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NOTE #2: PAINT FOR GATLING GUN CARRIAGES.

Specifications on other artillery carriages, dated ca 1900, describe the paint as graphite No 38 - Specifications #1683 & #1791 (UF643A137 & UF643A13). Sources on the Gatling gun listed above do not describe the carriage paint, but the 1874 Ordnance Department memo contains a black and white photo of a painted Gatling carriage.

The formula for olive drab paint appears in War Dept Circular 66, 22 Dec 1906. See also Ordnance Memo No. 23, 1879 (UL164.3M32).

NOTE #3: INITIAL USE IN U.S.

- First - by NY Times Co against crowds during Jul 1863 riots.
- First - by US Army by Benj. Butler in Bermuda Hundred area May 1864 to disrupt unauthorized truces between lines. (See Wahl, cited above).