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Dedication

This endeavor is dedicated to Richard Deane, who founded the GCA in 1986 and produced the first issues of *The GCA Journal*, then titled Garand Collectors Association Newsletter. Through his vision and devotion to the history, preservation and use of the Garand M1 rifle, the Garand Collectors Association has grown to more than 20,000 members.

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FOREWORD

The Best of The GCA Journal Book series was undertaken as a special project of the Garand Collectors Association. Because of the rapid growth of the GCA and the fact that many past issues of The GCA Journal are no longer available, this method was selected to provide critical knowledge to new collectors who have a thirst for information. The articles reprinted herein were selected for their importance and general interest. Other than corrections for spelling and punctuation, these articles are as they first appeared.

It is important to note that “Books are only a snapshot of what was known at the time.” We should draw the parallel that many of the articles drew on the information that was available in those early days and, although most of them have held up remarkably well, there have been significant discoveries in the last 30 years that have added to or modified earlier theories. Other volumes of this book series are planned as resources and time allows. It is the GCA's hope that, through this series of reprinted information, readers will find useful and accurate information about the history, preservation and use of the Garand M1 rifle.

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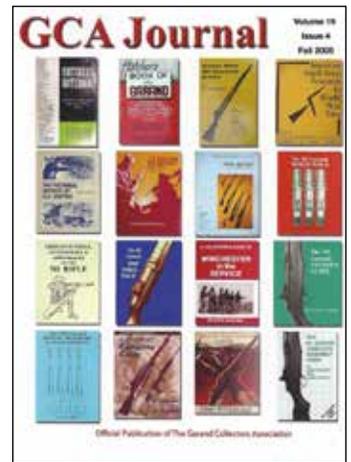
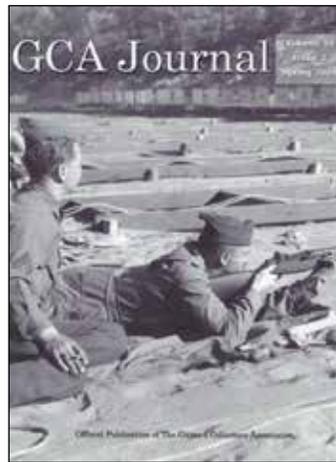
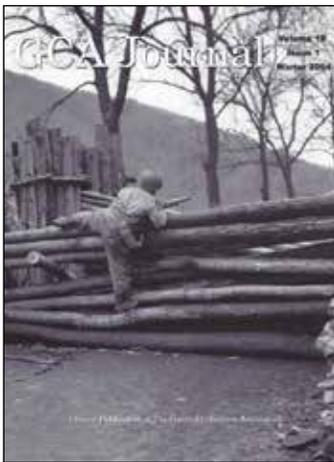
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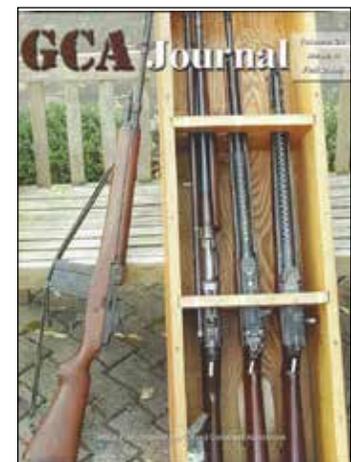
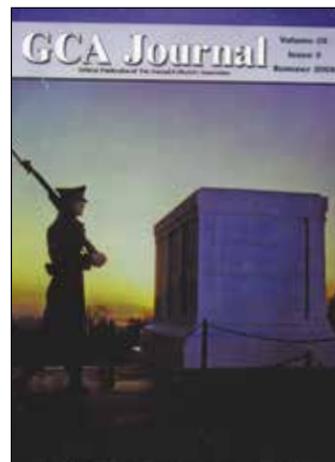
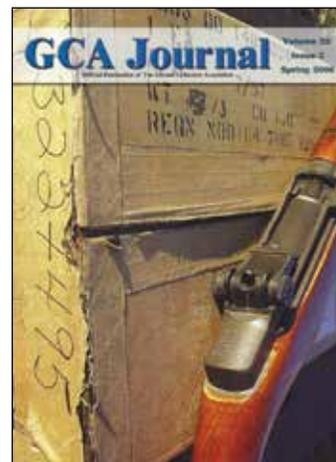
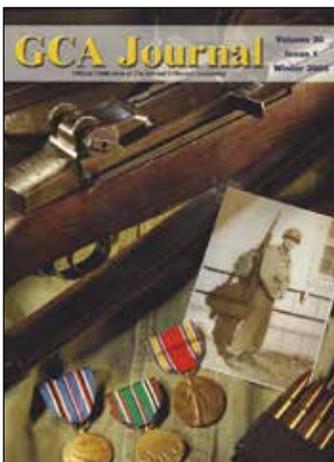
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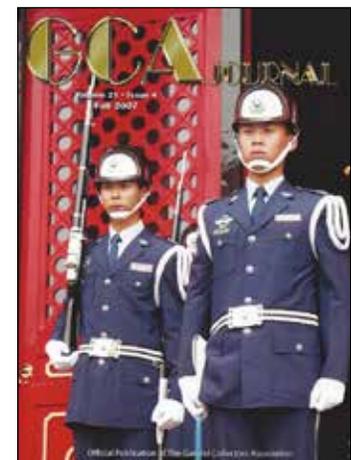
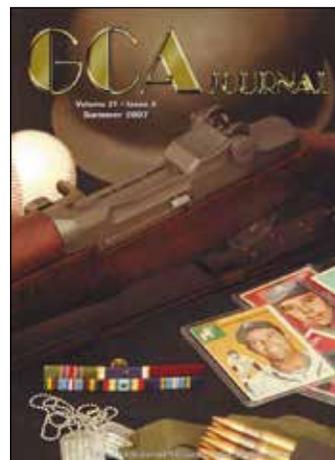
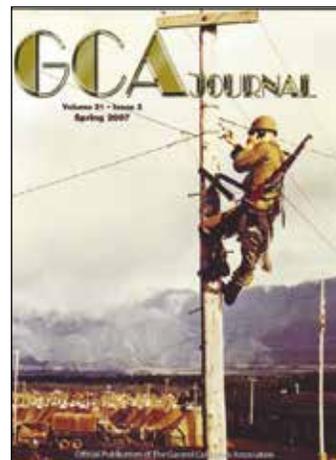
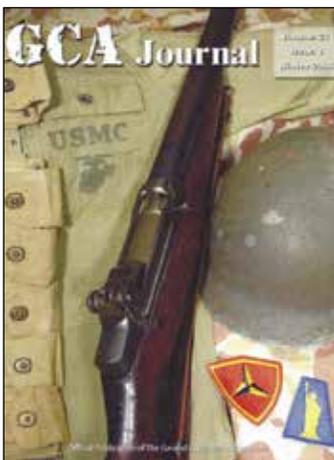
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