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Mark; I have arrived home with the 1862 Enfield. The gun overall is a 5 out of 10, showing hard usage. The oval plaque states: Musket carried by George J. Mason, Sept. 25, 1862 * June 11, 1865. 1st. Sgt. Co. K 154th. Regt. N.Y.S. Vol. Inf. He served in these battles to preserve the Union. Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wauhatchie, Chattanooga, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, New Hope Church, Lost Mountain, Kennesaw, Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Savannah, Carolinas Campaign. It has a American flag in the shape of a shield, and a banner with "Excelsior" in the middle of the banner. The plaque is silver and the guy I bought it from cleaned the silver to make the reading of it easier. It came with his photo, Ca. 1920, his Gettysburg medal dated 1913 and 2 other GAR medals. The photo shows him wearing the Gettysburg medal and another one that appears to be silver.

I would like copies of the letters he wrote. The gun is in need of some restoration as the rear sight is "modified" and the lock area is cracked and weak. It is awesome holding a gun that was used during the first day of Gettysburg. Since most of the regiment was captured, surviving original 154th. Enfields surely have to be RARE. Dave Warne

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