

# GARAND RIFLE

*Springfield Armory Victory*

*March*



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**S**PRINGFIELD ARMORY, the oldest manufacturing arsenal in the United States, has a history replete with tradition and accomplishment. At the Armory, the highly specialized art of small arms manufacture has been fostered, developed, and improved until its culmination in the mass production of the new United States Rifle, Caliber .30, M1, popularly known as the "Garand Semi-Automatic".

The story of Springfield Armory, of the Garand Rifle, and even of interchangeable manufacture (the foundation of today's mighty mass production) goes back to long before the Revolution. From the flintlock to the Garand, the Armory has produced roughly 40 models of muskets, carbines, pistols and rifles. The 1903 Springfield Rifle, the "old faithful" of the 1918 doughboy, proved to the whole world the skill and craftsmanship of Armory employees. And the Garand rifle maintains the Armory's tradition of supplying America's fighting forces with the finest rifle in the world.

Since its establishment in 1794, the Armory has not only kept pace with advances in the art of manufacture but it has also made contributions of its own to such advances. As a pioneer in the development and manufacture of interchangeable parts in connection with rifle production, the Armory has achieved an enviable distinction. In raising the Armory to its present high plane and maintaining its national reputation, the men in the shops have played a vital part.

Too much praise cannot be given to all Armory employees for their part in achieving and maintaining the quantity and quality of production at the Armory. The adoption of a new rifle and the increased demand for machine-gun barrels and parts has called for the establishment of new production lines, and nothing has been spared to equip the Armory with the most modern and efficient machine tools. In less than three years the Armory's personnel has more than tripled and production has increased twenty-fold. In all this huge expansion program, the employees have appreciated their responsibility and each is doing his part to aid the production of weapons so essential to America's armed forces.

Combining employee co-operation and loyalty with an abundance of ability, courage, and ingenuity, on which Armory employees pride themselves, Springfield Armory, foundation of small arms craftsmanship, cradle of interchangeable manufacture, home of the Garand Rifle, is making its greatest contribution to the might of America.

Another one million Garand rifles must be built this year taxing to the full extent the facilities now in operation.

Major General Levin H. Campbell, Jr.  
Chief of Ordnance, War Dept.

The late Col. George A. Woody graduated from Texas A. & M. College in 1917 and came to Springfield in 1929 and stayed until 1933. He then left for field service at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, returning in 1938 as Major. He became officer in charge of the workshops plant of the Springfield Armory where he supervised increased production of the Garand Rifle. In 1941 he was put in charge of the Inspection Dept., becoming works manager in 1942 and a year later he was appointed commanding officer of the Armory. However, in August, 1944 he was relieved of his command because of ill health and died the 30th of the following November.

Ten years of his military career was spent at the Springfield Armory.



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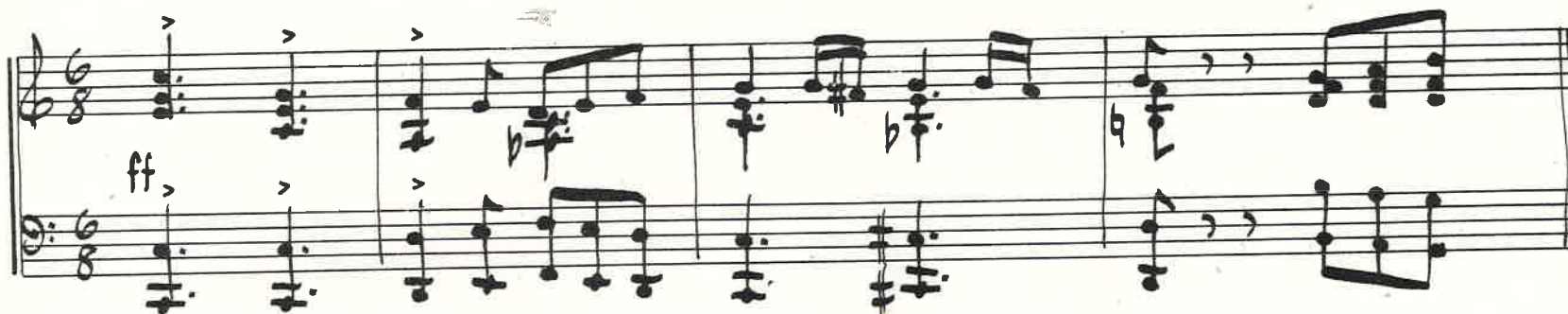
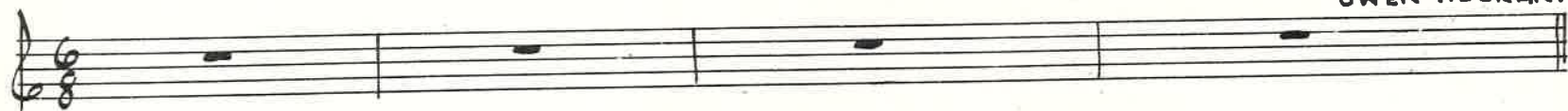




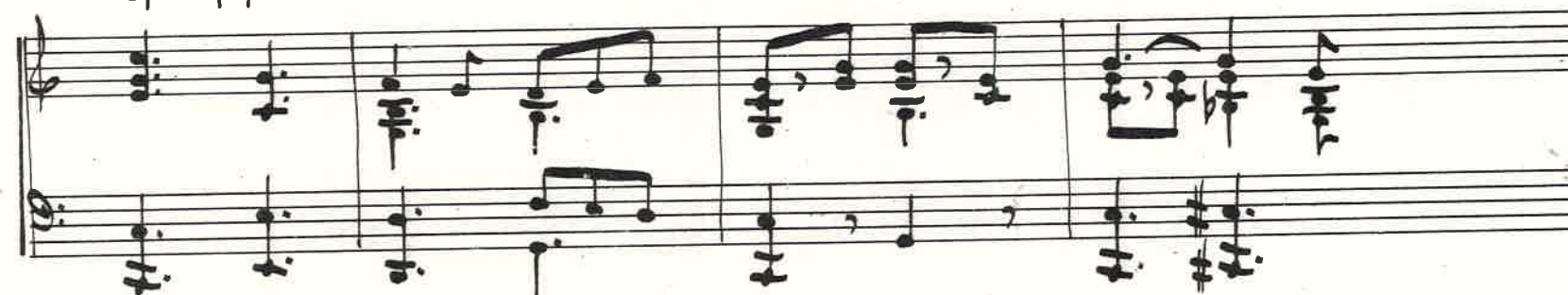
# SPRINGFIELD ARMORY VICTORY MARCH

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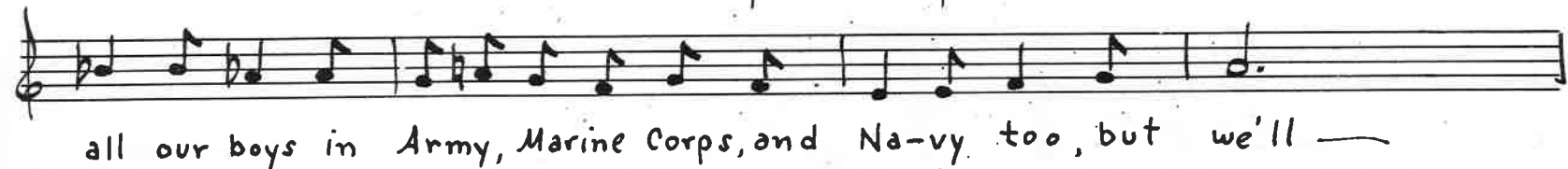
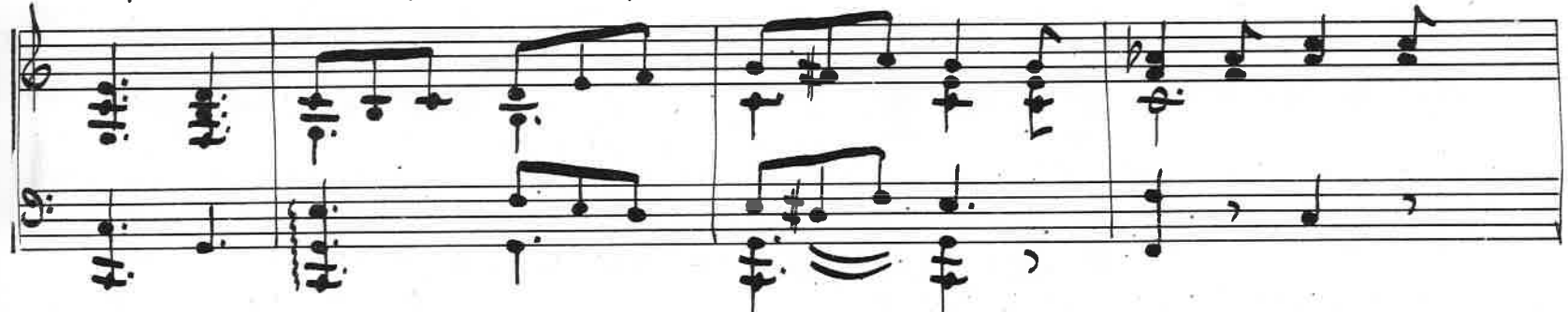
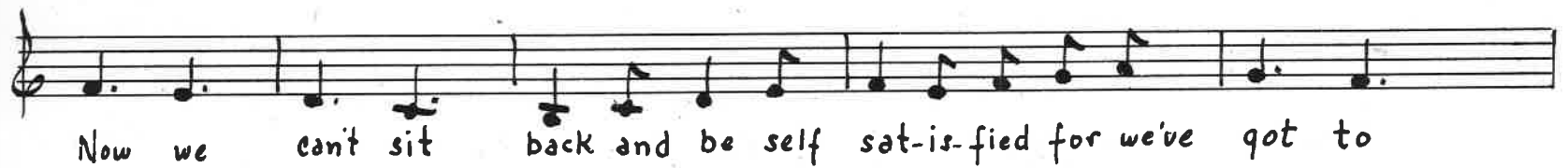
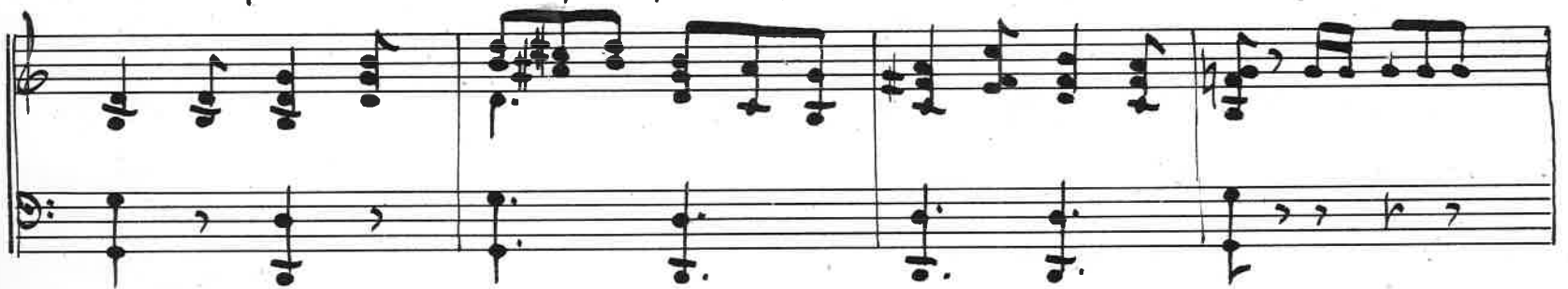
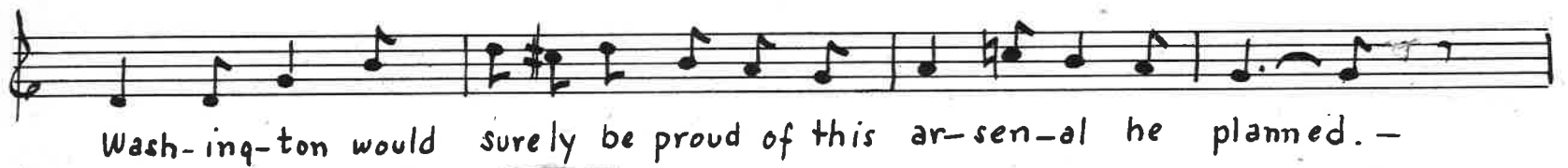


flint-lock to Go-rand, it always has put out the finest small arms;



Spring-field Arm-or-y has a spir-it that's just grand; George







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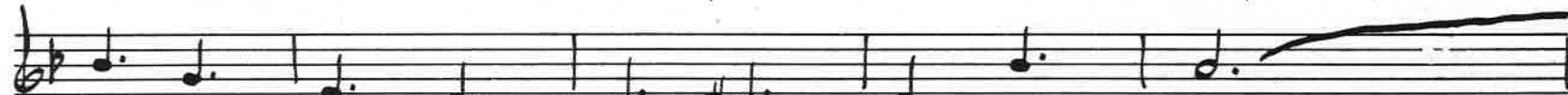
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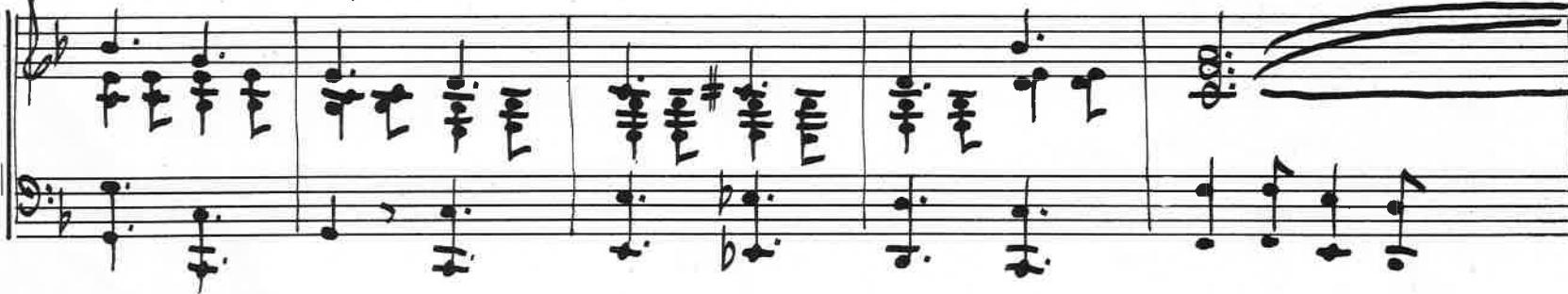
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Na — tions might; — Guns, shells, tanks all are



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on their way, there must be no de — lay. —





we took up the chal-lenge at us hurled, to  
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make this ri-fle the best in the world; "Keep 'em fly-ing"  
keep this coun-try the

Spring-field Arm-or — Y. with our skill, care and sweat, we'll  
good old U. — S. — A. Speed pro — duc — tion and save the

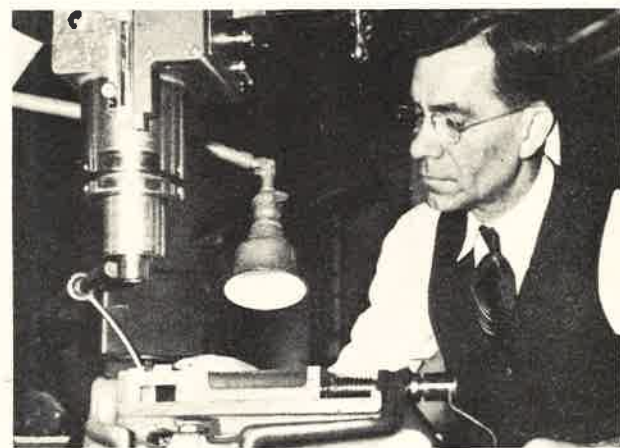
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# OFFICER OF RARE ACHIEVEMENT

Brig. Gen. Norman F. Ramsey who has been assigned to the command of Springfield Armory is the 24th army officer to head the historic ordnance establishment which has played so vital a part in the last 150 years. He came to Springfield after seven years in command at Rock Island arsenal. While Rock Island has concentrated on heavier types of ordnance in the present war, it is not from an installation without familiarity with small arms manufacture, therefore, that Gen. Ramsey comes to Springfield Armory. Its historic production record of approximately 3,000,000 Garand rifles in the past five years, represents 90 per cent of the weapons of these types made for the troops in the field.



John C. Garand, at one of his machines.

As Springfield Armory's Commanding General, Brigadier General Gilbert H. Stewart has led the Armory through the period of the most intensive expansion and development in its history. Under his guidance and direction the Garand rifle was put into mass production, the physical plant and equipment was tremendously expanded and modernized, and employment reached an all-time peak. During World War I, as Works Manager and later as temporary Commanding Officer, General Stewart made a conspicuous contribution in the production of the famous 1903 Springfield rifles.

A graduate of the Army War College and the Army Industrial College, he had been in command of Watervliet Arsenal for six years before his recent assignment to the Armory. His distinguished career is in keeping with Springfield Armory's tradition, and he is honored and respected by officers and employees alike.



Left to right: John Garand, inventor of the Garand rifle. Gen. Wesson, formerly Chief of Ordnance, Brig. Gen. G. H. Stewart.





Left to right: Owen T. Durant, composer. Major Lawrence A. Stone, formerly adjutant.  
Brig. Gen. George H. Stewart accepting "Springfield Armory Victory March".

**"E-AWARD" CHORUS by Major Lawrence A. Stone**

Working together side by side,  
Producing "the Army's pride"—  
Garand rifles—for victory.  
We've worked and earned an "E",  
We took up the challenge at us hurled,  
To make this rifle the best in the world.  
Keep on working, Springfield Armory,  
With our skill, care, and sweat—we'll win!

