	DRAWING NUMBER	REMARKS
1	Plate A1 GUN, MACHINE, BREN, .303-in. MKS 1 & 2					
1	BARREL GROUP MK 1*	BE 9702	...	1	MGA 1421	
2	BLADE, foresight, Mks 1, 2 & 3	CA 0656	Steel	1	MGD 1201	Later referred to as Barrel Mk I/I.
3	HANDLE, CARRYING, MK 1	various	H.T. Steel	1	various	Sizes: .25, .28, .31, .34, .37, .40, .43, .46-in.
4	SLEEVE, CARRYING HANDLE, MK 1	BE 9448	...	1	MGA 1416	
5	PIN, plug	CA 0799	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1292	.116" d. x .335"
6	PIN, plunger retainer	BE 9477	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1292	Same pin as previous part (No. 5).
7	PLUG, handle carrying	BE 9477	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1304	
8	PLUNGER, handle carrying	BE 9482	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1305	
9	SLEEVE, handle carrying, MK 1	BE 9486	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1355	Has rows of lightening holes drilled.
10	SPRING, plunger, handle carrying	BE 6902	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1372	
11	SLEEVE, CARRYING HANDLE, MK 2	CA 0805	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2476	Sleeve handle parts (5 - 8, 10) same as Mk 1 assembly except for solid sleeve.
12	SLEEVE, handle carrying, MK 2	BE 8221	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2476	Obsolescent. (not illustrated)
13	STEM, CARRYING HANDLE, MK 1	BE 9531	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1252	
14	CATCH, carrying handle	BE 9431	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1223	
15	GRIP, CARRYING HANDLE MK 1	BE 9446	...	1	MGD 1316	Earlier style, waisted profile. For Mk 1 Grip only.
16	GRIP, handle carrying, Mk 1	BE 8222	Wood	1	MGD 1252	
17	PLATE, handle carrying, Mk 1	BE 8223	Steel	1	MGD 1316	
18	GRIP, CARRYING HANDLE MK 2	BE 4116	...	1	MGD 2531	Later parallel-sided profile.
19	GRIP, handle carrying, Mk 2	BH 0518	Wood	1	MGD 2532	
20	PLATE, handle carrying, Mk 2	BE 6918	Steel	1	MGD 1273	Round, slotted head.
21	NUT, stem, carrying handle	BE 9457	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1271	
22	NUT, catch, carrying handle	BE 9460	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1339	Round head, .234" d. x .57"
23	SCREW, carrying handle	BE 9503	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1364	
24	SPRING, handle carrying, catch	BE 9517	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1387	
25	STEM, handle carrying, Mk 1	CA 0676	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3610	Old no. BE 9531. Mk I gun only. Obsol.
26	STEM, CARRYING HANDLE, MK 3	BH 0556	H.T. Steel	1	MGA 2480	Stem handle parts (Nos. 14 - 17) are identical to Mk 1 assembly.
27	STEM, handle carrying, Mk 3	BE 9718	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2479	Canadian equivalent BEC 9652.
28	HANDLE, CARRYING, MK 2	BE 9652	...	1	MGD 1296	Handle parts identical to Mk 1 assy.
29	STEM, CARRYING HANDLE, MK 2	BE 4146	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1314	Obsolescent.
30	STEM, handle carrying, Mk 2	BE 6898	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1340	"Pin, tapered" in Aust. lists.
31	PIN, barrel sleeve	BH 0723	Steel	1	MGD 1294	Mk I* barrels only. Machined from solid.
32	PROTECTOR, FORESIGHT, MK 1	BE 9490	Steel	1	MGD 1325	Some variation in sight protectors.
33	PROTECTOR, Mk 1	CA 0800	Steel	1	MGD 1332	Round head, .118" d. x .67"
34	SCREW, protector foresight	BE 9502	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1353	Marked "III"
35	REGULATOR, GAS, MK 3	BE 9715	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1359	.075" d. x .365"
36	PIN, retainer, gas regulator	BE 9475	H.T. Steel	1		
37	REGULATOR, Mk 3	CA 0802	H.T. Steel	1		
38	RETAINER, regulator gas	BE 9492	Spring Steel	1		
39	SLEEVE, barrel, Mk 1/1	CA 0803	Steel	1		Obsolescent. (not illustrated)
40	SLEEVE, barrel, Mk 2	CA 0657	Steel	1		Mk 2 sleeve & Mk 1 barrel becomes Mk I*

# Plate A2

## Barrel Group Mk 2

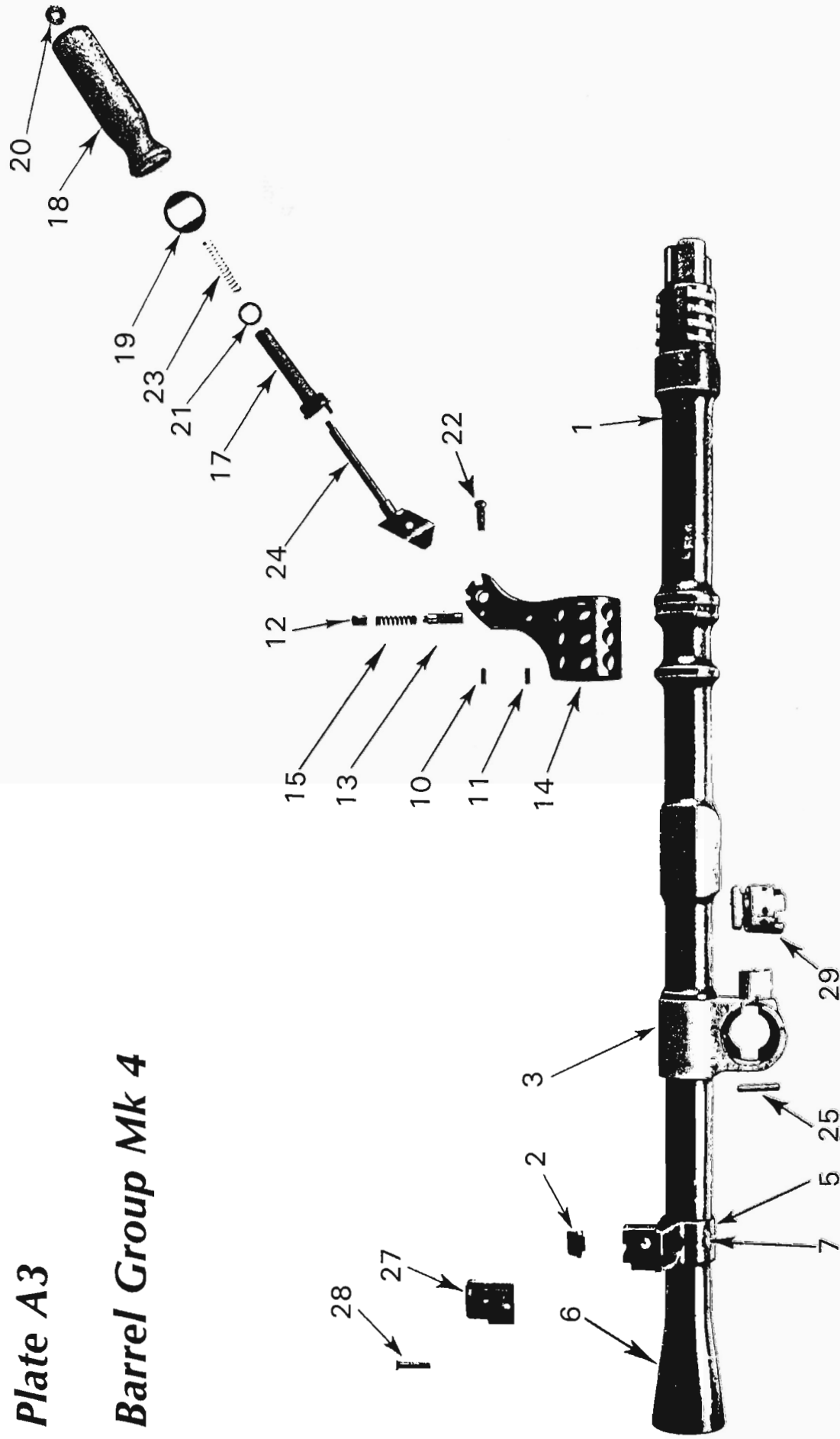




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1	Plate A2 GUN, MACHINE, BREN, .303-in. MKS 1 & 2 (cont'd.)					
1	BARREL GROUP MK 2	BE 4161	Steel	1	MGD 2481	For Mk 2 assembled barrel only.
2	BARREL, Mk 2	BE 9642	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2475	Sizes: .25, .28, .31, .34, .37, .40, .43, .46-in.
3	BLADE, foresight, Mks 1, 2 & 3	various	...	1	various	For Mk 2 assembled barrel only.
4	BLOCK, gas, Mk 1	CA 0658	...	1	MGD 2477	For Mk 2 assembled barrel only.
5	ELIMINATOR, FLASH, MK 1	BE 4151	...	1	MGD 2474	Obsolescent.
6	BRACKET, FORESIGHT, MK 1	CA 0804	...	1	...	Obsolescent.
7	BRACKET, MK 1	CA 0659	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2470	Or screw, blade, foresight. 4 BA x .50".
8	SCREW, foresight bracket	BE 4134	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2473	
9	BRACKET, FORESIGHT, MK 2	CA 0735	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2577	
10	ELIMINATOR, MK 1	CA 0660	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2469	
11	PIN, taper, solid, steel, 5/32 x 1-in., rustproof	M3/MC 8096	H.T. Steel	1	...	
12	HANDLE, CARRYING, MK 1	BE 9448	...	1	MGD 1416	Interchangeable on Mk 1 & 2 barrels.
13	SLEEVE, CARRYING HANDLE, MK 1	CA 0799	H.T. Steel	1	...	Identical pins, .116" d. x .335".
14	PIN, plug & plunger retainer.	BE 9477	H.T. Steel	2	MGD 1292	
15	PLUG, handle carrying	BE 9482	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1304	
16	PLUNGER, handle carrying	BE 9486	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1305	Has rows of lightening holes drilled.
17	SLEEVE, handle carrying, MK 1	BE 6902	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1355	
18	SPRING, plunger, handle carrying	BE 9521	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1372	
19	SLEEVE, CARRYING HANDLE, MK 2	CA 0805	H.T. Steel	1	...	Sleeve handle parts (13 - 15, 17) same as Mk 1 assy., except for solid sleeve.
20	SLEEVE, handle carrying, MK 2	BE 8221	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2476	Obsolescent. (not illustrated)
21	STEM, CARRYING HANDLE, MK 1	BE 9531	H.T. Steel	1	...	Not usually found on Mk 2 barrel group.
22	CATCH, carrying handle	BE 9431	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1223	
23	GRIP, CARRYING HANDLE MK 1	BE 9446	...	1	MGD 1252	
24	GRIP, handle carrying, Mk 1	BE 8222	Wood	1	MGD 1316	
25	PLATE, handle carrying, Mk 1	BE 8223	Steel	1	...	
26	GRIP, CARRYING HANDLE MK 2	BE 4116	...	1	MGD 2531	For Mk 2 grip only.
27	GRIP, handle carrying, Mk 2	BH 0518	Wood	1	MGD 2532	
28	PLATE, handle carrying, Mk 2	BE 6918	Steel	1	MGD 1273	
29	NUT, stem, carrying handle	BE 9457	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1271	
30	NUT, catch, carrying handle	BE 9460	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1339	
31	SCREW, carrying handle	BE 9503	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1364	
32	SPRING, catch	BE 9517	Spring Steel	1	...	Round head, .234" d. x .57".
33	STEM, CARRYING HANDLE, MK 3	BH 0556	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3610	And Stem, Mk 1, obsolescent.
34	STEM, Mk 3	BE 9718	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2480	Stem handle parts (Nos. 21 - 24) are identical to Mk 1 assembly.
35	HANDLE, CARRYING, MK 2	BE 9652	...	1	MGD 1296	Parts (Nos. 12 - 17) same as Mk 1 assy.
36	PIN, barrel sleeve	BH 0723	H.T. Steel	1	...	"Pin, retaining (tapered)" in Aust. lists.
37	PROTECTOR, FORESIGHT, MK 2	BE 4132	Steel	1	MGD 2471	For Mk 2 assembled barrel only.
38	PROTECTOR, foresight	CA 0807	Steel	1	MGD 2472	Stamped metal, some variations.
39	SCREW, protector, foresight	BE 4137	H.T. Steel	1	...	Round head, 2 BA x .80".
40	REGULATOR, GAS, MK 3	BE 9715	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1294	Marked "III".
41	PIN, retainer, gas regulator	BE 9475	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1325	.075" d. x .365".
42	REGULATOR, gas, Mk 3	CA 0802	H.T. Steel	1	...	
43	RETAINER, regulator, gas	BE 9492	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1332	

# Plate A3

## Barrel Group Mk 4



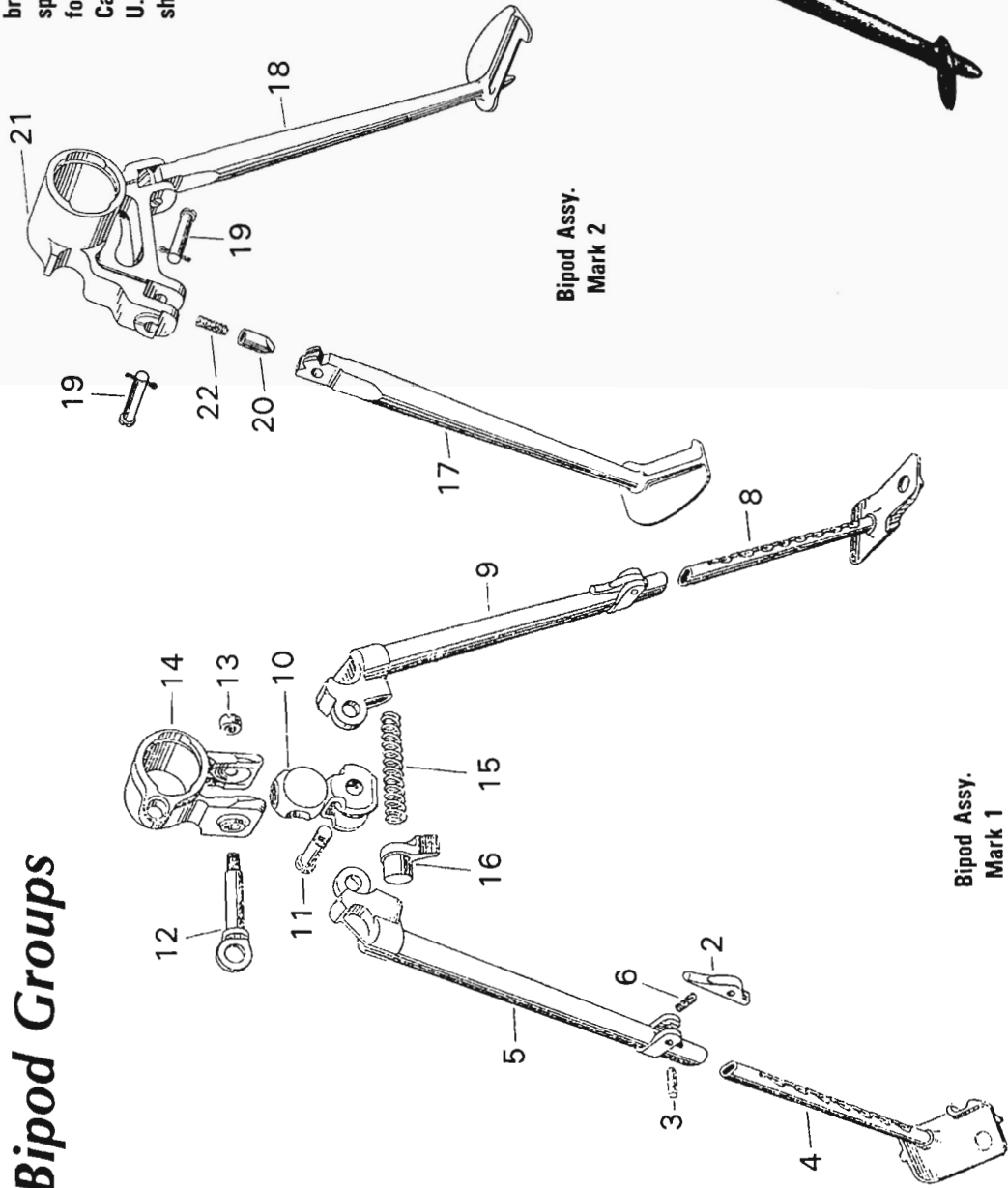
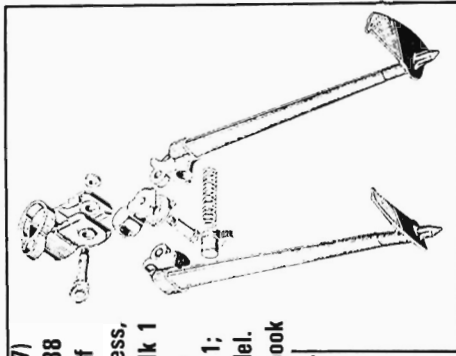
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Plate A3	GUN, MACHINE, BREN, .303-in. MKS 1, 2 & 3					
1	BARREL GROUP MK 4	BH 0557	...	1	MGA 3773	Mk 5 brl is shortened & lightened Mk 2, not interchangeable with the Mk 4.
2	BARREL, Mk 4	BH 0436	Steel	1	MGD 3769	Sizes: .25, .28, .31, .34, .37, .40, .43, .46-in.
3	BLADE, foresight, Mk 1, 2 & 3	various	H.T. Steel	1	various	
4	BLOCK, gas, Mk 2	BE 9149	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3708	
5	ELIMINATOR, FLASH, MK 2	BE 9356	H.T. Steel	1	MGA 3709	
6	BRACKET, foresight, Mk 3	BE 9359	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3711	
7	ELIMINATOR, Mk 2	BE 9357	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3710	
8	PIN, taper, solid, steel, 5/32 x 1-in., rustproof	M3/MC 8096	H.T. Steel	1	...	Also MT1/5492.
9	HANDLE, CARRYING, MK 3	BH 0586	...	1	MGA 3712	
10	SLEEVE, CARRYING HANDLE, MK 3 S.A.	BE 9374	H.T. Steel	1	...	Shorter sleeve than Mk 1 & 2.
11	PIN, plug, handle, carrying handle	BE 9477	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1292	.116" d. x .335".
12	PIN, retainer, plunger, c/ handle	BE 9477	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1292	Same pin as previous part (No. 10).
13	PLUG, carrying handle	BE 9482	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1304	
14	PLUNGER, carrying handle	BE 9486	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1305	
15	SLEEVE, carrying handle, Mk 3	BE 9379	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3713	
16	SPRING, plunger, carrying handle	BE 9521	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1372	Lightening holes drilled, like Mk 1 patt.
17	STEM, CARRYING HANDLE, MK 3 S.A.	BH 0556	H.T. Steel	1	...	
18	CATCH, handle, carrying	BE 9431	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1223	
19	GRIP, handle, carrying Mk 2	BH 0518	Wood	1	MGD 2531	
20	PLATE, grip, c/ handle Mk 2	BE 6918	Steel	1	MGD 2532	
21	NUT, stem, carrying handle	BE 9457	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1273	
22	NUT, catch, carrying handle	BE 9460	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1271	
23	SCREW, carrying handle	BE 9503	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1339	
24	SPRING, catch	BE 9517	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1364	Round head, .234" d. x .57".
25	STEM, Mk 3	BE 9718	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3610	"Pin, tapered" in Aust. lists.
26	PIN, barrel sleeve	BH 0723	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1296	
27	PROTECTOR, FORESIGHT, MK 2	BE 4132	Steel	1	...	Variations in sight protector form.
28	PROTECTOR, Mk 2	CA 0807	Steel	1	MGD 2471	Round head, 2 BA x .80".
29	SCREW, protector, foresight	BE 4137	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2472	Shorter "legs" than previous Marks.
30	REGULATOR, GAS, MK 4	BE 9349	H.T. Steel	1	...	.075" d. x .365".
31	PIN, retainer, gas regulator	BE 9475	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1294	Mk 4 regulator has short "legs", compared with the Mk 3 pattern.
32	REGULATOR, gas, Mk 4	BE 9353	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3706	
33	RETAINER, regulator, gas	BE 9492	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1332	

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# Plate B

## Bipod Groups

Australian Bipod (CAA 1087) has different legs, CAA 1088 (left) & CAA 1089 (right), of basic Mk 2 style. Nonetheless, bracket & sleeve are the Mk 1 spring-loaded, simultaneous fold action, per British Mk 1; Canada made a similar model. U.K. 1969 Bren User Handbook shows this as a Mk 3 type.



REF. NO.	DESIGNATION	VOCAB. NUMBER	MAT.	NO. OFF	DRAWING NUMBER	REMARKS
<b>Plate B GUN, MACHINE, BREN, .303-in. MKS 1, 2 &amp; 3</b>						
...	<b>BIPOD MK 1 (complete)</b>	A.				Bipod assemblies are interchangeable.
1 ‡	LEG, Bipod, left, Mk 1	S.A.	...	1	MGA 1418	
2	CATCH, leg, bipod	#	...	1	...	Also for right leg.
3	PIN, catch, leg, bipod	#	H.T. Steel	2	MGD 1207	.16" d. x .532". Also for right leg.
4	LEG, bipod, lower left	#	H.T. Steel	2	MGD 1282	Tube no. only, fittings brazed on.
5	LEG, bipod, upper left	#	H.T. Steel	2	MGD 1406	Tube no. only, fittings brazed on.
6	SPRING, catch, leg, bipod	#	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1407	Also for right leg.
7 ‡	LEG, Bipod, right, Mk 1	S.A.	Spring Steel	2	MGD 1365	
8	LEG, bipod, lower right	#	...	1	...	
9	LEG, bipod, upper right	#	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1406	Tube no. only, fittings brazed on.
10	BRACKET, bipod	#	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1407	Tube no. only, fittings brazed on.
11	SCREW, bracket, bipod	#	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1206	
12	SCREW, sleeve, bipod	#	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1337	Round head, .314" d. x .875".
13	NUT, screw, bipod, sleeve	#	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1344	Round head, slotted.
14	SLEEVE, bipod, Mk 1	#	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1272	
15	SPRING, bipod	#	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1354	
16	STOP, leg, bipod	#	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1360	
...	<b>BIPOD MK 2 (complete)</b>	A				Bipod assemblies are interchangeable.
17	LEG, Bipod, left, Mk 2	#	...	1	MGA 2520	Also available, Mk 2/1 left leg.
18	LEG, Bipod, right, Mk 2	#	Steel	1	MGA 2529	Also available, Mk 2/1 right leg.
19	PIN, catch, leg, bipod	#	Steel	1	MGA 2530	With split pin, 1/16" x 5/8" rustproof.
20	PLUNGER, hinge, bipod, Mk 1	#	H.T. Steel	2	MGD 2525	
21	SLEEVE, bipod, Mk 2	#	H.T. Steel	2	MGD 2524	No sling catch hole on sleeve.
22	SPRING, hinge, bipod	#	Mall. Cast Iron	1	MGD 2521	
...	<b>BIPOD MK 3 (complete)</b>	A				Bipod assemblies interchangeable.
23	LEG, Bipod, left, Mk 3, assembly	#	...	1	MGA 3714	Shoe, tube & hinge listed separately
24	LEG, Bipod, right, Mk 3, assembly	#	Steel	1	MGA 3717	for repairs. Shoe on Mk 3 leg is
25	PIN, hinge, bipod leg, Mk 2	#	Steel	2	MGA 3718	differently shaped to Mk 2.
26	PIN, keep, 1/16-in. x 3/4-in.	#	H.T. Steel	2	MGD 3716	Note: This bipod shown as Mk 3
27	PLUNGER, hinge, bipod, Mk 2	#	H.T. Steel	2	...	version in 1945 pams. Variant
28	SLEEVE, bipod, Mk 3	#	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3400	as shown in insert was later
29	SPRING, hinge, bipod	#	Mall. Cast Iron	2	MGD 3715	designated the Mark 3 bipod.

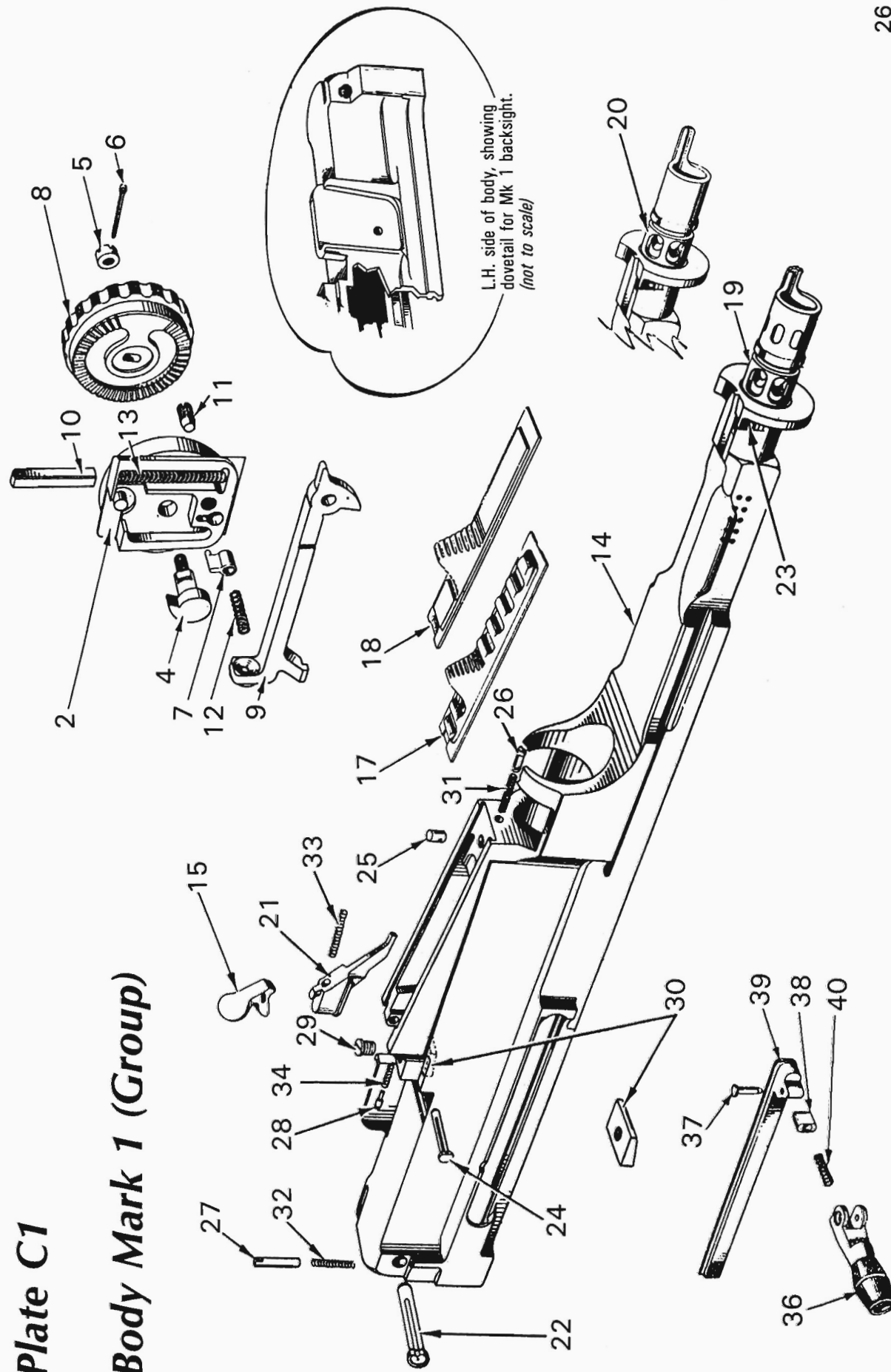
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Note: Australian (insert) & similar Canadian model later designated Mk 3. Mk 2 & Mk 3 bipods of 1945 vintage (above) are similar.

# Plate C1

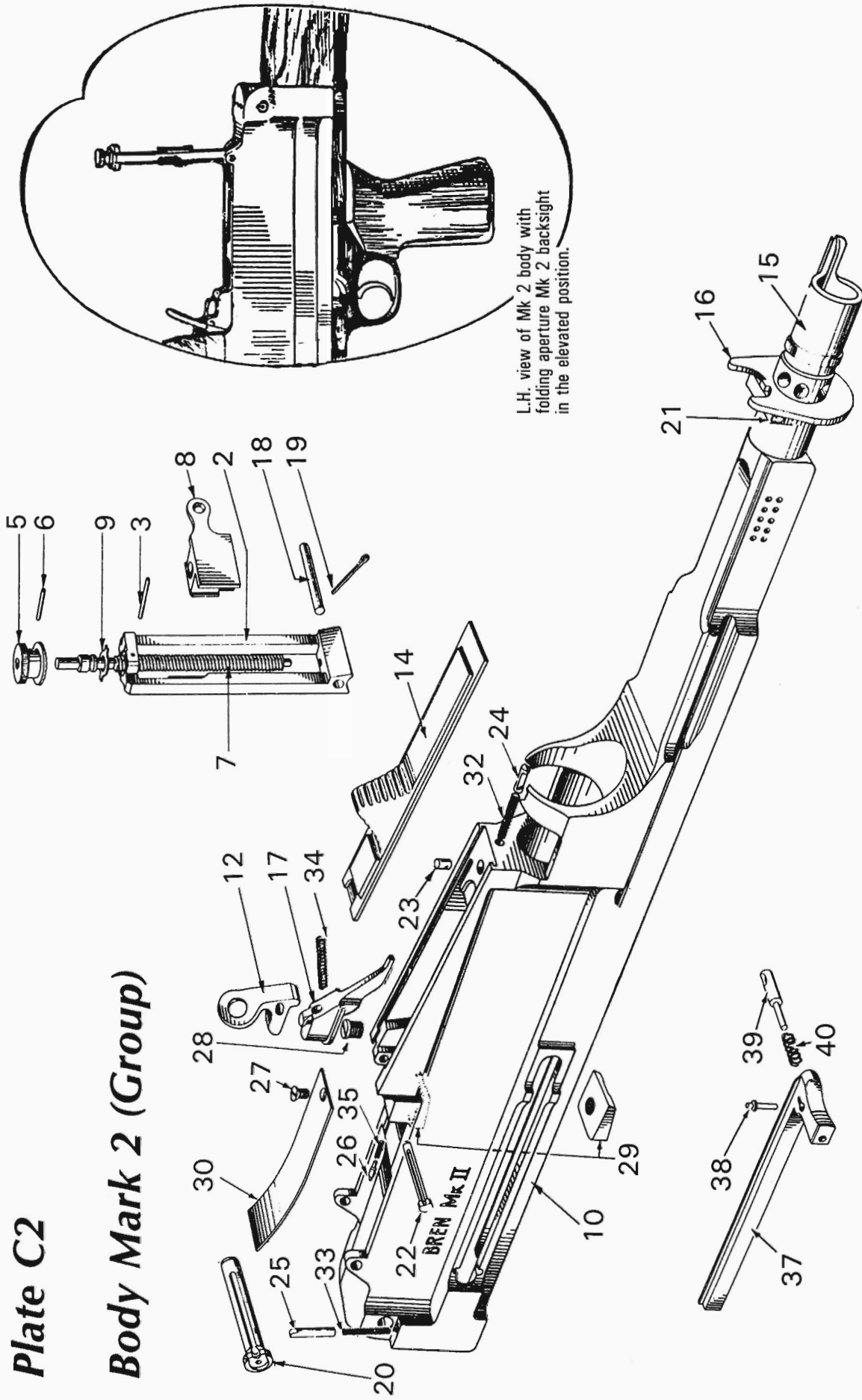
## Body Mark 1 (Group)



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Plate C1	GUN, MACHINE, BREN, .303-in. MK 1					
1	BODY, GROUP, MK 1	CA 0677	...	1	DD(E) 1650	
2	BACKSIGHT, MK 1	BE 9417	...	1	MGA 1425	
3	BODY, backsight	CA 0679	Steel	1	MGD 1205	
4	CAM	BE 9429	H.T. Steel	1		
5	CAM, backsight	CA 0797	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1216	
6	NUT, cam, backsight	BE 9461	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1270	Round, slotted.
7	PIN, keep, 1/16" x 3/4", rustproof	M3/MC 8053	Steel	1	MGD 1365	Or G1/GA 0800. Split pin.
8	DETENT, drum, backsight	BE 9440	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1238	
9	DRUM, backsight	BE 6903	Steel	1	MGD 1242	
10	LEAF, backsight, Mk 1	BE 9454	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1262	
11	PLUNGER, sight, back	BE 8180	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1309	
12	SCREW, sight, back	BE 9500	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1343	.276" d. x .44".
13	SPRING, drum, detent	BE 9520	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1369	Coil spring.
14	SPRING, plunger, sight, back	BE 9655	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1374	Large coil spring.
15	BODY, MK 1	CA 0678	Steel	1	MGD 1204	Also Mk 1(M) & machining variations.
16	CATCH, magazine, Mk 1	BE 9433	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1225	Alternative.
17	or CATCH, magazine, Mk 2	BE 9650	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2504	Crosswise reinforcing ribs on top.
18	COVER, magazine opening, Mk 1	BE 9438	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1230	No reinforcing ribs across the top.
19	or COVER, magazine opening, Mk 2	BE 9651	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2505	Six additional gas vent holes at front.
20	CYLINDER, gas, Mk 1	BH 0449	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1233	No additional vents under bipod sleeve.
21	CYLINDER, gas, Mk 3	BE 9294	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3672	
22	EJECTOR	BE 9443	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1246	
23	PIN, body locking	BE 9469	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1289	
24	PIN, gas cylinder	BE 8214	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1285	
25	PIN, magazine catch	BE 9464	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1283	
26	PLUNGER, barrel nut retainer	BE 9483	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1308	
27	RETAINER, barrel nut	BE 9495	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1327	
28	RETAINER, body locking pin	BE 9493	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1330	
29	RETAINER, magazine catch pin	BE 9494	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1328	
30	SCREW, locking shoulder	BE 8202	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1342	
31	SHOULDER, locking	various	H.T. Steel	1	various	Round head., .3165" d. x .275".
32	SPRING, barrel nut retainer	BE 9525	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1376	Sizes: 3X, 2X, 1X, 00, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.
33	SPRING, body locking pin retainer	BE 9524	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1377	Coil spring.
34	SPRING, magazine catch	BE 9515	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1366	Coil spring.
35	SPRING, magazine catch pin retainer	BE 9523	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1378	Coil spring.
36	SLIDE, COCKING HANDLE	BE 9653	Steel	1	MGD 2483	
37	HANDLE, cocking, Mk 1	BH 0448	Steel	1	MGA 1426	
38	PIN, handle, cocking, Mk 1	BE 9447	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1258	
39	PLUNGER, handle, cocking, Mk 1	BE 9467	Steel	1	MGD 1288	.156" d. x .717".
40	SLIDE, handle, cocking	BE 9507	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1357	Coil spring.
	SPRING, plunger, Mk 1	BE 9522	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1373	

# Plate C2

## Body Mark 2 (Group)

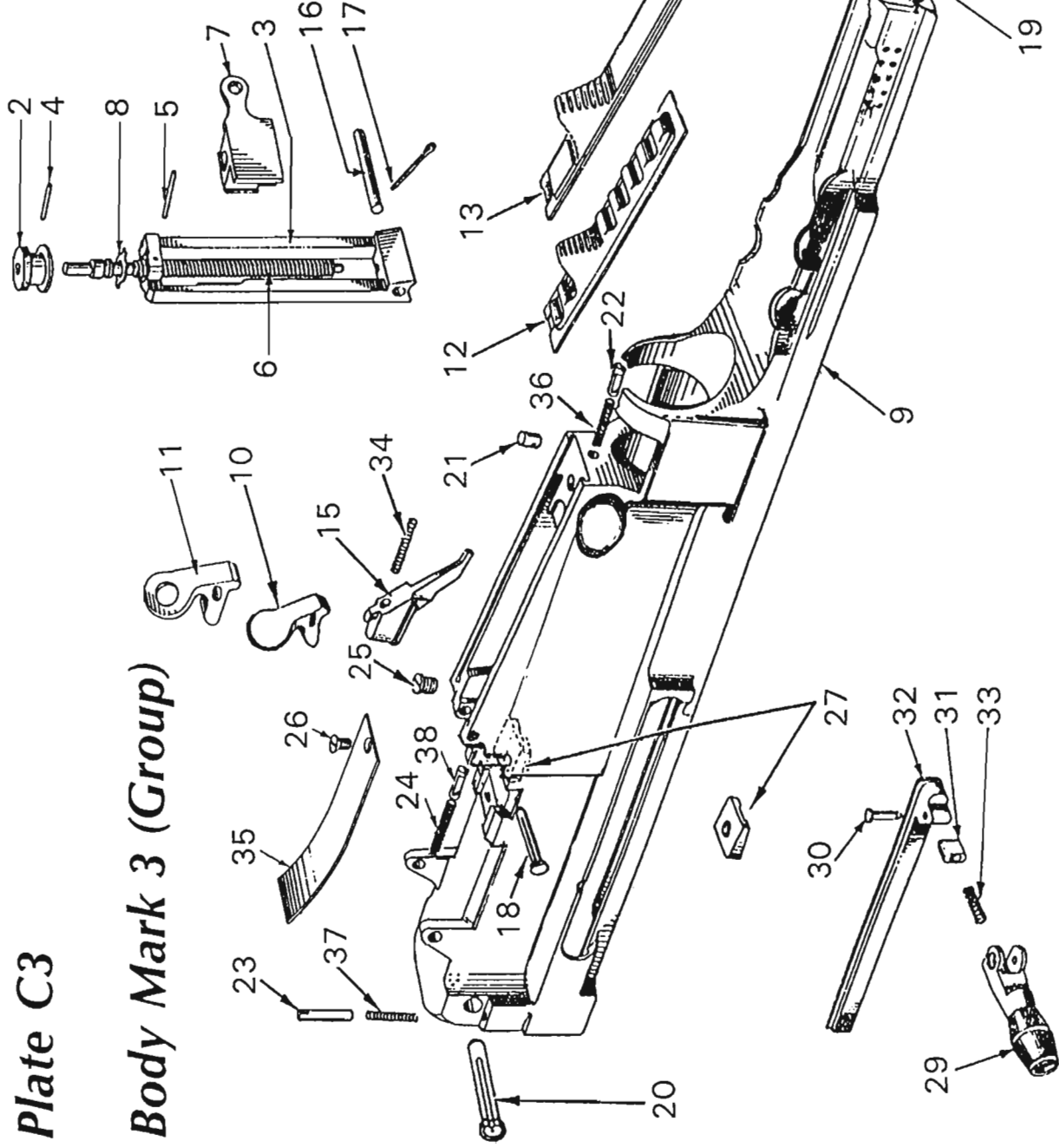




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Plate C2	GUN, MACHINE, BREN, .303-in. MK 2					
1	BODY, GROUP, MK 2	BE 4149	...	1	MGD 2503	
2	BACKSIGHT, MK 2	BE 4112	...	1	MGD 2518	
3	LEAF, backsight	BE 4119	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2508	
4	PIN, screw retaining	BE 4127	Steel	1	MGD 2512	16 S.W.G. x .68"
5	SCREW, BACKSIGHT	BE 4133	H.T. Steel	1	...	
6	KNOB	BE 8218	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2514	
7	PIN, knob	BE 8216	Steel	1	MGD 2515	
8	SCREW	BE 8235	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2510	Issued complete with Nos. 5 & 6.
9	SLIDE	BE 4140	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2511	
10	SPRING, knob	BE 4142	Spring Steel	1	MGD 2513	Flat, circular spring.
11	BODY, MK 2	CA 0681	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2502	
12	CATCH, magazine, Mk 1	BE 9433	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1225	
13	CATCH, magazine, Mk 2	BE 9650	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2504	
14	COVER, magazine opening, Mk 1	BE 9438	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1230	
15	COVER, magazine opening, Mk 2	BE 9651	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2505	Crosswise reinforcing ribs on top.
16	CYLINDER, gas, Mk 2	BE 4150	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2482	No reinforcing ribs across the top.
17	DEFLECTOR, gas, Mk 1	BE 8224	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2478	
18	EJECTOR	BE 9443	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1246	
19	PIN, backsight leaf axis	BE 4214	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2509	Split pin.
20	PIN, keep, steel, 1/16" x 3/4", rustproof	MC 8053	Steel	1	...	
21	PIN, body locking	BE 9469	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1289	Tapered pin.
22	PIN, gas cylinder	BE 8214	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1285	
23	PIN, magazine catch	BE 9464	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1283	
24	PLUNGER, barrel nut retainer	BE 9483	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1308	
25	RETAINER, barrel nut	BE 9495	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1327	
26	RETAINER, body locking pin	BE 9493	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1330	
27	RETAINER, magazine catch pin	BE 9494	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1328	
28	SCREW, backsight leaf spring	BE 4138	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2517	Countersunk, 2 BA x .22".
29	SCREW, locking shoulder	BE 8202	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1342	Round head, .3165" d. x .275".
30	SHOULDER, locking	...	H.T. Steel	1	...	Sizes: 3X, 2X, 1X, 00, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.
31	SPRING, backsight leaf, Mk 1	BE 4144	Spring Steel	1	MGD 2516	Flat spring.
32	SPRING, backsight leaf, Mk 2	CA 0562	Spring Steel	1	MGD 3807	Flat spring.
33	SPRING, barrel nut retainer	BE 9525	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1376	Coil spring.
34	SPRING, body locking pin retainer	BE 9524	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1377	Coil spring.
35	SPRING, magazine catch	BE 9515	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1366	Coil spring.
36	SPRING, magazine catch pin retainer	BE 9523	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1378	Coil spring.
37	HANDLE, COCKING, MK 2	BE 4118	Steel	1	MGD 2497	Coil spring.
38	HANDLE, MK 2	BH 0726	Steel	1	MGA 2487	
39	PIN, MK 2	BE 4125	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2496	
40	PLUNGER, MK 2	BE 4130	Steel	1	MGD 2495	Coil spring.
	SPRING, plunger, Mk 2	BE 4143	Spring Steel	1	MGD 2494	

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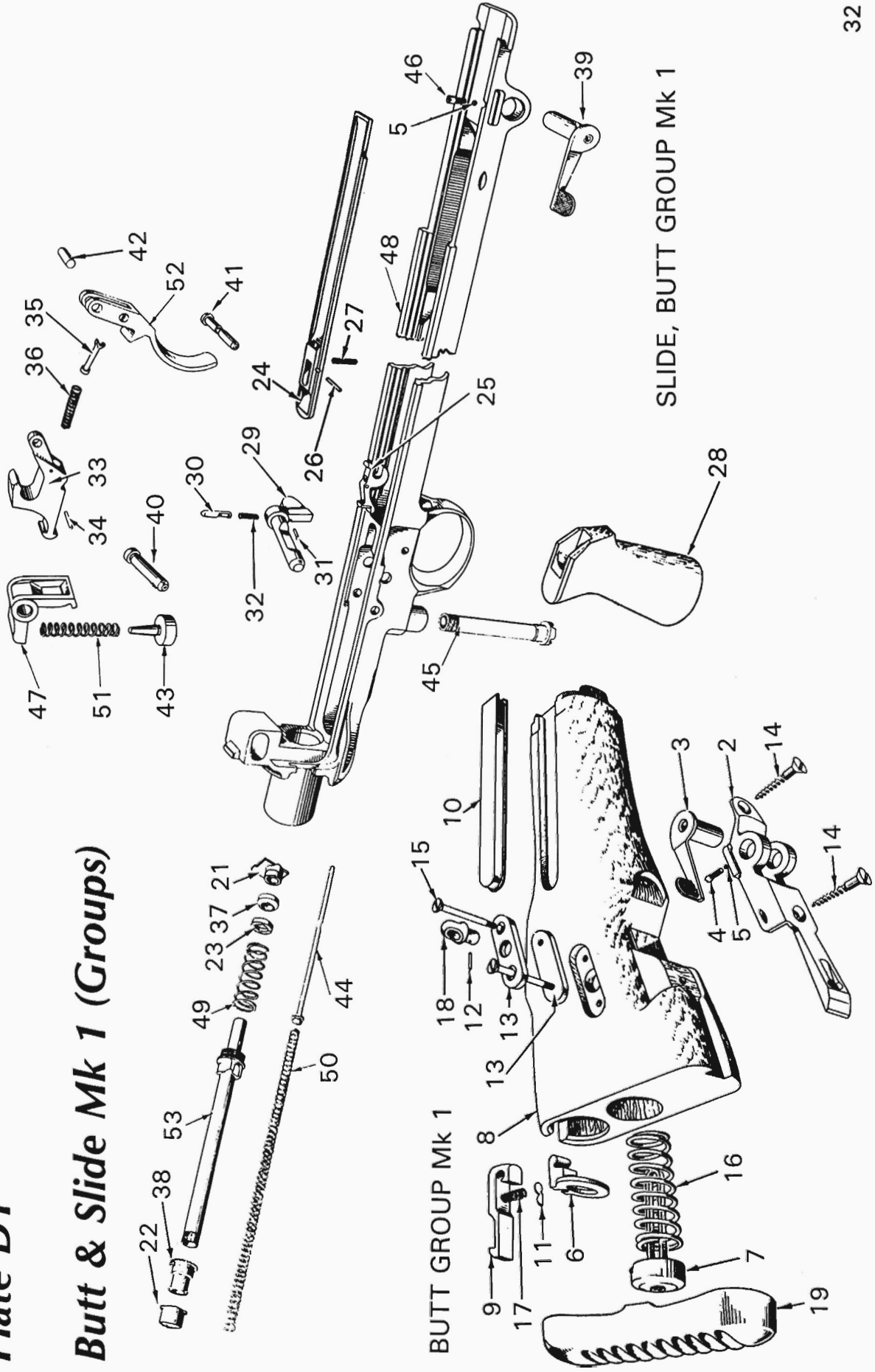
## Body Mark 3 (Group)



REF. NO.	DESIGNATION	VOCAB. NUMBER	MAT.	NO. OFF	DRAWING NUMBER	REMARKS
Plate C3	GUN, MACHINE, BREN, .303-in. MK 3					
1	BODY, GROUP, MK 3	BH 0446	...	1	MGA 3774	
2	BACKSIGHT, MK 2	BE 4112	...	1	MGD 2518	Same assembly as for Mk 2 gun.
3	KNOB, backsight	BE 8218	...	1	MGD 2514	
4	LEAF, backsight Mk 2	BE 4119	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2508	
5	PIN, knob, backsight	BE 8216	Steel	1	MGD 2515	
6	PIN, retaining, backsight screw	BE 4127	Steel	1	MGD 2512	16 S.W.G. x .68"
7	SCREW, backsight	BE 8235	H.T. Steel	1	...	
8	SLIDE, backsight	BE 4140	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2511	
9	SPRING, knob, backsight	BE 4142	Spring Steel	1	MGD 2513	Flat, circular spring.
10	BODY, Mk 3	BH 0447	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3770	
11	CATCH, magazine, Mk 1	BE 9433	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1225	
12	CATCH, magazine, Mk 2	BE 9650	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2504	
13	COVER, magazine opening, Mk 1	BE 9438	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1230	
14	COVER, magazine opening, Mk 2	BE 9651	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2505	Crosswise reinforcing ribs on top. No reinforcing ribs across the top.
15	CYLINDER, gas, Mk 2	BE 4150	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2482	
16	EJECTOR	BE 9443	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1246	
17	PIN, axis, backsight, leaf	BE 4214	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2509	
18	PIN, keep, 1/16" x 3/4"	G1/GA 0800	Steel	1	...	
19	PIN, catch, magazine	BE 9464	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1283	
20	PIN, cylinder, gas	BE 8214	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1285	Tapered pin.
21	PIN, locking, body	BE 9469	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1289	
22	PLUNGER, retainer, barrel nut	BE 9483	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1308	
23	RETAINER, nut, barrel	BE 9495	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1327	
24	RETAINER, pin, body locking	BE 9493	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1330	
25	RETAINER, pin, magazine catch	BE 9494	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1328	
26	SCREW, shoulder, locking	BE 8202	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1342	
27	SCREW, spring, backsight leaf	BE 4138	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2517	Round head, .3165" d. x .275".
28	SHOULDER, locking	BE various	H.T. Steel	1	MGD various	Sizes: 00, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. Same assembly as for Mk 1 gun.
29	SLIDE, HANDLE, COCKING, ASSEMBLY	BH 0448	Steel	1	MGA 1426	
30	HANDLE, cocking, Mk 1	BE 9447	Steel	1	MGD 1258	
31	PIN, handle, cocking, Mk 3	BH 0517	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3803	
32	PLUNGER, handle, cocking, Mk 2	BE 9485	Steel	1	MGD 1306	
33	SLIDE, handle, cocking	BE 9507	Steel	1	MGD 1357	
34	SPRING, plunger, cock, handle Mk 1	BE 9522	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1373	Coil spring.
35	SPRING, catch, magazine	BE 9515	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1366	Coil spring.
36	SPRING, leaf, backsight	BE 4144	Spring Steel	1	MGD 2516	Flat spring.
37	SPRING, retainer, barrel nut	BE 9525	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1376	Coil spring.
38	SPRING, retainer, body locking pin	BE 9524	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1377	Coil spring.
	SPRING, retainer, magazine catch pin	BE 9523	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1378	Coil spring.

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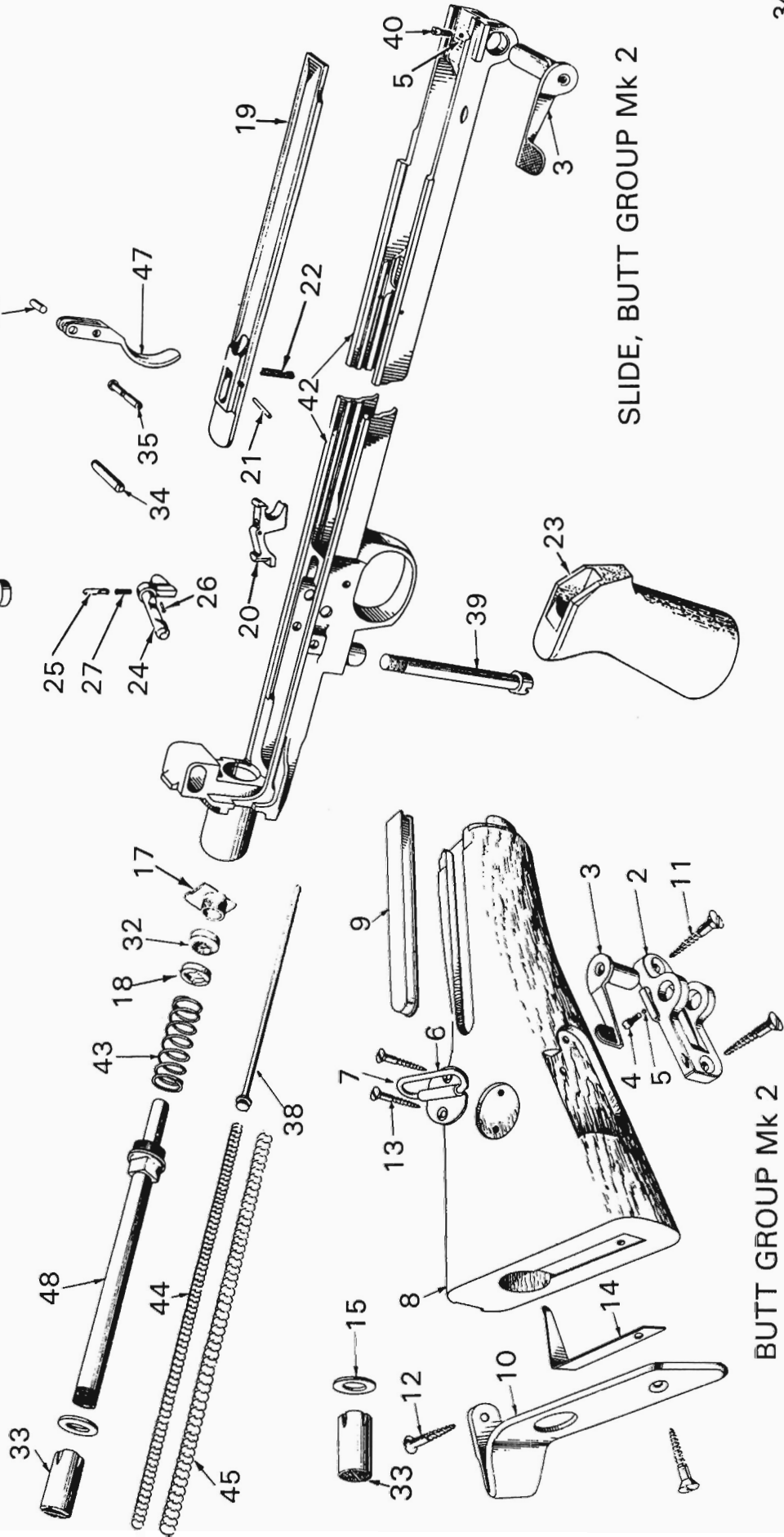
## Butt & Slide Mk 1 (Groups)



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<b>Plate D1 GUN, MACHINE, BREN, .303-in. MK 1; BUTT &amp; SLIDE GROUPS, MK 1.</b>						
1	BUTT, MK 1	BE 9427	H.T. Steel	1	MGA 1424	Obsolescent.
2	BRACKET, Mk 1	BE 6899	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1209	Also BE 9423 in Aust. list.
3	PIN, mounting, rear	BE 9470	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1291	
4	SCREW, retaining, Mk 2	BE 8228	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2992	
5	BALL, anti-friction, 1/8-in.	BE 0176	Steel	2		Mk 1 (BE 9501) obsolescent.
6	BRACKET, butt plate catch	BE 9424	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1208	Only required when screw is fitted.
7	BUFFER, BUTT PLATE, MK 1	BE 9426	Steel	1	MGD 1217	
8	BUTT, Mk 1	CA 0680	Wood	1	MGD 1211	
9	CATCH, butt plate	BE 9434	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1227	
10	COVER, cocking handle slide	BE 9439	Steel	1	MGD 1231	
11	DETENT, return spring tube nut	BE 9442	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1240	
12	PIN, swivel	BE 9473	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1298	
13	PLATES, butt swivel, left & right	BE 9480-1	H.T. Steel	1 ea.	MGD 1302-3	Tapered, .49" long.
14	SCREW, butt, bracket	BE 9505	Steel	2	MGD 1345	Respectively; ordered separately.
15	SCREW, swivel	BE 9497	H.T. Steel	2	MGD 1347	Wood screw, round head, No. 12.
16	SPRING, butt plate buffer	BE 9510	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1362	Round head, .165" d. x 1.6".
17	SPRING, butt plate catch	BE 9513	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1368	
18	SWIVEL	BE 9533	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1393	
19	PLATE, butt, Mk 1	BE 9479	Steel	1	MGD 1301	Later model has straight edges.
20	SLIDE, BUTT, MK 1	BE 9226	H.T. Steel	1	MGA 1423	
21	BUFFER, piston	BH 0519	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1210	Not required when Mk 2 butt is fitted.
22	CAP, return spring tube	BE 9430	Steel	1	MGD 1220	
23	COLLAR, friction, piston buffer	BE 9435	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1228	Mk 2 cover, BE 8217, is an alternative.
24	COVER, ejection opening, Mk 1	BE 9437	H.T. Steel	1	MGA 1229	Mk 2 catch, BE 9649, is an alternative.
25	CATCH, Mk 1	BE 9416	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1222	
26-27	PIN & SPRING, catch	BE 9465 & 9518	H.T. Steel	1 ea.	MGD 1281 & 1363	
28	GRIP, pistol, Mk 1	BE 9444	Wood	1	MGD 1253	
29	LEVER, CHANGE	BH 0456	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1263	
30-32	DETENT; PIN & SPRING, detent, lever change #	BE 9441, 9466 & 9519	H.T. Steel	1 ea.	MGD 1239, 1286 & 1370	Pin is .059" d. x .225".
33	LEVER, TRIPPING	BE 9630	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1264	
34-36	PIN, PLUNGER & SPRING, trigger	BE 9472, 9487 & 9528	H.T. Steel	1 ea.	MGD 1293, 1311 & 1384	
37	NUT, piston buffer	BE 9462	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1269	
38	NUT, return spring tube, Mk 1	BE 9455	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1275	Round, slotted. Mks 2 & 3 for Mk 2 butt.
39	PIN, mounting	BE 9470	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1291	Minor differences may be noted in these.
40	PIN, sear, Mk 1	BE 8188	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1295	
41	PIN, trigger	BE 9471	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1299	.1595" d. x .713"
42	PIN, tripping lever	BE 9468	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1290	.16" d. x .313"
43	POST, sear spring	BE 9489	Steel	1	MGD 1313	
44	ROD, return spring	BE 9491	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1333	
45	SCREW, pistol grip, Mk 1	BE 9504	Steel	1	MGD 1338	Tubular screw, some were solid.
46	SCREW, retaining, mount pin, Mk 2	BE 8228	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2992	Mk 1 (BE 9501) obsolescent.
47	SEAR	BE 8189	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1349	
48	SLIDE, Mk 1	BE 9511	Steel	1	MGD 1356	
49	SPRING, piston buffer	BE 9512	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1361	
50	SPRING, return, Mk 1	BE 8183	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1379	Mk 2 model has inner & outer springs.
51	SPRING, sear	BE 9526	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1380	
52	TRIGGER, Mk 1	BE 9534	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1405	
53	TUBE, return spring, Mk 1	BE 9535	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1408	

# Plate D2

## Butt & Slide Mk 2 (Groups)



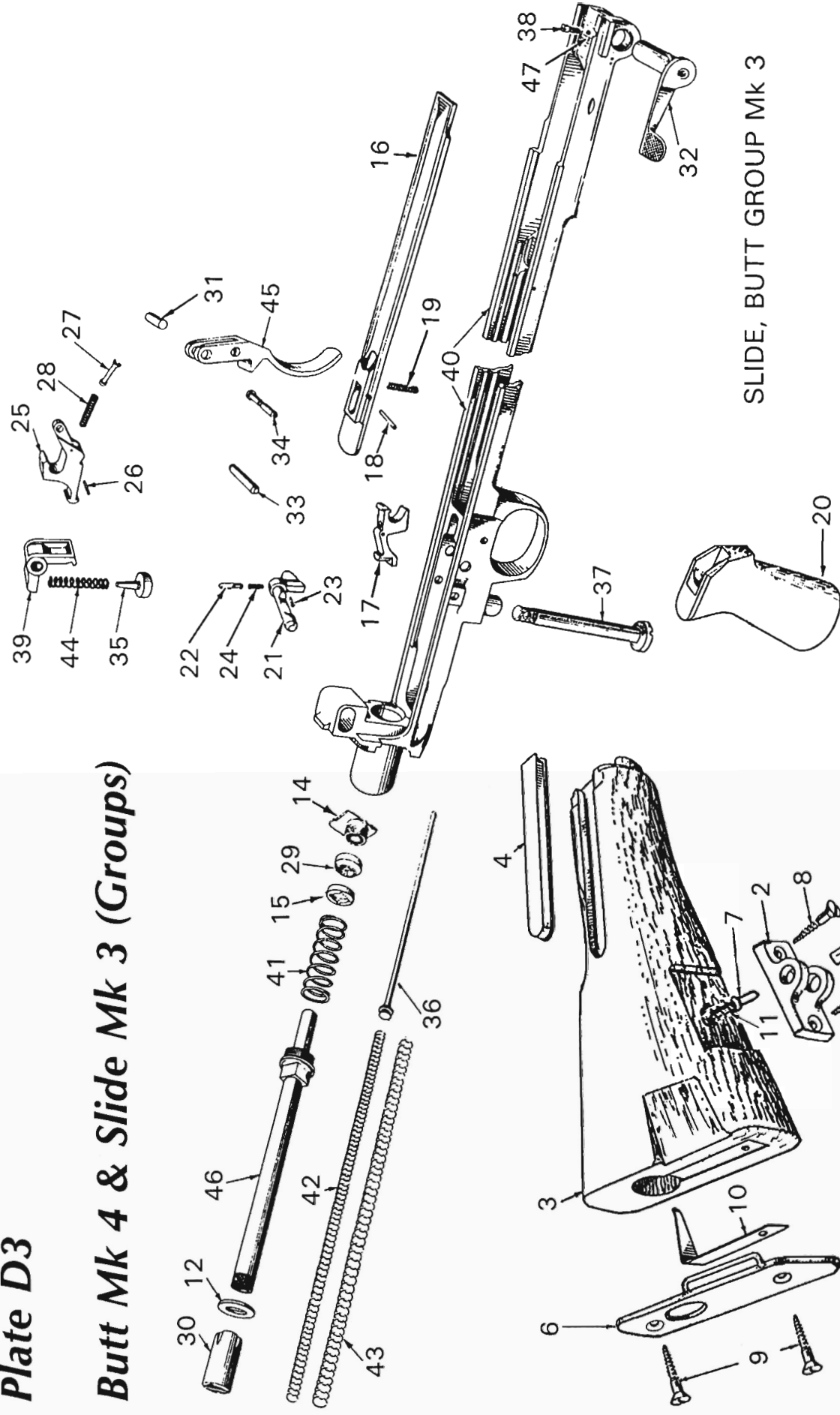
SLIDE, BUTT GROUP Mk 2

BUTT GROUP Mk 2

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<b>Plate D2 GUN, MACHINE, BREN, .303-in. MK 2; BUTT &amp; SLIDE GROUPS, MK 2.</b>						
1	BUTT, MK 2	BE 4115	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2468	Later made obsolescent by Mk 4.
2	BRACKET, Mk 2	BE 9291	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2462	These are now interchangeable.
3	PIN, mounting, front & rear	BE 9470	H.T. Steel	2	MGD 1291	
4	SCREW, retaining, Mk 2	BE 8228	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2992	
5	BALL, anti-friction, 1/8-in.	BF 0176	Steel	2		Only required when screw is fitted.
6	BRACKET, swivel	CA 0675	Steel	1	MGD 2464	
7	SWIVEL, sling	BE 8227	Steel	1	MGD 2463	
8	BUTT, Mk 2	BE 8234	Wood	1	MGD 2458	
9	COVER, cocking handle slide	BE 9439	Steel	1	MGD 1231	
10	PLATE, butt, Mk 2	BE 4129	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2459	Replaced by buttplate Mk 4 (BE 7982).
11	SCREW, butt bracket	BE 9505	Steel	2	MGD 1345	Wood screw, round head, No. 12.
12	SCREW, butt plate	BE 9505	Steel	2	MGD 1345	Wood screw, same as previous item.
13	SCREW, swivel bracket	BE 4135	Steel	2	MGD 2465	Wood screw, round head, No. 8.
14	SPRING, return spring tube nut	BE 4145	Spring Steel	1	MGD 2460	
15	WASHER, return spring tube nut	BE 4148	Steel	1	MGD 2461	
16	SLIDE, BUTT, MK 2	BE 6917	Steel	1	MGD 2501	Most parts are interchangeable on Mk 1 gun.
17	BUFFER, piston	BH 0519	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1210	Previously part no. BE 9425.
18	COLLAR, friction, piston buffer	BE 9435	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1228	
19	COVER, ejection opening, Mk 2	BE 8217	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2488	Mk 2 is more shallow, a pressing.
20	CATCH, Mk 2	BE 9649	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2489	A little different in shape to Mk 1.
21	PIN, catch	BE 9465	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1281	
22	SPRING, catch	BE 9518	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1363	
23	GRIP, pistol, Mk 2	BE 9441	Wood	1	MGD 2498	Previously part no. BE 4117.
24	LEVER, CHANGE	BH 0456	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1263	Same assembly as on Mk 1 gun.
25	DETENT	BE 9441	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1239	.059" d. x .225".
26	PIN, detent	BE 9466	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1286	
27	SPRING, detent	BE 9519	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1370	Same assembly as on Mk 1 gun.
28	LEVER, TRIPPING, MK 1	BE 9630	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1264	.059" d. x .315".
29	PIN, trigger spring plunger	BE 9472	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1293	
30	PLUNGER, trigger spring	BE 9487	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1311	
31	SPRING, trigger	BE 9528	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1384	
32	NUT, piston buffer	BE 9462	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1269	Round, slotted.
33	NUT, return spring tube, Mk 3	BE 9688	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3734	Nut, Mk 2 (BE 4123) obsolescent.
34	PIN, sear, Mk 2	BE 4128	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2491	.1595" d. x .713".
35	PIN, trigger	BE 9471	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1299	.16" d. x .313".
36	PIN, tripping lever	BE 9468	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1290	
37	POST, sear spring	BE 9489	Steel	1	MGD 1313	
38	ROD, return spring	BE 9491	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1333	
39	SCREW, pistol grip, Mk 2	BE 4136	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2499	
40	SCREW, retaining, mounting pin, Mk 2	BE 8228	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2992	
41	SEAR	BE 8189	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1349	Tubular. Simplified production.
42	SLIDE, Mk 2	BE 4155	Steel	1	MGD 2500	
43	SPRING, piston buffer	BE 9512	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1361	
44	SPRING, return, Mk 2, inner	BE 6896	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1395	Two springs constitute the Mark 2;
45	SPRING, return, Mk 2, outer	BE 6897	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1396	Mk 1 is shorter, using one spring.
46	SPRING, sear	BE 9526	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1380	
47	TRIGGER, Mk 2	BE 4147	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2492	
48	TUBE, return spring, Mk 2	BE 9653	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2483	

# Plate D3

## Butt Mk 4 & Slide Mk 3 (Groups)



SLIDE, BUTT GROUP Mk 3

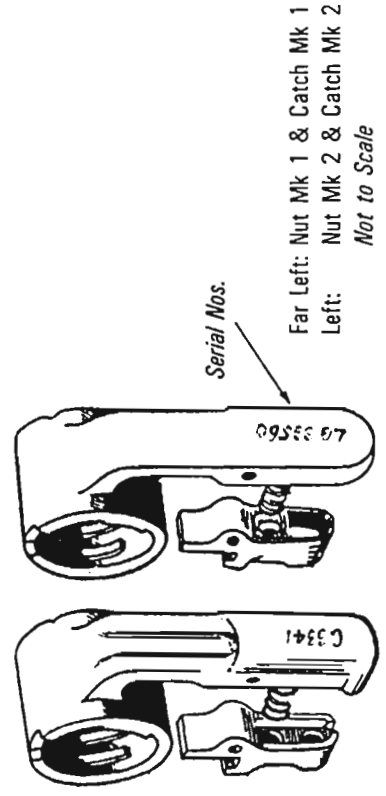
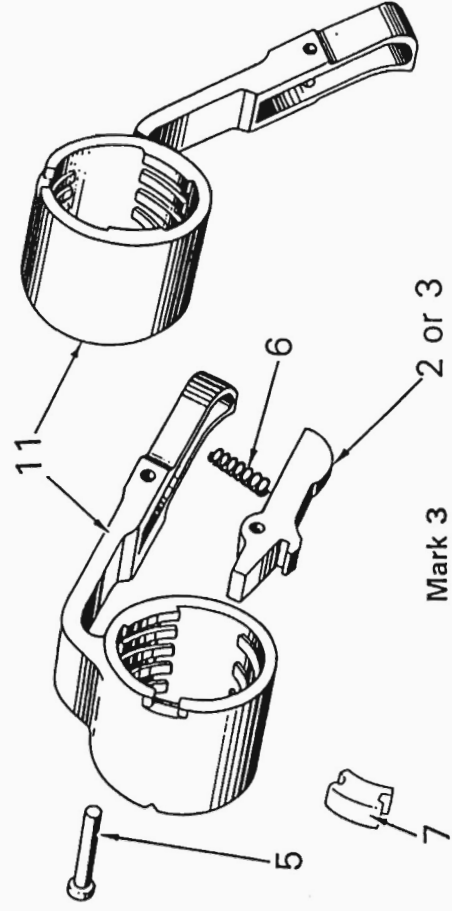
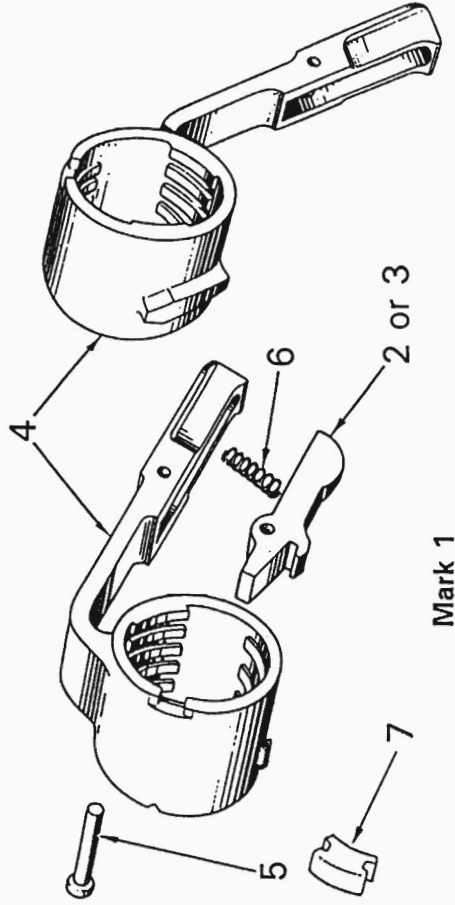
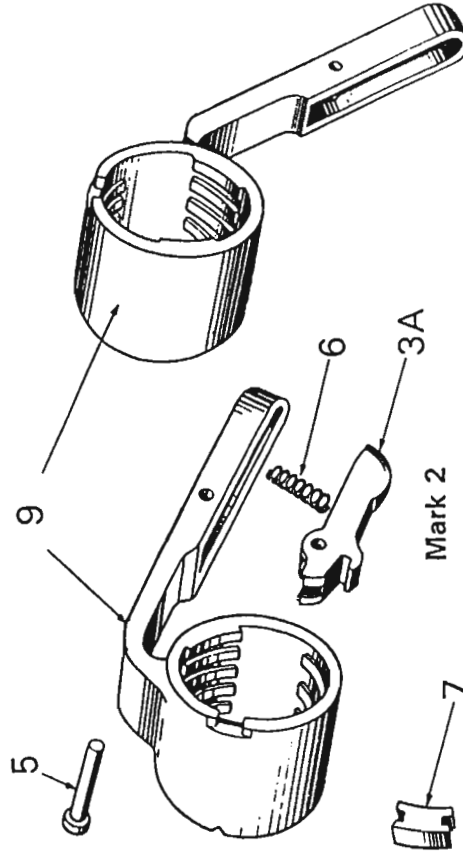
BUTT GROUP Mk 4



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<b>Plate D3 GUN, MACHINE, BREN. .303-in. MK 3; BUTT MK 4 &amp; SLIDE GROUP, MK 3.</b>						
1	BUTT, MK 4	BE 9387	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3725	
2	BRACKET, butt, Mk 3	BE 9389	Wood	1	MGD 3728	
3	BUTT, MK 4	BE 9394	Steel	1	MGD 3726	
4	COVER, cocking handle slide	BE 9439	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1231	Same as for Butts, Mk 1 & 2.
5	PIN, rear mounting, Mk 2	BE 9393	Steel	1	MGD 3729	
6	PLATE, butt, Mk 5	BE 9667	Steel	1	MGD 3727	
7	PLUNGER, butt bracket	BE 9392	Steel	1	MGD 3730	
8	SCREW, bracket, butt	BE 9505	Steel	1	MGD 1345	Wood screws, round head, No. 12.
9	SCREW, plate, butt	BE 9505	Steel	2	MGD 1345	Wood screws, same as previous item.
10	SPRING, return spring tube nut	BE 4145	Spring Steel	1	MGD 2460	
11	SPRING, butt bracket plunger	BE 9391	Spring Steel	1	MGD 3731	
12	WASHER, nut, return spring tube	BE 4148	Steel	1	MGD 2461	
13	SLIDE, BUTT, MK 3	BH 0565	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3776	Most parts interchangeable on previous Mk.
14	BUFFER, piston	BH 0519	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1210	Previously part no. BE 9425.
15	COLLAR, friction, piston buffer	BE 9435	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1228	
16	COVER, ejection opening, Mk 2	BE 8217	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2488	Mk 2 is more shallow, a pressing.
17	CATCH, cover, ejection opening	BE 9649	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2489	A little different in shape to Mk 1.
18	PIN, catch, cover, ejection opening	BE 9465	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1281	
19	SPRING, catch, cover, ejection opening	BE 9518	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1363	
20	GRIP, pistol, Mk 1	BE 9444	Wood	1	MGD 1253	Reversion to Mk 1 pattern.
21	LEVER, CHANGE	BH 0456	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1263	Same assembly as on Mk 1 & 2 guns.
22	DETENT, lever, change	BE 9441	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1239	
23	PIN, detent, change lever	BE 9466	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1286	
24	SPRING, detent, change lever	BE 9519	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1370	
25	LEVER, TRIPPING, MK 1	BE 9630	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1264	Same assembly as on Mk 1 & 2 guns.
26	PIN, plunger, trigger spring	BE 9472	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1293	
27	PLUNGER, spring, trigger	BE 9487	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1311	
28	SPRING, trigger	BE 9528	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1384	
29	NUT, piston buffer	BE 9462	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1269	Round, slotted.
30	NUT, return spring tube, Mk 3	BE 9688	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3734	Nut, Mk 2 (BE 4123) obsolescent.
31	PIN, lever, tripping	BE 9468	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1290	.16" d. x .313".
32	PIN, mounting, front	BE 9470	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1291	
33	PIN, sear, Mk 1	BE 8188	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1295	.1595" d. x .713".
34	PIN, trigger	BE 9471	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1299	
35	POST, spring, sear	BE 9489	Steel	1	MGD 1313	Tubular. Simplified production.
36	ROD, return spring	BE 9491	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1333	
37	SCREW, pistol grip, Mk 3	BH 0564	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3779	
38	SCREW, retaining, front mount pin, Mk 2	BE 8228	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2992	
39	SEAR	BE 8189	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1349	
40	SLIDE, butt, Mk 3	BH 0566	Steel	1	MGD 3772	
41	SPRING, buffer, piston	BE 9512	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1361	These two springs constitute Mk 2 spring.
42	SPRING, return, Mk 2, inner	BE 6896	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1395	These two springs constitute Mk 2 spring.
43	SPRING, return, Mk 2, outer	BE 6897	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1396	
44	SPRING, sear	BE 9526	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1380	
45	TRIGGER, Mk 1	BE 9534	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1405	Mk 2 trigger (BE 4147) is alternative.
46	TUBE, return spring, Mk 2	BE 9653	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2483	Only required when screw (#38) is fitted.
47	BALL, bracket, anti-friction, 1/8-in.	C3/BF 0176	Steel	1	...	

# Plate E

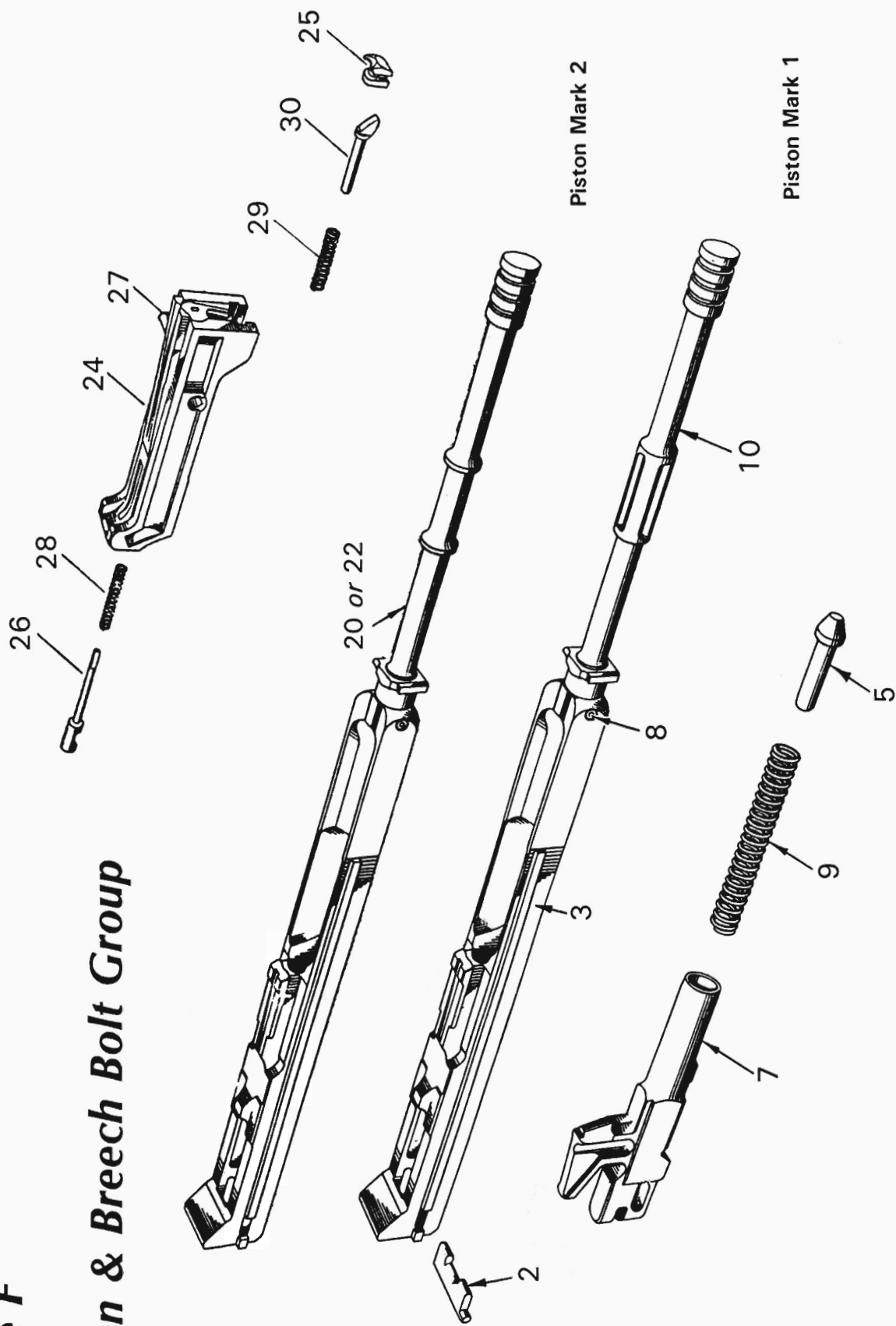
## Barrel Nut Assemblies



REF. NO.	DESIGNATION	VOCAB. NUMBER	MAT.	NO. OFF	DRAWING NUMBER	REMARKS
<b>Plate E GUN, MACHINE, BREN, .303-in. MKS 1, 2 &amp; 3; NUTS, BARREL.</b>						
1 ‡	NUT, BARREL, MK 1	A.	H.T. Steel	1	MGA 1429	Different sizes, Mk 1 now obsolescent.
2	CATCH, Mk 1	#	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1226	
<i>or</i>						
3	CATCH, Mk 3	#	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3396	Catch Mk 2 (BE 8219) only on Nut Mk 2.
4	NUT, Mk 1	.	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1268	Different sizes, now obsolescent.
5	PIN, catch	#	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1284	.138" d. x .67"
6	SPRING, catch	#	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1367	
7	STOP	.	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1390	
8 ‡	NUT, BARREL, MK 2	A.	H.T. Steel	1	MGA 2486	Assembled, different sizes.
9	NUT, Mk 2	.	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2484	Different sizes, 0 - 5 or 6.
3A	CATCH, Mk 2	#	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2485	
<i>Other parts of the Barrel Nut are the same as for the Barrel Nut Mk 1, except for Catch Mks 2 &amp; 3 being nominated.</i>						
10 ‡	NUT, BARREL, MK 3	A.	H.T. Steel	1	MGA 3775	Assembled, different sizes.
11	NUT, Mk 3	.	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 3771	Different sizes, 0 - 5.
<i>Other parts of the Barrel Nut are the same as for the Barrel Nut Mk 1, including Catch Mks 1 &amp; 3 being nominated.</i>						
<b>The different Barrel Nut sizes and appropriate parts nos. were:—</b>						
<i>Mark 1</i>						
NUT, BARREL, MK 1, Size No. 0	BE 6910	NUT, BARREL, MK 2, Size No. 0	BE 8239	NUT, BARREL, MK 3, Size No. 0	BH 0558	
NUT, Mk 1, Size No. 0	CA 0818	NUT, Mk 2, Size No. 0	CA 0812	NUT, Mk 3, Size No. 0	BH 0450	
NUT, BARREL, MK 1, Size No. 1	BE 6911	NUT, BARREL, MK 2, Size No. 1	BE 6904	NUT, BARREL, MK 3, Size No. 1	BH 0559	
NUT, Mk 1, Size No. 1	CA 0819	NUT, Mk 2, Size No. 1	CA 0813	NUT, Mk 3, Size No. 1	BH 0451	
NUT, BARREL, MK 1, Size No. 2	BE 6912	NUT, BARREL, MK 2, Size No. 2	BE 6905	NUT, BARREL, MK 3, Size No. 2	BH 0569	
NUT, Mk 1, Size No. 2	CA 0820	NUT, Mk 2, Size No. 2	CA 0814	NUT, Mk 3, Size No. 2	BH 0452	
NUT, BARREL, MK 1, Size No. 3	BE 6913	NUT, BARREL, MK 2, Size No. 3	BE 6906	NUT, BARREL, MK 3, Size No. 3	BH 0532	
NUT, Mk 1, Size No. 3	CA 0821	NUT, Mk 2, Size No. 3	CA 0815	NUT, Mk 3, Size No. 3	BH 0453	
NUT, BARREL, MK 1, Size No. 4	BE 6914	NUT, BARREL, MK 2, Size No. 4	BE 6907	NUT, BARREL, MK 3, Size No. 4	BH 0562	
NUT, Mk 1, Size No. 4	CA 0822	NUT, Mk 2, Size No. 4	CA 0816	NUT, Mk 3, Size No. 4	BH 0454	
NUT, BARREL, MK 1, Size No. 5	BE 6915	NUT, BARREL, MK 2, Size No. 5	BE 6908	NUT, BARREL, MK 3, Size No. 5	BH 0563	
NUT, Mk 1, Size No. 5	CA 0823	NUT, Mk 2, Size No. 5	CA 0817	NUT, Mk 3, Size No. 5	BH 0455	
<i>Mark 2</i>						
NUT, BARREL, MK 1, Size No. 6	BE 6916	NUT, BARREL, MK 2, Size No. 6	BE 6916	NUT, Mk 3, Size No. 6	BE 6909	
<i>Mark 3</i>						
NUT, BARREL, MK 1, Size No. 0	BE 8239	NUT, BARREL, MK 2, Size No. 0	BE 8239	NUT, BARREL, MK 3, Size No. 0	BH 0558	
NUT, Mk 1, Size No. 0	CA 0818	NUT, Mk 2, Size No. 0	CA 0812	NUT, Mk 3, Size No. 0	BH 0450	
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NUT, Mk 1, Size No. 2	CA 0820	NUT, Mk 2, Size No. 2	CA 0814	NUT, Mk 3, Size No. 2	BH 0452	
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<i>Australian Lists catalogue a size No. 6:</i>						
NUT, BARREL, MK 1, Size No. 6	BE 6916	NUT, BARREL, MK 2, Size No. 6	BE 6916	NUT, Mk 3, Size No. 6	BE 6909	

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# **Plate F** **Piston & Breech Bolt Group**



REF. NO.	DESIGNATION	VOCAB. NUMBER	MAT.	NO. OFF	DRAWING NUMBER	REMARKS
<b>Plate F GUN, MACHINE, BREN, .303-in. MK 3; PISTON &amp; BREECH BOLT GROUP.</b>						
1 ‡	PISTON, Mk 1 . A.	BE 9478	...	1	MGD 1420	
2	COTTER, piston post .	BE 9436	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1232	
3	EXTENSION .	BE 9476	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1247	
4 ‡	PLUNGER, piston post, Mk 1 §	BE 8216	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2515	Obsolescent.
5 or	PLUNGER, piston post, Mk 2 †	BE 9771	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1319	
6 ‡	POST, piston, Mk 1 §	BE 9488	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1312	
7 or	POST, piston, Mk 2 †	BE 9773	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1320	
8	RETAINER, stem .	BH 0727	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1331	.165" d. x .805".
9	SPRING, post .	BE 8182	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1375	
10	STEM, Mk 1 .	BE 8232	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1300	
<i>or</i>						
11 ‡	PISTON, Mk 2 . A.	BE 9654	...	1	MGD 2507	
12	COTTER, piston post .	BE 9436	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1232	
13	EXTENSION .	BE 9476	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1247	
14 ‡	PLUNGER, piston post, Mk 1 §	BE 9484	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1307	Or BE 8216. Obsolescent.
15 or	PLUNGER, piston post, Mk 2 †	BE 9771	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1319	
16 ‡	POST, piston, Mk 1 §	BE 9488	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1312	
17 or	POST, piston, Mk 2 †	BE 9773	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1320	
18	RETAINER, stem .	BH 0727	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1331	.165" d. x .805".
19	SPRING, post .	BE 8182	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1375	
20	STEM, Mk 2 .	BE 8220	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2506	1 sheet drawing.
21 ‡	SCREW, BSF, BS, Hex. hd., 3/8 x 1, rustproof	X2/XB 10703		1	...	
22 or	STEM, Mk 2 .	BE 8220	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 2506	2 sheets drawing.
23 ‡	BLOCK, BREECH, assembled A.	BE 9428	...	1	MGD 1419	No part no. when stripped bare?
24	BLOCK, breech .	...	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1203	
25	EXTRACTOR .	BE 8178	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1248	
26	PIN, firing .	BE 8179	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1287	
27	RETAINER, pin, firing .	BE 9628	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1329	.195" d. x .92".
28	SPRING, pin, firing .	BG 4228	Spring Steel	1	MGD 2258	Besa 7.92mm firing pin spring,
29	SPRING, stay, extractor .	BE 8184	Spring Steel	1	MGD 1382	or part no. BE 8181.
30	STAY, extractor .	BE 8185	H.T. Steel	1	MGD 1385	

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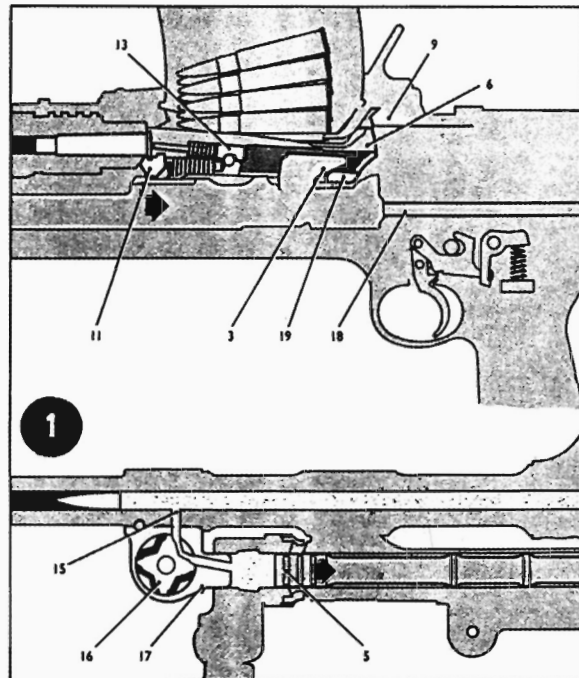
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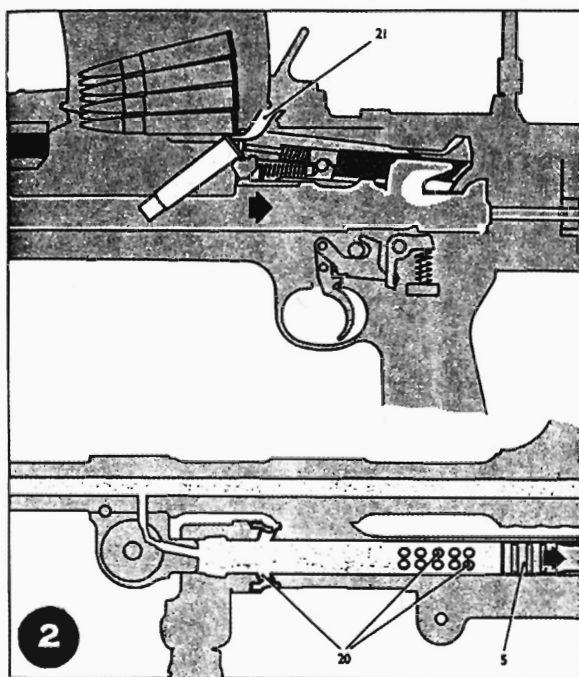
# OPERATING MECHANISM

**ACTION DESCRIPTION—** On discharge of the cartridge, some of the gases following the bullet pass through the **gas vent** and **gas regulator** into the **gas cylinder**. This forces the **piston** to the rear and compresses the **return spring** until the piston is stopped by the **piston buffer**. The empty case, being gripped by the **extractor**, is carried to the rear on the face of the **breech block** until its base meets the **ejector**. The case then ejects downwards through the **ejection slot** in the piston.

The piston, carrying the breechblock, having been stopped by the piston buffer, is forced forward by the **return spring**. **Feed horns** on the bolt contact the base of the first round in the **magazine** and force it forward into the **chamber**, the extractor closing over the rim. The **piston post** in its final move forward drives the **firing pin** against the cartridge cap, thus firing the round. The cycle is repeated during automatic fire, so long as the trigger remains depressed and the magazine is charged.



Action of the Gases and Unlocking the Breech

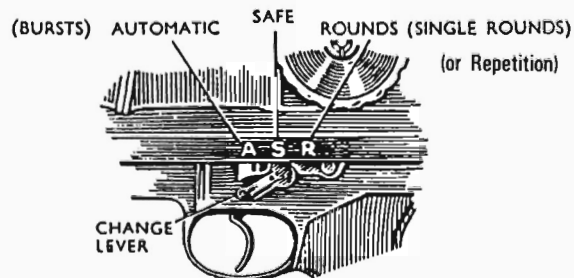


Exhaust Action of the Gases, Extraction and Ejection

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| 3 piston post tongue    | 16 gas regulator      |
| 5 gas piston            | 17 gas block          |
| 6 rear of breech block  | 18 return spring rod  |
| 9 body locking shoulder | 19 unlocking cam face |
| 11 extractor            | 20 gas vents          |
| 13 firing pin           | 21 ejector            |
| 15 barrel gas vent      |                       |

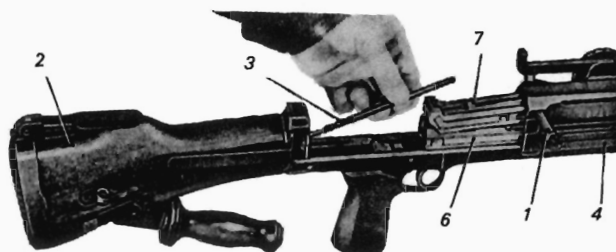
With the **change lever** at "**A**" (Automatic), pressure on the **trigger** disengages the **sear** from the **bent** on the **piston**, and the piston is allowed to go forward. As long as the trigger is pressed, the gun will continue to fire but if the trigger is released, the bent will engage with the sear the next time the piston comes to the rear, stopping its forward movement.

With the **change lever** at "**R**" (Rounds), the **trigger** must be pressed each time a shot is to be fired, because the **piston** is held back after each round. With the **change lever** at "**S**" (Safe), the **trigger** is disengaged from the **sear** and the gun cannot be fired.

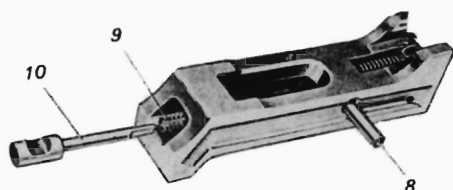


**Note—** If trigger pressure is maintained when the **change lever** is altered from "safe" to "automatic" and then released and the trigger pressed again, the gun will not fire. The change lever, therefore, will not be altered while the trigger is pressed.

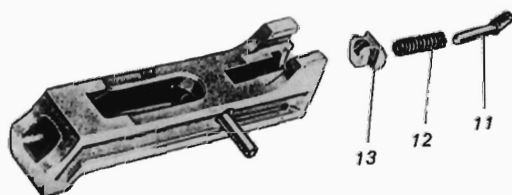
## STRIPPING & ASSEMBLY



and breech block to the rear, insert your fingers through the ejection opening underneath and ease piston and breech block rearwards. Return the cocking handle to its forward position and remove piston and breech block. Release the return spring rod in order to resume its normal position. **To Remove Breech Block from the Piston Extension** (after removal from the gun), pull the block to the rear and give it a slight upward tilt in order to clear the piston post.

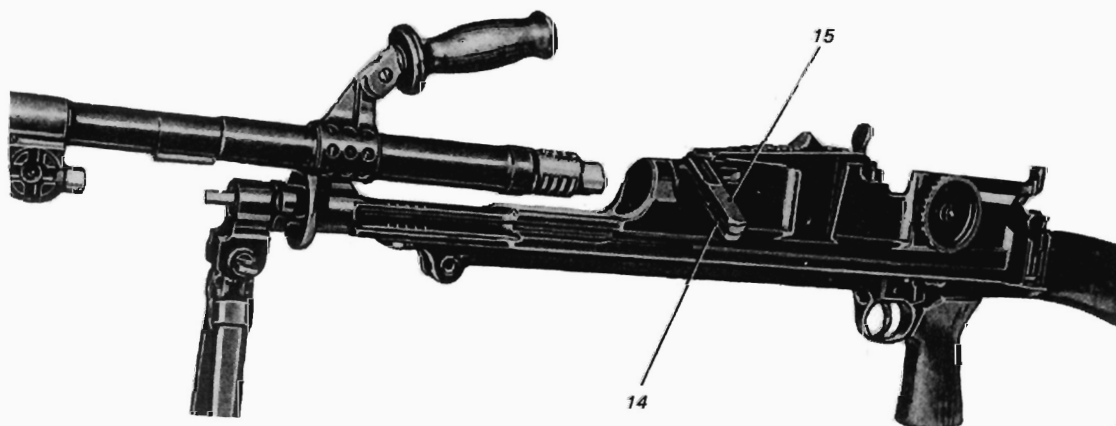


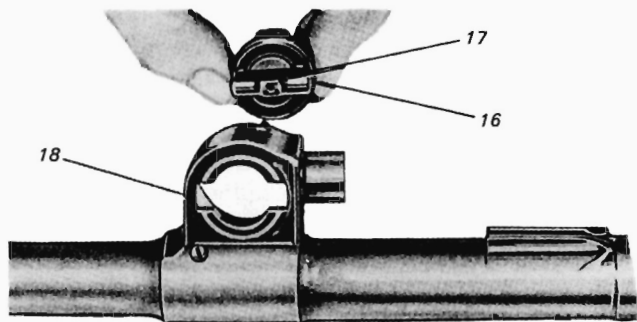
**To Remove Firing Pin and Spring**, hold the breech block with underside uppermost, press out firing pin retainer (8) from left to right, allowing the firing pin spring (9) to push the firing pin (10) rearwards. Be careful that the firing pin does not fly out under pressure of its spring.



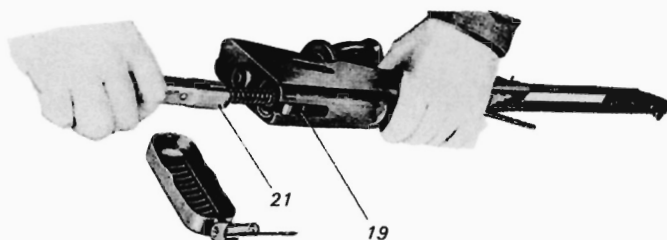
**To Remove Extractor Stay and Spring**. With the underside of breech block uppermost, lift the front end of the extractor stay (11) until it disengages from the extractor (12). Remove extractor stay and spring (13) and lift the extractor up out of its guides in the breech block. Be careful to prevent loss when pressure on the stay spring is released.

**To Remove Barrel**. Check that the magazine opening cover is closed and the gun is tilted to the right. Depress barrel nut catch (14) and raise handle (15) to its fullest extent, disengaging the locking threads of the barrel nut from those of the barrel. Push barrel forward and lift clear.

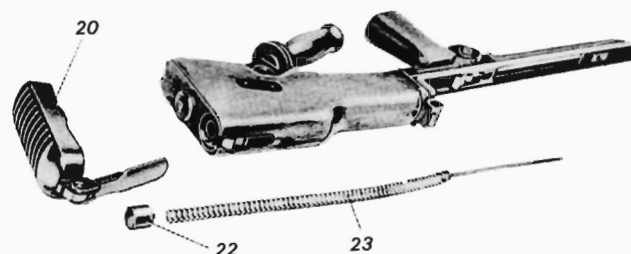




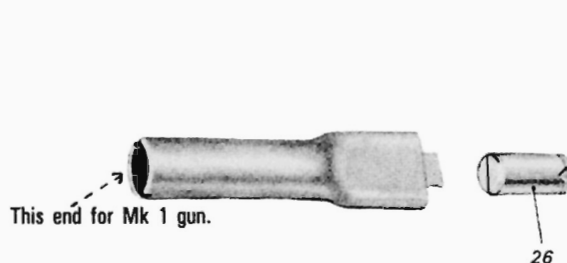
**Remove Gas Regulator.** Press the gas regulator pin (16) inwards until it is flush with its housing (17). Turn the regulator until the retaining pin housing coincides with the slot in the gas block (18) and push out the regulator from right to left.



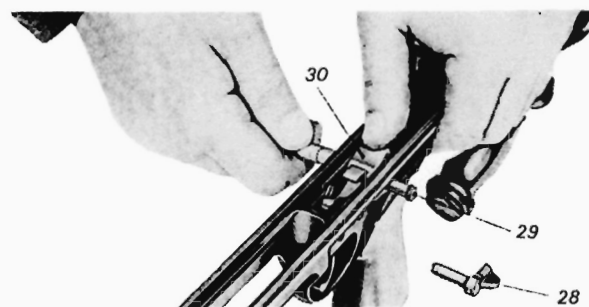
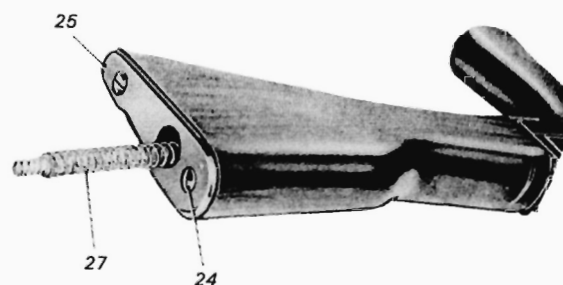
**Remove Butt Slide Assembly** (not illustrated). Disengage barrel nut catch and raise the barrel nut handle (necessary only for stripping the Mk 1 gun). Withdraw the butt slide from the body.



**To Remove Butt Plate and Return Spring.**  
**Mk 1 Butt:** Depress the butt plate catch (19) and remove the butt plate (20). Place the open end of the combination tool (21) over the return spring tube cap (22), press the cap inward and turn anti-clockwise approximately 90°, ease the combination tool to the rear and remove the cap. Withdraw the return spring (23) and return spring rod.



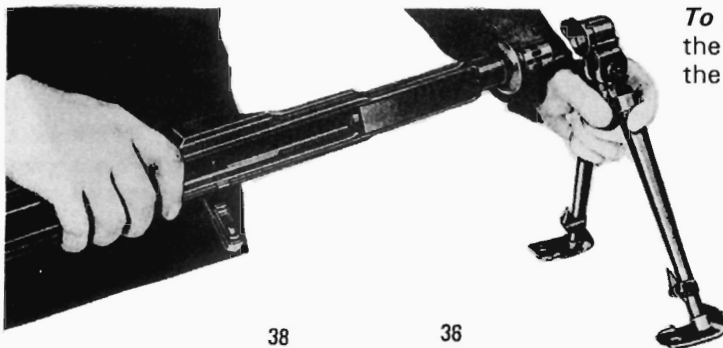
**Mk 2 & 4 Butts:** Unscrew and remove the two butt plate screws (24) and remove the butt plate (25). Using the combination tool or screwdriver, unscrew the return spring tube cap (26) and remove the cap. Remove the return spring (27) and return spring rod.



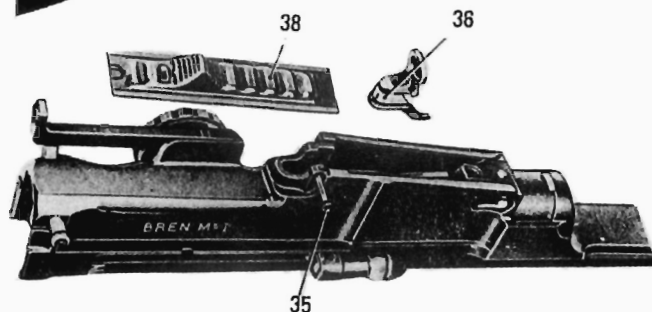
**Remove and Strip the Trigger Mechanism.** Rotate the change lever (28) until the detent is clear of its recess (i.e. between "Safe" and "Automatic" or "Safe" and "Repetition" and push out the lever from right to left, controlling the upward tendency of the sear. Push out the sear pin (29) from left to right, controlling the upward tendency of the sear (30). Remove the sear (30), spring (31) and post (32). Rotate the tripping lever (33) upward to disengage the plunger from the cannellure in the trigger pin (34) and push out the pin from right to left. Remove the trigger and tripping lever complete, through the top of the butt slide.



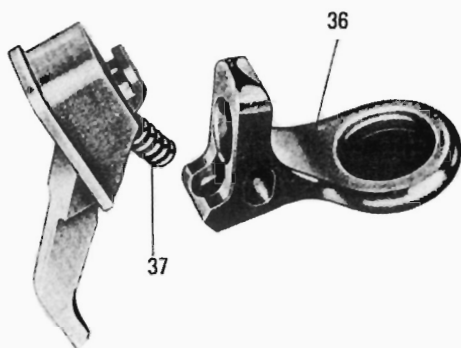




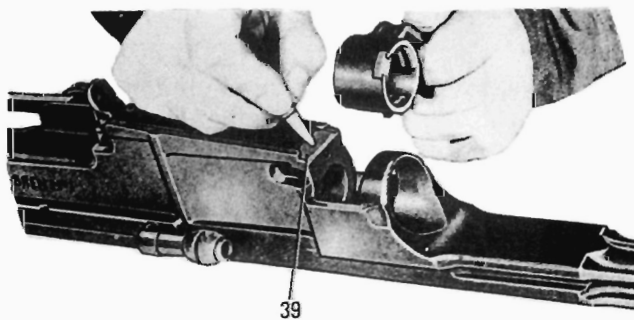
**To Remove Bipod.** Rotate the gun body to the left through 90° and then withdraw the bipod from the gas cylinder.



**To Remove Magazine Catch, Ejector and Magazine Opening Cover.** Slide magazine opening cover forward, press magazine catch pin (35) to the right to disengage the retainer, and withdraw the pin to the right as far as it will go. Slide ejector and magazine catch (36) forward, clear of the body. With magazine catch and ejector removed from the gun, withdraw the magazine opening cover (38) to the rear.

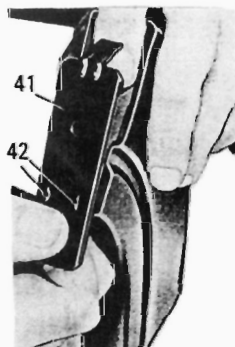
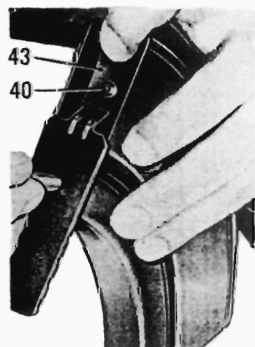


**To Strip the Magazine Catch and Ejector.** Hold the magazine catch and ejector between the finger and thumb of the right hand, the thumb placed against the rear of the ejector and with the finger and thumb of the left hand, hold the operating projection of the magazine catch. Then compress the magazine catch spring (37) and rotate the catch (36) forward, thereby disengaging the two components.



**To Remove the Barrel Nut.** Close the magazine opening cover, disengage the barrel nut catch and press down the plunger in front of the magazine opening (39) with a punch or bullet tip. Then lift out the barrel nut.

**To Strip the Magazine.** Press in stud (40) protruding through the bottom plate (41) and slide it off. Mk 2 magazine has two indentations (42) in the bottom plate which prevent its being slid all the way off; then lift it off sideways. Take out magazine spring (43) and platform.



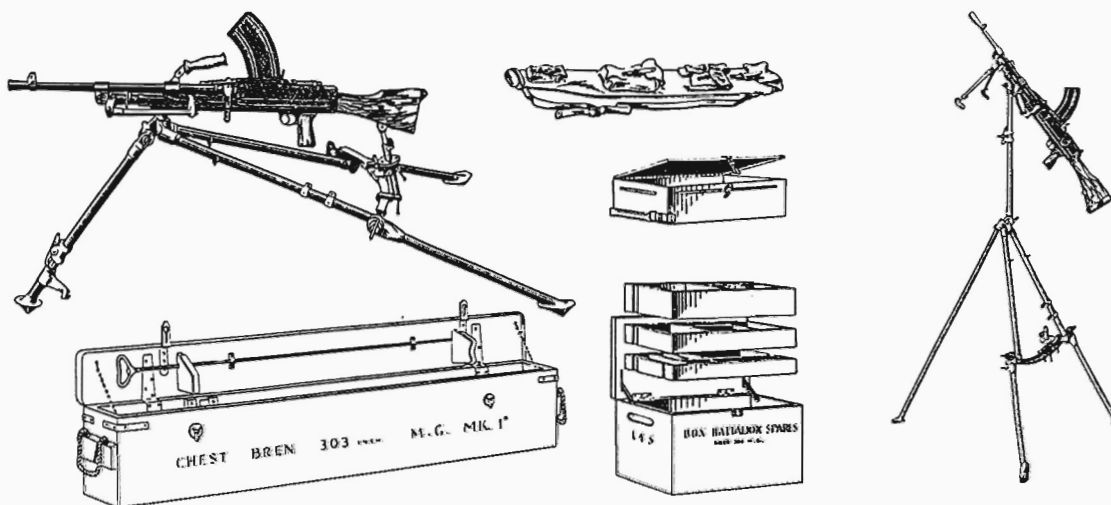
**ASSEMBLY** of the gun generally occurs in reverse order to the stripping. In replacing springs, be careful they do not buckle.

**CLEANING:** For working guns, lubricate the breech block locking shoulder and bearing surfaces, bearing surfaces on the piston extension, piston guide and ribs and grooves in the gun body in which the piston guide ribs run. Leave the barrel dry as well as the gas cylinder and regulator. Also leave the piston head, between the piston rings, and the breech bolt face dry.

## ACCESSORIES & FITTINGS

The anti-aircraft magazines are shown on page 13. Nominated as 100-rd capacity, with three dummy "follower" rounds, the true cartridge capacity was 97. These magazines were generally loaded with a high percentage of tracer, incendiary and armour-piercing ammunition and zeroed on the target by observing the tracer bullet flight. With the large capacity drum fitted, standard sights were not able to be used. The magazine cover plate was removed and a special bracket and flat spring fitted so as to mount the magazine. Makers are listed in *British Small Arms of WW2*. Four such magazines were supplied in a special box which has fittings to facilitate loading of the magazines.

British Bren tripods were made by B.S.A.; they were also manufactured in Australia, Canada and India. Some special tripods were made for paratroops and airborne forces, these are identified by the short front leg and lower profile. For the anti-aircraft role, the front leg was raised vertically and a two-piece extension removed from inside the tubes, to serve as a long front leg. A special mortice slot also facilitated the S.M.L.E. rifle being used as the front leg, by fitting onto its bayonet lug.



Bren guns were issued in wooden transit chests which also held the steel cleaning rod. A webbing holdall (spare barrel bag) contains the No. 2 barrel, cylinder cleaning rod and chamber cleaning stick. It also has five external pockets designated as follows:

- Top left*— Mop, wire brush, gas cylinder fouling tool and magazine cleaning brush.
- Top centre*— Single pull through.
- Top right*— Oil bottle for graphite grease.
- Centre*— Spare parts wallet.
- Bottom*— Oil can.

The webbing spares wallet pockets were nominated to contain:

- Top left*— Combination tools.
- Centre*— Oil can full of Oil A.
- Top right*— Double pull through and flannelette.
- Bottom*— Spare parts tin which also contains gas regulator reamers, ruptured case extractor, wire gauze and a firing pin point gauge.













Other issue accessories include a magazine mandrill (for repairing dented cases), a deflector cartridge case bag and a long webbing sling with special hook catches. The steel magazine case holds twelve magazines, and wooden battalion spares boxes "A" and "B" contained tools and service spare parts. The "B" box is twice as high as the "A" box and the designations are usually stencilled on the green boxes in white paint.

# PARTS MANUFACTURE IDENTIFICATION

A close examination of the inspection and production marks on component parts will help to establish the originality of a gun because different manufacturer indicator stamps were applied by the various factories and contractors. Many guns had parts replaced in service, during their routine maintenance and repair, so these replacement components can usually be identified by checking the markings.

**Body Manufacturer Markings:** Guns were usually marked on the right side of the body with the factory indicator and year of production. The British guns will be found to have "ENFIELD", the Enfield "D" logo, or "UE" on later 7.62mm L4 guns. Monotype or Daimler guns have the M67 or "D" markings. Canadian guns are marked INGLIS while the Australian guns are marked "LITHGOW" or "MA". Most of the Indian .303 Brens have been converted to 7.62mm 1A and these are still in service. Those few Hyderabad guns examined have been marked with "SAF" and the year.

**Other Parts & Inspectors' Markings:** Manufacturers' markings and/or inspection stamps will be found on most component parts. Those examples shown here are typical, no doubt some others are likely to be encountered. Australian and Canadian inspection and proof stamps will be found to differ from their British counterparts. The inspection marks should not be confused with proof marks which incorporate crossed flags, or the factory identification codes. Serial numbers can also be an indicator although many guns were upgraded in service using component parts from other makers and countries.

<i>Enfield Inspection mark:</i>		<i>British Proof mark:</i>	
<i>Inglis Inspection marks:</i>	J1, J11	<i>Canadian Proof mark:</i>	
<i>Lithgow Inspection mark:</i>		<i>Lithgow Proof mark:</i>	
<i>Monotype Inspection mark:</i>		<i>Indian post-war Proof mark:</i>	
<i>Sydney Inspection mark:</i>		<i>Breech block Proof mark:</i>	
<i>British Contractors' marks:</i>	M13      S26 M47      S81 CRD      M67      S99 FT      M78      S105 HC      M88      S111 M117      S123 M136      S180 M601      S223 M603 M609      N10 M625      N40 S15      N178 S25      N179	<i>Government Acceptance mark:</i>	↑
		<i>Canadian Contractors' marks:</i>	H.C.M.  
		<i>Canadian Government marks:</i>	↑ C 
		<i>Australian Factory marks:</i>	MA PA BA SLAZ

## BREN GUN SERIAL NUMBERS

Different makers were allotted serial number blocks, these can confirm manufacturers. They may also identify the maker and gun to which some parts belong. Some numbers at the series end may not have been utilised, figures were sometimes recorded as being terminated short (*British Small Arms of World War 2; Codes & Contracts*, Skennerton).

**ENFIELD**— Principal manufacturer with over ¼-million guns by the end of the war. To this total of 253,633 must be added an indefinite quantity from the end of the war until as late as the 1960's, although this production was intermittent and ran into the 7.62mm era. The years are indicators only, not necessarily that engraved on the body, as the contract dates, production and assembly are seldom found to have coincided.

A1 to A999	Enfield 1937
B1	Enfield
B2 to B103 ( <i>DP guns</i> )	Enfield
B104 Skn model	Enfield c.1938
B105 to B9999	Enfield
C1 to C9999	Enfield c.1939
D1 to D9999	Enfield D5000 was Mk1 to
E1 to E9999	Enfield Mk1(M) changeover.
F1 to F9999	Enfield
G1 to G9999	Enfield c.1940
H1 to H9999	Enfield
K1 to K9999	Enfield
L1 to L9999	Enfield c.1941
P1 to P9999	Enfield
U1 to U9999	Enfield c.1942
V1 to V9999	Enfield
W1 to W9999	Enfield
X1 to X9999	Enfield
Y1 to Y9999	Enfield
Z1 to Z9999	Enfield
AA1 to AA9999	Enfield
BA1 to BA9999	Enfield c.1943
BB1 to BB9999	Enfield
BC1 to BC9999	Enfield
BD1 to BD9999	Enfield
BE1 to BE9999	Enfield
BF1 to BF9999	Enfield c.1944
BG1 to BG9999	Enfield
BH1 to BH883	Enfield
LB1 to LB35000	Enfield from c.1945
LB35000 to LB54033	Enfield 1948-1952
LB54384	Enfield converted to .280-in.
LB54385 to LB58823	Enfield 1952-1954
A1000 to A7000 approx.	Enfield 1950's-1960's.

**MONOTYPE GROUP** produced some 83,438 guns, during 1942-1945.

R1 to R9999	Monotype Corp.
S1 to S9999	Monotype Corp.
T1 to T9999	Monotype Corp.
U1 to U9999	Monotype Corp.
V1 to V9999	Monotype Corp.
W1 to W8320	Monotype Corp.
RA1 to RA6695	Monotype Corp.
RB1 to RB10000	Monotype Corp.

**INGLIS** production ran from 1939 until 1945. Some work was carried out at Long Branch after Inglis closed down.

M1 to M9999	Inglis, Canada
N1 to N9999	Inglis, Canada
P1 to P2	Inglis, Canada
OT1 to 15T7544	Inglis, Canada
<i>and maybe more.</i>	
OCH1(?) to	Inglis, Canada,
4CH3000 approx.	7.92mm Chinese contract, 1943-45

**LITHGOW S.A.F.** production ran from 1940 until 1945, a total of 17,429 guns.

A1 to A9999	Lithgow, Australia
B1 to B7429	Lithgow, Australia

**HYDERABAD** India production occurred during WW2 along with tripods, marked SAF with year of manufacture.

Most 1952-1956 Enfield orders were for the Irish Republic, Sudan, Aden, Burma, Singapore, Hong Kong, Pakistan, Ceylon, Rhodesia, Tripolitania, Iraq and Aden, and FTR programs.

The I, J, M, N, O, Q, R, S, & T prefixes were not used by Enfield. U, V, & W prefixes are listed as allocated to both Enfield and Monotype. Also note that serials A1 to A999 and B1 to B7429 were used by Lithgow too, though A1000 to A9999 was Lithgow only.

Recent Enfield records put their total production of the Mk I gun at 220,000 with 57,600 of the subsequent Mk 3. The Mk 2 was only produced by Monotype Corporation, a peddled scheme which incorporated sub-contractors, with their total WW2 figure of 83,438 guns.









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