

## CHAPTER 5

### SPANISH EXPORT “MAUSERS”:

I am aware of only two Oviedo Factory foreign contracts: The first one, with Mexico in the late 1890s, included both the M.1895 Mexican rifle and carbine, both in 7x57 mm caliber, and the second one, with the Republic of Paraguay, included the M.1927 Paraguayan rifle, musketoon (short rifle) and carbine, all three in 7.65x53 mm caliber.

The **Mexican M.1895 rifle** is practically identical to the M.1893 Spanish rifle and the **Mexican M.1895 carbine**, is almost identical to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Model Spanish Mauser carbine (both previously described in Chapter 2) except for its lacking a bayonet lug; This model carbine was again manufactured for Mexico in Oviedo in the 1920s, in a small contract of perhaps 2,000 units, for Customs guards; I have in my collection SN 15 made in 1926 with Oviedo and Mexican Republic markings, and SN 1408, made in 1927, which bears on the left side of the butt stock the inscription “ADUANA PALOMAS CHIHUAHUA” and “NUM.1” (Palomas Customs, State of Chihuahua, and, No.1)



***7 mm caliber Model of 1895 Mexican carbines, made in Oviedo in 1926 and 1927, one of them bearing the Mexican Republic's "RM" marking on the bolt, and, ADUANA PALOMAS CHIHUAHUA, the other one.***

As an interesting historical anecdote I'll mention that Pancho Villa's famous, or infamous, raid of 1916 into the town of Columbus, New Mexico, which caused several deaths, was launched from the Mexican town of Palomas, state of Chihuahua, just across the border from Columbus; The incident launched the American "Punitive Expedition" in search of Pancho Villa, commanded by General "Blackjack" Pershing, one of whose young officers was Lieutenant

George S. Patton, future famous four star General and tank commander in World War Two.



**General Francisco (Pancho) Villa and several of his Army of the North's "Dorados" (golden ones) ; Several of them , including Villa himself, are armed with M.1895 Mexican Mauser carbines.**

The **Paraguayan Model 1927 Mauser** was produced by the Oviedo Factory in its three variants of, rifle, musketoon or short rifle, and carbine; The **rifle** was very similar to the German Gewehr 98 with pistol gripped stock, but with a tangent, instead of a Lange, sight; The **musketoon**, like the rifle but shorter and with front sight protector, and the **carbine** with a full stock extending to the muzzle and with a curved bolt (the pictures of all three models can be seen in "Mauser Military Rifles of the World", 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, pages 273-277); According to its author Mr. Robert Ball, they were made from 1927-1932 in a total number of somewhat less than 11,000 units; Actually, 8,463 rifles and 1,900 carbines, according to Artemio Mortera's article "Mauser Oviedo 1927: El mataparaguayos", in the Spanish Journal of Military History, No.100, 2008; I have never had the opportunity to examine one.



**Model of 1927 Paraguayan Mauser rifle produced at the Oviedo Factory; Specimen from the now closed Monjuic Military Museum in Barcelona, Spain.**



**Markings in an Oviedo manufactured Model of 1927 Paraguayan Mauser (Taken from the M.M.M. specimen illustrated above, and, from the Internet)**

These rifles, bearing the Paraguayan coat of arms and the marking “Mauser **Modelo Paraguayo**) were nicknamed “**Mata-Paraguayos**” (Paraguayan Killers) due to several of them blowing up with dire results during the Chaco War between Paraguay and Bolivia (1932-1935); The accidents were attributed to, either defective construction of the rifles, or to the ammunition used, World War One surplus ammo of Belgian manufacture allegedly purchased from Argentina; Apparently tests were conducted in Argentina using this powder at the Paraguayan government’s request, including the Oviedo made rifles and also German made Argentinian M.1891 and M1909 models and there were several blow ups but I am not aware of the details; An uncertain number of these rifles were purchased by the Spanish Republican government during its Civil War (1936-39) and used there; I do not know if any further accidents occurred when they were used with different ammunition; Any information in this respect supplied by readers will be much appreciated.

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## **RELATION OF DISCUSSED MODELS**

### **Chapter 1**

**M.1891-92 experimental rifle** – cal. 7.65x53 mm;

Barrel length 29.1”; OAL 48.6”

Maker: Mauser

Bayonet: German type M71/84 , WKC, Solingen.

**M.1892 Spanish Model rifle** – cal. 7x57 mm;

Barrel length 29.1”; OAL 48.6”

Maker: Mauser

Bayonet: probably the same M.71/84 as above.

**M.1893 Spanish Model rifle** – cal. 7x57 mm;

Barrel length 29.1”; OAL 48.6”

Makers: Mauser, Loewe, FN, DWM, Oviedo;

Bayonets: M.1893 Simson & Co, Suhl; M.1893 Toledo; M.1913 usable but not correct.

**M.1891 Argentinian Model rifle** – cal. 7.65x53 mm;

Barrel length 29.1”; OAL 48.6”

Maker: Loewe

Bayonet: Argentinian M.1891 sword-bayonet, WKC, Solingen.

## Chapter 2

**M.1891 Argentinian(Spanish)carbine** – cal. 7.65x53 mm

Barrel length 17.6"; OAL 37.2"

Maker: Loewe

Bayonet: None.

**M.1892 Spanish Model carbine** – cal. 7x57 mm

Barrel length 17.5"; OAL 37.2"

Maker: Loewe

Bayonet: None.

**M.1893 Spanish Model carbine No.1** – cal. 7x57 mm

Barrel length: 17.6"; OAL 37.1"

Maker: Loewe

Bayonet: None.

**M.1893 Spanish Model carbine No.2** – cal. 7x57 mm

Barrel length 17.6"; OAL 37.1"

Maker: Loewe , Oviedo

Bayonet: M.1893 Simson & Co, Suhl; M.1893 Toledo

**M.1893 Model carbine No.2 for Aerostacion** – cal. 7x57 mm

Barrel length 17.6"; OAL 37.1"

Maker: Oviedo

Bayonet: M.1898 for Aerostacion (Toledo)

**M.1895 Model cavalry carbine** - cal. 7x57 mm

Barrel length 17.6"; OAL 37.1"

Maker: Oviedo

Bayonet: None.

**Mexican Model.1895 carbine** – cal. 7x57 mm

Barrel length 17.25"; OAL 37.25"

Makers: DWM , Oviedo

Bayonet; None.

## Chapter 3

**M.1893 short Musketoone** – cal. 7x57 mm

Barrel length 18.33"; OAL 37.9"

Maker: Oviedo barrels; Loewe components

Bayonet: experimental M.1899 (Toledo)

**M.1913 Experimental War Materiel Comission cavalry carbine** – cal. 7x57 mm

Barrel length 21.65"; OAL 39.5"

Bayonet: M.1913 (Toledo)

**M.1916 Musketoon** – cal. 7x57 mm(plus 7.92 and 7.62 mm experimental units, and conversions)

Barrel length 21.65"; OAL 39.5"

Makers: Oviedo, Catalonia, Basque country, Levant, Corunna)

Bayonets: M.1913 Toledo(specific), and M.1893 Toledo(also much used but not specific for the Musketoon)

**"Manresa – 1937" carbine** – cal. 7x57 mm

Barrel length(?); OAL (?)

Maker: Industries de Guerra de Catalunya

Bayonet: None

**FR-7 Cetmeton** – cal. 7.62 x 51 mm

Barrel length 17.75"; OAL 38.5"

Maker: Oviedo

Bayonet: M.1964 and M.1969 CETME (Toledo)

## Chapter 4

**M.1943 "Corunna" Musketoon** – cal. 7.92x57 mm

Barrel length 24.75"; OAL 43.5"

Maker : La Coruña Factory

Bayonets: Without adapter M.84/98 German and M.1944 Toledo;

With adapter M.1893 (Toledo), M.1913 (Toledo) and M.1941(Toledo)

**M.1944 Air Force Musketoon** – cal. 7.92x57 mm

Barrel length 24.75"; OAL 43.5"

Maker: Probably La Coruña Factory

Bayonet: M.1944(Toledo), Wz.1929 (Radom,Perkun),and "recomposition" models.

**M.1944 Experimental Air Force Musketoon** – cal. 7.92x57 mm

SN : EXP-EA-1

Barrel length 24.75"; OAL 43.5"

Maker: La Coruña Factory

Bayonet (?)

**FR-8 Cetmeton** – cal.7.92x57 mm

Barrel length 17.75"; OAL 38.5"

Maker: Oviedo

Bayonets: M.1964 and M.1969 CETME(Toledo)

## Chapter 5

**M.1895 Mexican Mauser rifle** – cal. 7x57 mm

Barrel length 29.0"; OAL 48.5" (Ball)

Makers: Loewe, DWM, Oviedo

Bayonet: Mexican M.1895 (similar to the Spanish M.1893)(maker?)

**M.1895 Mexican Mauser carbine** – cal. 7x57 mm

Barrel length 17.25"; OAL 37.25"

Makers: DWM, Oviedo

Bayonet: None

***M.1927 Paraguayan Mauser rifle*** – cal. 7.65 mm

Barrel length 28.63"; OAL

Maker: DWM, Oviedo

Bayonet: M.1927 Paraguayan, similar to the Argentinian M.1909 but with a shorter blade; Made in Argentina?

***M.1927 Paraguayan Mauser carbine*** – cal. 7.65 mm

Barrel length 22.5"; OAL 42.25"(Ball)

Makers: DWM, Oviedo

Bayonet: None

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