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NOTE: 2.95" VICKERS-MAXIM MOUNTAIN GUN, PHILIPPINES

The British Vickers-Maxim mountain gun was first tested by the U.S. Ordnance Board in 1898, with twelve guns purchased sometime in 1899 and subsequently sent to the Philippine Islands. 120 additional guns were purchased by 30 Jun 1904, with their carriages and pack saddles being manufactured in U.S. arsenals at Watertown and Rock Island. See:

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A complete battery-level distribution of the Vickers-Maxim guns was not found. Other mountain guns in use during the Insurrection included the Hotchkiss 3-inch howitzer. Brigade-level distribution of the V-M gun appears in Chaffee's report, cited below. According to the ordnance section of that report, the 14th and 25th Batteries of Field Artillery first deployed the new mountain guns.

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