



**United States M3A1 .45
Caliber Submachine Gun
with Curved Barrel, 1944**

Often referred to as "the gun that shoots around corners," this M3A1 submachine gun has been modified for a far more utilitarian purpose. Tankers used the M3A1. This particular weapon is designed to be fired through an open hatch. The curved barrel is intended to shower the .45 caliber ammunition down on to the tank. The ammunition will not affect the tank, but it will discourage an enemy soldier from trying to infiltrate it.

Donated by Colonel George M. Chinn

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