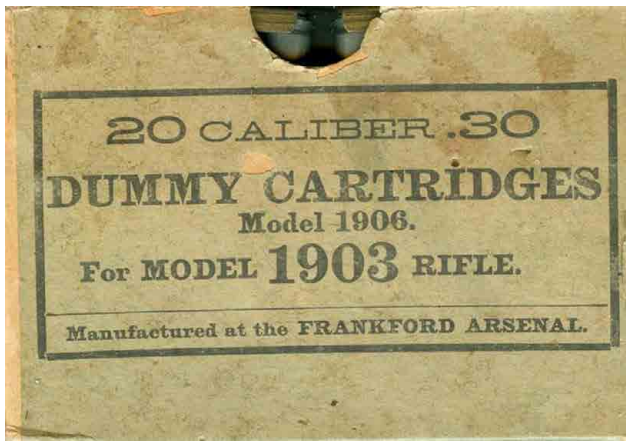


The 30-06 Corner, by René Kloosterman Dummy Cartridges Part 1

Dummy cartridges come in a wide range of variations. Since the use of fired cases was permitted, the headstamp doesn't tell you much about the actual date the dummy was produced. Also second class cases, cases from experimental production and match cases are frequently used. Add to that the unofficial or home-made versions, you will find an almost unlimited range of dummies available.



Above: packaging dated Jan 27, 1913

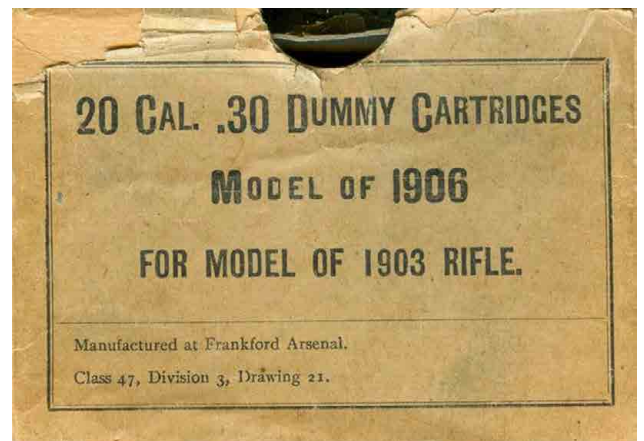
The first official dummy was introduced in 1906 as the M1906 dummy. This has a tinned case and primer and has six flutes in the case and three holes within the flutes (#2). Re-worked M1903 dummies were also authorized. They have the same appearance but can be recognized by four holes below the flutes (#1). In 1931 a special three-segment crimp was tried to increase the bullet-pull (#3). In the late 30'ties the three holes were reduced to one (#4). In 1939 the holes were completely omitted (#5). The dummy in this pic-



ture has a tinned M2 bullet. Frankford Arsenal also loaded so-called sight, sound & feel dummies. These contained a loose bullet and were usually loaded with a GM bullet (#6).



During WW2, the tinning of the cases was dropped (#7) and the use of steel cases was approved. Pictured above: #10 & #11 with two different steel case finishes, with GM bullet (#10) and GMCS bullet (#11). After a short period dummies with smooth cases were used. The fluted version was re-introduced during the Korean War as the M40 Dummy. This uses a deep additional cannellure to hold the bullet. The M40 can also be found with a coreless bullet (#10) or as a sight, sound & feel version with a lead shot inside (#11).



Above: packaging dated Dec 13, 1917

Recommended literature: H.W.S. US Military SAA, Volumes 1 & 2
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