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I guarantee that you will agree, on seeing the knife you order, that it is the finest you have ever seen at any price and I make no hesitation in saying I will be glad to refund the purchase price, if you think otherwise."

*W.D. Randall Jr.*

MEMBER OF  
AMERICAN GUNSMITHS GUILD

No one has ever returned a Randall Made knife during the more than 16 years I have been handcrafting these fine knives. If you are still in doubt as to the quality of Randall Made knives, send for my "Certification-Guarantee." The cost to you will be parcel post and insurance fees only, and you will be under no obligation whatever to keep the knife.

(If you desire a knife on approval, please send purchase price with order to simplify bookkeeping.)

If you know where a finer knife can be purchased, I will be sincerely grateful if you will tell me where.

*May 6, 1958*

**NOTICE**

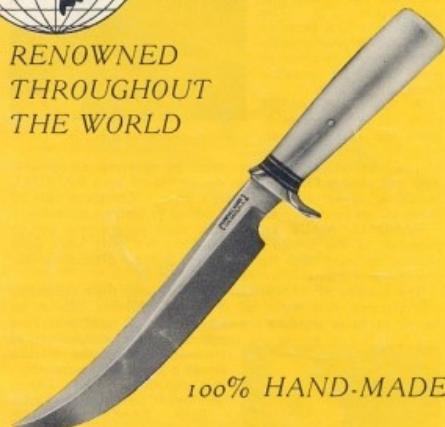
The demand for these hand made knives has become so great that we are often behind in deliveries. However, we refuse to lessen their quality by increasing production. Your patience in awaiting your order will not go unrewarded. At the time of mailing this catalogue it is impossible for us to handcraft your knife in less than 4-6 weeks.

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## Every Randall Made Knife Is 100% Hand-Made

Hours of painstaking care go into the creation of every RANDALL MADE knife. Only the finest imported steel is used, either Swedish tool steel or high carbon stainless steel. Randall craftsmen hand-forges each blade and then grind, hone and polish it by hand. Every blade is tempered uniformly in an electric furnace.

The blade has a keen edge and is perfectly shaped and balanced. The handle is skillfully designed for the most comfortable grip. The hilt is  $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick brass or nickel silver permanently hard-soldered in place to give the best possible hand protection.

A RANDALL MADE knife is a companion piece for your fine gun, your fishing tackle, camera, watch or other select items of sporting equipment. You will always feel pride in ownership of your RANDALL MADE knife—truly a collector's item. Complete sets of these knives have already been added to famous collections. RANDALL MADE knives are used extensively by all branches of the armed forces. They not only have been ordered by individual fighting men, but by official service procurement agencies as well.

The quality of RANDALL MADE knives, their symmetry and balance and their all around usefulness cannot be found in mass produced knives. Randall craftsmen are proud of the reputation of these knives as the world's finest. In order to maintain this reputation, these knives will never be mass produced.

Each RANDALL MADE knife possesses an individual characteristic or quality all its own due to the fact these knives are hand-made. These characteristics are assuredly outstanding features when compared with the usual factory-like finish. What may appear to be a small flaw or

imperfection is in reality the result of hand craftsmanship.

No two RANDALL MADE knives are exactly alike, for no jigs or patterns are used in their construction.

Hand forging imparts to the molecular structure of the blade a quality that is not found in the usual factory-stamped knife.

The making of these fine knives is the hobby of W. D. Randall, Jr., Florida citrus grower and outdoor sportsman. They are on sale at the finest sporting goods stores and by mail.



Forging a blade.



Polishing a handle.

### ► GUARANTEE

On the back cover read the extraordinary "certification guarantee" for every RANDALL MADE knife.

(See Pages 12 and 13 for extra features available.)

### MODEL 1



"**ALL-PURPOSE FIGHTING KNIFE**"—6", 7" and 8" blades of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. Top of blade also sharpened 3 inches.  $4\frac{1}{2}$ "-7" handle. This is the knife made famous by combat troops in World War II. Manual for using included. Commando shaped, straight handle, as illustrated on Model 2, available at no extra charge. (Wt. 8-10 oz.)

Including Model A sheath \$22.00

### MODEL 2



"**FIGHTING STILETTO**"—6", 7" and 8" blades of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. This is a heavily made dagger or dirk.  $4\frac{1}{2}$ "-7" handle is shaped along lines of famous British Commando knife but is larger and has a more comfortable grip. Manual for using included. (Wt. 7-9 oz.)

Including Model A sheath \$23.00

"**LETTER OPENER AND BOOT KNIFE**"—5" blade of  $3/16$ " stock. Similar to fighting stiletto but lighter and smaller throughout. For desk or concealed weapon use. (Wt. 4-5 oz.)

Including Model B sheath \$20.50

(Sheaths illustrated on Page 14.)

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## HOW TO CHOOSE A KNIFE

Select the best knife you can afford, just as you would when choosing other items of sporting equipment. You will use your knife more than any other piece of equipment. It will serve you well if it is correctly used. Take your time in the selection, for choosing a knife is an important decision.

Although there are many types of knives designed for various uses, the standard models of RANDALL MADE knives will meet the most specialized requirements of all who use knives.

The following guide may be helpful:

The serviceman has a wide choice of knives. Model 1, a modified and improved Bowie type, and Model 2 were made famous by fighting men in World War II. New types are Model 14 and Model 15, the latter especially designed for U. S. Marine and Naval air crew survival use.

The sportsman, hunter or guide will find good use for Model 3 or its smaller version, Model 7, Model 4 or Model 11. The big game hunter will prefer Model 4 or Model 11.

The fresh water fisherman and bird hunter will need either Model 7 or Model 8.

The camper, sailor, yachtsman or trailblazer will find Model 5 most useful.

The "head of the table" will admire the design and usefulness of Model 6.

The knife thrower will be wise to select the professional throwing knife, Model 9.

The salt water angler will like the specialized advantages of Model 10, which incidentally is also a fine household utility knife.

Models 12 and 13 will be sought after by collectors or those who desire a truly heavily made knife.

The salt water diver will find one of the special stainless steel knives best for his requirements.

Anyone wanting a useful pocket knife, with many excellent features, will prefer one of the knives shown on Page 15.

Always remember—there are innumerable factory-made knives on the market that may be usable, but if you want the pleasure of owning and using the finest knife obtainable, choose a RANDALL MADE knife.

## WORLD-FAMOUS KNIVES

RANDALL MADE knives have won world-wide acclaim and have been the subject of magazine articles and motion pictures.

Stories about these knives have been featured in *True* magazine (December 1953), *Popular Mechanics* (December 1952) and *Science and Mechanics* (February 1944).

The handcrafting of these knives was filmed for Paramount's release, *Unusual Occupations*.

RANDALL MADE knives have won the approval of the sportsman's Research Institute.

The Randall mark of quality is familiar to hunters everywhere, from the Arctic to tropical jungles. Servicemen carried RANDALL MADE knives into all theatres of battle during World War II and in the Korean War.

(See Pages 12 and 13 for extra features available.)

## MODEL 3



"HUNTER"—6" and 7" blades of 1/4" stock. 4 3/8"-5 1/2" handle. An ideal all-around heavy duty sportsman's knife. Scientifically designed for every outdoor use. (See Model 7 for smaller and lighter blade.) (Wt. 6-8 oz.)

Including Model A sheath \$20.00

## MODEL 4



"BIG GAME AND SKINNER"—4 1/2", 5", 6" and 7" blades. 4 1/4"-5 1/2" handle. Similar to Model 3, but with more curved blade. This knife was designed by Alaskan and Canadian guides for skinning big game.

Including Model A sheath  
4 1/2" blade (3/16" stock. Wt. 4-5 oz.) \$18.50  
5", 6" or 7" blade (1/4" stock. Wt. 6-8 oz.) \$20.00

## MODEL 5



"CAMPER AND YACHTSMAN"—6", 7" and 8" blades of 1/4" stock. 4 3/8"-5 1/2" handle. This is a straight-bladed knife preferred by many for all around camp and trail use. Ideal for yachtsmen and sailors for general boating purposes. (Wt. 7-10 oz.)

Including Model A sheath \$20.00

## MODEL 6



"ALL PURPOSE CARVING KNIFE"—9" blade of 3/16" stock. 4 3/4"-5" handle of genuine imported stag. Fitted with nickel silver hilt. Designed to meet every requirement as the ideal table knife. Complete with a fine grit, stag-handled carborundum sharpener. Both fitted in a lined, two-compartment felt case. (Wt. 7-8 oz.) \$27.50



FORK—Finest factory-made fork with guard to match Model 6. \$15.00

(When fork is ordered with knife and sharpener above, a three-compartment lined felt case is included.)

(Sheaths illustrated on Page 14.)

## HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR KNIFE AND SHEATH

Clean and thoroughly dry your knife after use. If you intend to store it for some time, it is advisable to coat it with a protective and leave it out of the sheath. Many owners of RANDALL MADE knives have stated that they successfully care for their knives when not in use by exhibiting them on their wall or desk.

Carving knives require the same care as hunting knives. It is not advisable to immerse them in water with regular tableware. Wiping and drying the blade is generally sufficient. All carbon steel blades will become stained in cutting meat because of acids in the meat; this discoloration will not harm the blade. It can easily be removed if desired by polishing with crocus cloth.

If through lack of care rust appears on the blade, remove it before pitting begins by using a fine grit emery cloth.

Never throw a knife unless you are an expert and know you will not make a poor throw and thereby harm it. If the urge to throw a knife is overpowering, it is advisable to obtain our Model 9 "Pro Thrower."

Never use your knife for duties for which it was not designed. You cannot cut bone, nails, bolts or pierce metal with a cutting edge and point designed for meat, despite pressure advertising to the contrary. Beware of claims of this nature, for we have made these tests and find they cannot be performed unless the design of the cutting edge and point is altered.

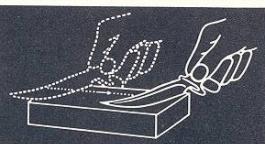
On leather handles use shoe polish or saddle soap to keep the leather from drying out. Use metal polish on the hilt and butt.

For the sheath use shoe polish or saddle soap. We do not advise using oil because it will soften the leather and make the sheath flexible. This will make it difficult to sheathe the knife. To darken the sheath, use dark polish or dye.

All knives require sharpening occasionally after use. We recommend that the blade be kept well honed at all times, for a sharp knife is safer to use than a dull one.

## HOW TO SHARPEN YOUR KNIFE

Use a few drops of kerosene, light machine oil or saliva on the hone. Lay the knife flat on the hone with the blade at a 45-degree angle to the hone. Raise the blade about one-tenth of an inch to obtain a bevel on the cutting edge. Now sweep the blade across the hone from hilt to point. Turn the blade over and repeat this operation. The purpose is to have the hone cutting the steel at the same 45-degree angle on both sides of the blade. Do not let the flat part of the blade scrape across the hone. Keep the bevel constant and be sure to use even, sweeping strokes on both sides. Lessen the pressure as the edge is restored. Never use a coarse hone or a dry grinding wheel. They will destroy a fine cutting edge.



(See Pages 12 and 13 for extra features available.)



**"FISHERMAN - HUNTER"** — 4½" and 5" blades of 3/16" stock. 4½"-3½" handle. Similar to Model 3 except this knife is smaller and lighter. Ideal for small game, creel and tackle box. (Wt. 4-5 oz.)

Including Model A sheath ..... \$18.50

## MODEL 8



**"TROUT AND BIRD KNIFE"** — 4" blade of 3/16" stock. 4"-4½" handle. 2" cutting edge at top of blade. Made only with nickel silver hilt and genuine imported stag handle. Especially suitable for small fish and feathered game. (Wt. 4-5 oz.)

Including Model B sheath ..... \$20.00

## MODEL 9



**"PRO-THROWER"** — 10" overall length. Made from 1/4" stock. Solid, one-piece construction. Accurately balanced and scientifically designed for those desiring a practically indestructible throwing knife. (Wt. 9 oz.)

Sheath not included ..... \$11.00  
(If sheath is desired, Model A or B available. See Page 14.)

## MODEL 10



**"SALT FISHERMAN AND HOUSEHOLD UTILITY"** — 5" and 7" blades of 1/8" stock. Rustproof. Holds the keenest edge. Blade not forged but is fully hand-ground from high carbon stainless steel. 4½" duralumin handle has comfortable slip-proof grip. (Wt. 4-5 oz.)

Including Model B sheath ..... \$15.00

## MODEL 11



**"ALASKAN SKINNER"** — 4½" and 5" blades of 1/4" stock. 4½"-3½" handle. Especially designed by an Alaskan guide for big game skinning, with point dropped below top of blade to prevent cutting too deeply through skins, when used point first. (Wt. 7-8 oz.)

Including Model A sheath ..... \$20.00

(Sheaths illustrated on Page 14.)

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT KNIFE THROWING

Knife throwing is a sport; it is not considered practical in combat. There are few individuals who can throw a knife from an unknown distance and hit a vital spot. To throw a knife far and effectively, the exact distance of the target must be known. Because a knife turns over and over in its flight, the thrower must know the exact distance as well as the number of turns involved in order to have the knife hit point first.

When learning to throw, it is advisable to practice at distances not greater than seven or eight feet. At close range, it is possible to throw effectively by grasping the knife by the handle, because then the knife does not have to turn in flight.

Hold the handle in the palm, with the thumb diagonally across and the blade forward. Throw the knife as you would a baseball, but make release before reaching the end of your swing. At that time the blade will point forward at about a 60-degree angle. The follow-through is very important in guiding the blade straight to its target. For distances beyond 8 feet, grasp the blade with the last three inches at the point lying diagonally along the ball of the thumb, thumb extended along the side of the blade, the four fingers holding the knife firmly against the palm. This grip enables the thrower to hold a razor sharp knife safely. Thrown with this grip, the knife makes a one-half turn.

This method is suitable only for distances of eight to fourteen feet. In order to acquire proficiency at greater distances, too much practice is necessary to be practicable. The beginner should confine his practice to the easier handle-grip method, starting at very close range, where it seems that the point of the blade is guided into the target.

Throwing at an improper target, or at the point of the blade hits the target at a wrong angle, can bend or break the point. Any piece of steel will bend or break from excessive stress on the wrong place. In addition, such mal-practice may loosen the hilt or damage the handle. A good throwing knife should balance at a point near the hilt. In practice throwing, unless you are an expert, do not use a valuable knife.

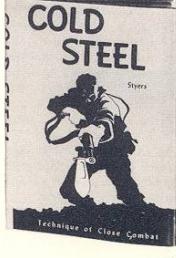
*There are other methods of throwing used by some experts, but we feel that the ones mentioned here are the best for the average person.*

## ABOUT KNIFE FIGHTING

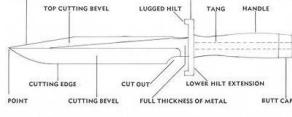
Knife fighting is a specialized branch of combat, used extensively in World War II and in the Korean conflict. It is a complex type of fighting, involving much more than merely thrusting a knife at a foe.

Fighting men have long realized the need for a full, practical, easy-to-understand study of close combat. We are distributing John Styers' famous book, *Cold Steel*, and recommend it to all who may be interested in this type of fighting. After fully realizing the importance of knife fighting, he has devoted a major portion of his book to this subject. The technique of knife fighting is a product of our American heritage. The author does not borrow the methods used traditionally by other nations. He has followed closely the developments of his tutor, the late Col. A. J. Drexel Biddle, and the great master

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## KNIFE DESIGN



Over a period of 16 years, we have received hundreds of knife designs from individuals all over the world requesting custom-made knives to meet their needs. We have incorporated the best of these designs in the models shown in this catalogue. It is felt that almost any need for a knife can be met by one of these models.

Since we have the ability to produce various blade lengths and several types of handles, hilts and butt caps, it can be seen that each knife is already a custom-made product.

Years of experience have gone into the design of every RANDALL MADE knife. Each knife has been thoroughly field tested and has proven to be properly shaped and designed for its particular use.

Many people write in for longer, thinner, sharper blades of thick metal, and/or longer and/or shorter handles. We wish to point out that in almost all of these cases, the knife would be thrown out of balance or proportion, for our models have already been carefully designed with all of these factors in mind.

Many people order knives that, in the opinion of experts, are too large. Here is a full scale illustration of a knife with a 7" blade. We feel that this is the limit in size and blade length for sporting use and that an 8" blade length is the practical limit for a fighting type weapon. To check the size of this knife in your hand, trace it, mount the tracing on cardboard, and cut out.

(Knife shown: Model 3 (7"), stag, grip handle, \$23.50 with sheath.)

actual measurement of the finished blade at the hilt will be slightly less than that. This is the result of forging, grinding and polishing.

### ABOUT BOWIE KNIVES

It is doubtful if any authentic information is available showing the exact dimensions of the original Bowie knife. However, in order to meet your requests, we have a replica of the legendary Bowie knife in the same size (Model 12), along the lines of the one shown in the Smithsonian Institute and seen in the motion picture *The Iron Mistress*.

It was Col. James Bowie who brought the knife to the socalled "Bowie knife" in 1830. Because of his skill as a fighter, the knife itself, made by knifemaster James Black, had no outstanding characteristics which would have brought it recognition. In fact, similar knives had been made a hundred years before.

The Bowie knife supposedly had a blade made of 3/4-inch steel and weighed more than two pounds. We have kept these "legendary" proportions in mind designing our Model 12. RANDALL MADE Model 12 is a true *Bowie* knife.

The Bowie knife, says, "RANDALL MADE Model 1 is about as close to the true Bowie as any knifemaster has ever got since James Black's time."

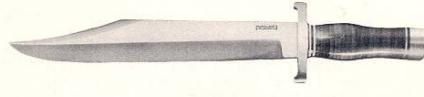
It is well to point out that the concave shape of the top cutting edge of the Bowie knife is not of a particularly good cutting edge. The cutting bevel incorporated in this shape is blunt, and keen cutting cannot be done with this chisel-like edge. You will note that the top cutting edge of RANDALL

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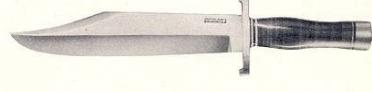
## MODEL 12



"BOWIE"—11" blade, 2 1/2" wide, of 3/8" stock. A replica of the famous Bowie knife of a century ago. Fitted with 4 1/2" brass lagged hilt. 5" leather handle. Duralumin butt cap. (Wt. 32-36 oz.)  
Including Model A sheath ..... \$40.00



"BOWIE"—11" blade, 1 7/8" wide, of 1/4" stock. A lighter version of the knife above. (Wt. 18-22 oz.)  
Including Model A sheath ..... \$35.00



"BOWIE"—9" blade, 1 7/8" wide, of 1/4" stock. Made to meet the demand for a heavy duty knife between our Model 5 (8") and the Bowie (light weight model) illustrated above. (Wt. 16-18 oz.)  
Including Model A sheath ..... \$30.00

(Deduct \$3.00 from any of the above Bowies if curved double hilt as shown on Model 1 is desired instead of "lagged" hilt.)

These illustrations of the Bowie knives show the commando-shaped handle, because we feel that this type of handle is the most suitable and comfortable for knives of this size. However, the original Bowie knives possibly had a smaller handle of concave shape. If you desire this type of handle, it may be had at no extra cost.

(Sheaths illustrated on Page 14.)

## KNIFE FIGHTING (Continued)

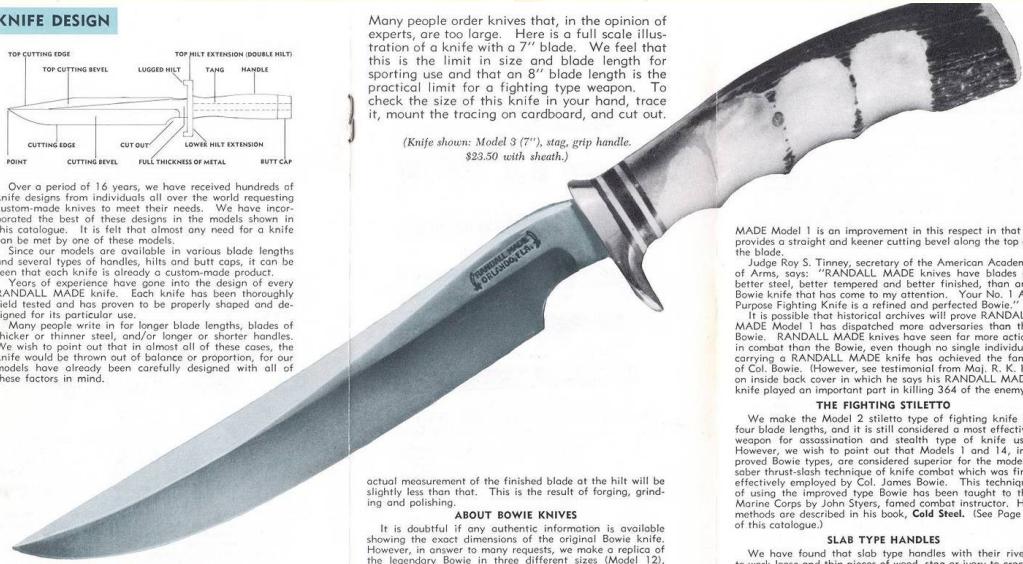
of them all, Col. James Bowie, to develop what is probably the deadliest knife fighting technique in the world.

Styers, a former Marine, has instructed more than 50,000 servicemen of all ranks in knife fighting and other phases of the close combat techniques which he has developed.

**COLD STEEL**, by John Styers. 180 pages. 155 illustrations. Heavily bound ..... \$3.00

We also offer a manual on knife fighting, containing some of the more important data gathered from servicemen and judo knife fighting instructors. This manual is sent free with Models 1, 2, 14 and 15.

**THE FIGHTING KNIFE**, by W. D. Randall, Jr. 36 pages. Illustrated. Paper bound ..... \$.50



MADE Model 1 is an improvement in this respect in that it provides a straight and keen cutting bevel along the top of the blade.

Judge Roy S. Tinney, secretary of the American Academy of Arms, says: "RANDALL MADE knives have blades of better steel, better tempered and better finished, than any Bowie knife I have ever seen." Your No. 1 All Purpose Fighting Knife is a refined and perfected Bowie."

It is possible that historical archives will prove RANDALL MADE Model 1 has dispatched more adversaries than any RANDALL MADE knife have sent to the grave in combat than the total number of individuals carrying a RANDALL MADE knife has achieved the fame of Col. Bowie. (However, see testimonial from Maj. R. K. H. on inside back cover in which he says his RANDALL MADE knife played an important role in killing 364 of the enemy.)

### THE FIGHTING STILETTO

We make the Model 2 stiletto type of fighting knife in four blade lengths, and it is still considered a most effective weapon for assassination and stealth type of knife use. However, we wish to point out that Models 1 and 14, made by RANDALL MADE, are considerably superior to the modern saber thrust-slash technique of knife combat which was first effectively employed by Col. James Bowie. This technique of using the improved type Bowie has been taught to the members of the Commando Fighting Knives, formed combat instructor. His methods are described in his book, *Cold Steel*. (See Page 6 of this catalogue.)

### SLAB TYPE HANDLES

We have found that slab type handles with their rivets to hold them on the wood, stag, bone or horn, are uncomfortable to the grip besides bearing the edge of the steel tang to gather rust and discoloration. We therefore do not feature this type of handle. RANDALL MADE Models 14 and 15 with the extremely heavy tang feature a revolutionary channelled handle (patent pending).

### CAUTION

We wish to warn you of claims about knives with blades of great flexibility and also legends about blades that "ring like a bell." We have found that clock spring-like blades are not practical for combat and that when a piece of iron or steel rings when struck until the vibrations are stopped.

Also hollow-ground knives, with their shape being much like that of a barber's razor, are unsatisfactory for the work required by the average soldier knife, and that they are so thin on the cutting edge that they are very likely to chip out. On the other hand, the blunt chisel-like wide-V type of bevel often found in factory knives is not capable of keen cutting.

### STEPS IN MAKING A RANDALL MADE KNIFE

There are no short cuts in the hand-crafting of RANDALL MADE knives. Only the best quality materials, craftsmanship and experience will produce the finest knife. The following procedure is used. You may try it if you desire:

1. Obtain a piece of carbon tool steel knife stock.
2. Heat it cherry red and hammer out the rough blade in the general shape desired.
3. Sand the rough forged blade to the size and shape of the blade desired.
4. Harden the blade by heating it cherry red and then immersing it in tempering oil. Draw out the brittleness and internal stresses by tempering blade at low heat until it becomes a strong blue color and can be cut with a new file.
5. Grind in lines, bevels and contours and remove roughness.
6. Use a coarse hone and true up the cutting edge, removing any remaining work harden unevenness.
7. Polish the blade on a fine grit wheel to remove scratches made by the coarse hone.
8. Smooth the blade, first with coarse and then with fine grit emery cloth.
9. Polish the blade on a glued-up coarse emery wheel.
10. Cut and shape the hilt from one-quarter inch brass. Drill a hole and file it to rectangular shape to fit the handle tang. Fit hilt to the blade and solder in place.
11. File the hilt handle, cutting rectangular holes in pieces of fine plastic or leather. Slip into place and glue each separately. Drill a piece of one-half inch duralumin for the butt and recess it to fit the tang. Drive it on tightly, or peen it into place, or thread the end of tang and use nut. Wrap the glass or thermoplastic over rough shape of the handle with a coarse file. Finish shaping with a finer file. Then smooth it, first with coarse and then fine emery paper. The hilt and butt are filed and sanded as the handle is shaped.
12. Polish the blade with a medium grit glued-up emery wheel. Polish the hilt and butt on a muslin wheel charged with powdered compound.
13. Sharpen the blade on a medium grit honing wheel. Always use special honing oil for all honing.
14. Polish the blade on a fine grit glued-up emery wheel and again polish the hilt and butt.
15. Get final sharpening to the blade, using a fine grit honing wheel.
16. For final polishing of the blade, use a hard polishing wheel to remove any last fine scratches. After final polishing, hilt and butt and the final polish to the handle with a soft muslin wheel.
17. Make or have made a sheath pattern to fit the blade with a stop for the hilt so the point cannot pierce the sheath. Drill holes along the sides to prevent binding of the stitches. Use a keeper strap and fasteners to hold the sheath in the sheath.

CAUTION: Grindings #3 and #5 require great skill in getting the lines and bevels of the blade true by eye. These are dangerous operations, requiring good goggles to prevent splinters of steel from hitting the eyes. The grinding dust is unpleasant; use a blower if possible. In all grinding after tempering, never overheat the blade.

After wheel polishing of the hilt, butt and handles and the final polishing of the hilt, butt and handle are dangerous operations. These wheels can easily snatch the blade from the grasp and cause it to fly through the air.

(See Page 167 of December 1952 Popular Mechanics for more details and illustrations.)

### FROM START TO FINISH



This illustration shows several of the steps involved in making a RANDALL MADE knife.

(Knife shown: Model 1 (8"), stag, grip handle. \$25.50 with sheath.)

### ABOUT KNIFE STEEL

Carbon is one of the elements required to make steel tough and hard. The better knives are made of high carbon (80.1-100%) steel.

Carbide knives are generally made of low carbon steel so they can be mass produced by die stamping machinery. That is why they will not sharpen properly or hold an edge. RANDALL MADE knives are made from the finest quality high carbon Swedish tool steel. Although not necessarily better than our best American steel, it has a world-wide reputation for its use in the world's finest cutlery. This Swedish steel is made from the purest of ores.

Stainless steel is difficult to work, and high carbon stainless is far too hard for die stamping and machine grinding. Therefore good quality stainless steel knives are too expensive to be made by machine production methods. Since all Randall Made knives are 100% hand-made, we are able to use high carbon stainless steel of a quality and toughness that is now and cannot be used in the production of commercial knives.

Beware of fancy claims that you may read about secret ingredients in steel and secret heat treating methods. It has been proven that "magic" methods for making steel for cutlery cannot result in a better blade than our modern, scientific, carefully-controlled methods.

(See Pages 12 and 13 for extra features available.)

### MODEL 13



"ARKANSAS TOOTHPICK"—12" blade, 1/2" wide, of 1/4" stock in straight shape. A copy of the historic stiletto-dagger famous in Confederate days. (Wt. 16-20 oz.)

Including Model A sheath \$36.00

### MODEL 14 (Patent Pending)



"ATTACK"—7 1/2" blade of 1/4" stock, 5" handle of durable Tenite. (Supplied only on Models 14 and 15. Other handles not available.)

Handle with leather wrapped hilt, stag, or ivory handle. Tang extends 1/2" beyond handle. Weight 16 oz. (Wt. 16 oz.)

Blade of 1/4" stock, 5" handle of durable Tenite, 1/2" wide, of 1/4" stock. This knife was designed to meet the demand for an almost indestructible all-purpose knife, though it is especially suited for combat. (Wt. 14 oz.)

Including Model C sheath \$28.50

### MODEL 15 (Patent Pending)



"AIRMAN"—5 1/2" blade of 1/4" stock, 4 1/2" Tenite handle. (Supplied only on Models 14 and 15. Other handles not available.)

Name etching only extra feature available.) Constructed same as Model 14, except handle and blade. Manufactured for using in aircraft. (Wt. 10 oz.)

Including Model C sheath \$26.50

Attention: Models 14 and 15 available with factory-made blades at lower prices.

To help us meet the demand for these two models, we are also having them made by a famous German cutlery manufacturer, Koenig & Söhne, in Solingen, Germany. They are of the finest quality high carbon German steel. We fit the hilts and handles. Many blades are made in America and we are able to offer these models of the following prices:

Model 14 (including Model C sheath) \$20.00

Model 15 (including Model C sheath) \$18.50

BRITISH COMMANDO



BRITISH COMMANDO KNIFE—6 1/2" blade length, 5 1/2" handle. Made in England; this is the knife that won fame as the weapon of the British commandos in World War II. It has a leather wrapped hilt, leather-tipped sheath. Available for immediate delivery. (Wt. 9 oz.)

Handle and blade chromium plated \$9.25

Also available in original black Parkerized finish \$4.25

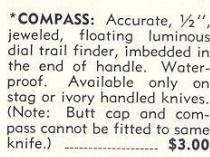
This knife in the full chrome plating makes an ideal desk piece. Model B hand-made sheath available for this knife.

(Sheath illustrated on Page 14.)

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\*NICKEL SILVER HILT: Available on any model except Models 12, 13, 14 and 15. (Standard on Models 6 and 8.) \$1.00

DOUBLE HILT: Standard on Models 1 and 2. Gives protection on top of handle. Useful mainly on fighting knives. Available on any model. Not desirable for sporting knives. (See Page 8, Knife Design.) \$1.00



\*COMPASS: Accurate, 1/2", jeweled, floating luminous dial trail finder, imbedded in the end of handle. Waterproof. Available only on stag or ivory handled knives. (Note: Butt cap and compass cannot be fitted to same knife.) \$3.00

BRASS BUTT CAP: Models 12 and 13 only. May help balance the already blade-heavy knife. (On any other model, this would unbalance the knife.) \$3.00

BRASS SCALLOPED COLLAR: Models 12 and 13 only. Added between hilt and handle for appearance. Stag, ivory and ebony handles only \$5.00

SCALLOPED BUTT CAP: Models 12 and 13 only. Usually fitted to match scalloped collar. Stag, ivory and ebony handles only \$3.00

BRASS STRIP: Model 12 only. Thought by some to be an authentic feature of a Bowie. Welded along top of blade. \$3.50

NAME PLATE: Nickel silver plate imbedded in any handle except leather \$4.00

Initial engraving, per letter .50

CHROMIUM PLATED BLADE: Any model. Recommended for exhibit purposes only.

Models 12 and 13 \$7.00

All other models \$5.00

STAINLESS STEEL BLADE: Available on any knife except models 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 and those made from 3/16" stock. This is a special high carbon (.8%) stainless steel not obtainable in ordinary knives. It is immune to the effects of salt water immersion \$5.00

CUSTOM-MADE KNIVES: Can be made to your specifications. The costs involved are often much higher than regular RANDALL MADE models of comparable size. Before sending us a custom design, we ask that you carefully check the models listed in this catalogue for a knife to suit your need. (See Knife Design, Pages 8 and 9.) We do not fit slab handles. (See Pages 8 and 9.)

"MAKE-IT-YOURSELF" KITS: Finished blades are available for those who want to complete their own knives. Prices sent on request.

NOTE: Should any extra feature become unavailable for your order, knife will be sent without the extra, and proper refund will be made.

### NO SUBSTITUTE FOR QUALITY

Some people ask: "Are RANDALL MADE knives expensive?" Our answer is: "Lasting quality and flawless workmanship are never expensive."

We like to refer to the following quotation: "Quality. There is hardly anything in the world that some men cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper, and the people who consider price only are this man's lawful prey."

—John Ruskin.

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### EXTRA FEATURES YOU MAY DESIRE ON YOUR KNIFE

Following is a list of extra features available at added cost on RANDALL MADE knives. Those preceded by an asterisk (\*) are the ones we recommend and the ones usually incorporated.

\*NAME ETCHING: Your name permanently and deeply acid-etched in block letters on right side of blade \$1.50



Serial number and/or address, \$1.00 extra.

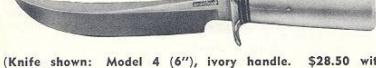


(Knife shown: Model 3 (6"), nickel silver hilt, stag handle. \$23.50 with sheath.)

\*STAG HANDLE: Genuine stag imported from India. Available on any model. (Standard on Models 6 and 8.)

Models 12 and 13 \$4.50

All other models \$2.50



(Knife shown: Model 4 (6"), ivory handle. \$28.50 with sheath.)

IVORY HANDLE: Genuine ivory imported from Belgian Congo. Available on any model.

Models 6 and 8 \$6.00

Models 12 and 13 \$10.00

All other models \$8.50

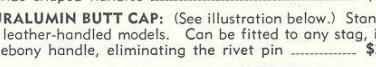
EBONY HANDLE: Dense black wood of great hardness, imported from Ceylon. Available on any model in either standard or commando shape \$6.50

Although ivory and ebony make beautiful knife handles, they are subject to cracking under severe strain and climatic changes. If one of these handles cracks and is returned to us soon thereafter, it is our policy to replace the handle at half of original price.

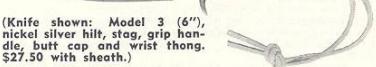


(Knife shown: Model 3 (7"), stag, grip handle. \$23.50 with sheath.)

FINGER GRIPS: Shaped in the handle of any knife except Models 7 and 8, on which handles are too small, and commando shaped handles \$1.00



DURALUMIN BUTT CAP: (See illustration below.) Standard on leather-handled models. Can be fitted to any stag, ivory or ebony handle, eliminating the rivet pin \$2.50



WRIST THONG: Handle is drilled and flared at butt end, and a fine quality rawhide wrist thong is attached (as illustrated above). Available on any knife except one with compass installed \$ .50

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## SHEATHS

Our sheaths are made and shaped to fit each model by the celebrated H. H. Heiser Saddlery Company of the finest top grade saddle leather, heavily stitched. They feature a three-ply stitch-protecting spline of leather around the sides and are so constructed that the point cannot pierce the stitching.

For anyone who desires a sheath alone, they are available for immediate delivery at the prices indicated below. These prices include handling, shipping and other charges.

## MODEL A



Supplied with Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 11. With hone in pocket ..... \$5.00  
Sheath supplied with Models 12 and 13 similar to above but larger. With hone in pocket ..... \$7.00

## MODEL B



Supplied with Models 2 (5"), 8 and 10. With hone \$3.00

## MODEL C (Patent Pending)



Supplied with Models 14 and 15 only. Especially designed under auspices of the U. S. Marine Corps for these knives. With hone in pocket ..... \$7.00

## LEFT HANDED SHEATHS—Available on special order. \$1.50 extra.

For those who wish to make their own sheaths or who otherwise do not want the sheaths illustrated above and supplied with RANDALL MADE knives, we make deductions from the catalogue prices of the knives. If no sheath is desired, deductions are made as follows:

Models 2 (5"), 8 and 10, \$2. Models 12, 13, 14 and 15, \$4.50. All other models, \$3.50.

## TIE CLIPS



Model 1 or Model 3. Available for immediate delivery ..... \$5.00

We have obtained from Gordon A. Russell, silver craftsman of Wynnewood, Pa., these sterling silver miniature replicas of our Models 1 and 3 knives. These accurate reproductions, with alligator type clasps, make most attractive tie clips for the sportsman. When ordering, please state whether you want

## POCKET KNIVES

After searching 14 years for the most suitable pocket knife to offer along with our hand-made sheath knives, we located these useful, easy-to-carry knives, precision crafted, from Solingen, Germany. Made of finest German stainless steel throughout, they are thin, compact and light in weight.

Many imported knives are found to be of poor quality. However, our manufacturer is giving these knives special attention as to steel and heat treatment, and we feel that these are the best stainless steel pocket knives available. We are particularly pleased with their design. These knives are available for immediate delivery.

**"THE LIGHTWEIGHT"**—3 blades: large spear blade, small pen blade and nail file with rough and smooth grooves. Engine-chased stainless steel case. Length, 3 1/8"; weight 1 1/3 oz. ..... \$4.50

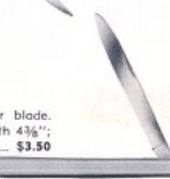
**"THE ALL 'ROUND"**

— 6 blades: large spear blade, small pen blade, cap lifter, screw driver-reamer, scissors and nail file



with rough and smooth grooves. Engine-chased stainless steel case. Length 3 1/4"; weight 2 oz. ..... \$9.00

**"FRUIT KNIFE"**—1 long, slender spear blade. Engine-chased stainless steel case. Length 4 3/8"; weight 1 1/4 oz. ..... \$3.50



**"BOTTLE OPENER"**—1 spear blade and bottle opener. Polished chrome case. With chain loop. Length 3 1/8"; weight 7/8 oz. ..... \$2.00



**"BAR KNIFE"**—1 spear blade, cork screw and bottle opener. Polished chrome case. With chain loop. Length 3 1/2"; weight 1 1/4 oz. ..... \$2.50

These pocket knives are also available in quantity. They can be imprinted with company advertising on the case and make desirable gifts and premiums. Write for prices.

## REPAIR OF POCKET KNIVES

Although we offer the fine quality pocket knives illustrated above, we do not make or repair such knives. If you have a pocket knife in need of repair, write to us, and we will recommend a place for you to send it.

## MARBLE SAFETY AXES

These fine Marble Safety Pocket Axes are again in production after many years, and we are happy to distribute them. The blades are properly balanced and are made of high carbon manganese steel, drop forged and tempered for toughness and to hold a keen edge. The lead-lined blade guard folds snugly into the handle and is held firmly in place by strong spring. We highly recommend these axes to big game hunters for dissecting large animals and to other sportsmen for heavy duty use for which their knives are not suited. Available for immediate delivery.



No. 2

**METAL HANDLE**—All steel construction. Handle and guard nickel plated, with hard rubber side plates on grip. Length 11"; blade 2 3/8" x 4"; weight 22 oz. .... \$12.50



No. 5

**WOODEN HANDLE**—Tough, smooth, selected hickory handle shaped for easy, comfortable grip. Nickel plated steel guard and lining for groove in handle. Length 10 1/2"; blade 2 3/8" x 4 3/4"; weight 16 oz. .... \$7.50

## HONES

For those who wish to keep their knives (including household cutlery) in good cutting condition, we have obtained suitable hones from the nation's leading manufacturers. Available for immediate delivery.

**JU6: CRYSTOLON** — Combination coarse and fine Corborundum type. 6" x 2" x 1", in wooden box. .... \$4.50



**SM6: SOFT ARKANSAS** — (Illustrated) 6" x 1 1/2" x 1" in wooden box ..... \$7.00

**POCKET HONE**—Combination coarse and fine grit Corborundum type. Suitable for pocket, tackle box or sheath hone pocket. 3" x 7/8" x 3/8" ..... \$ .75

## HOW TO ORDER

For your convenience an order blank is on the folded page at center of catalogue. However, it is not necessary to use the order blank, for a letter stating your choice is sufficient.

Payment of a \$5.00 deposit will place your name in our order book. We will bill you for the balance prior to shipping.

When full payment accompanies your order, we pay postage and insurance.

Knives will be air mailed to servicemen overseas, where postal regulations permit, free of extra charge.

## READ WHAT SATISFIED USERS SAY

I have on file hundreds of unsolicited letters from users of RANDALL MADE knives the world over. Below are excerpts from a few of these letters:

My Randall Made knife which I used through the entire war is indeed a work of art and it accounted for a large percentage of the 364 enemy that I received credit for killing with individual arms. (This is the instance referred to on Page 9.) —Maj. R. K. H., APO 39, N. Y. C.

My All-Purpose Fighting Knife rates 2 battle stars.

—BMC W. H. I., U. S. Navy.

Here's \$25. Need another fighting knife. . . . During a night raid behind enemy lines, I had to leave my last one in a troublesome Red.

—Sgt. R. E. A., Chorwan Valley, Korea.

I am a proud possessor of one of your wonderful knives and never cease to marvel as to its versatility, keenness, balance, durability and extraordinary workmanship. . . . From personal experience I know why more Marines carry your product than any other made. It has proven itself time and time again and pulled many a Marine through some very tight spots. Marines have carried your knife from Iwo Jima to Frozen Chosin and I am sure that we all owe you a great deal that we never can repay.

—B. K. R. (Ex-Marine Sergeant)

I carried your knife for 5 years, from Africa to Berlin. It certainly was the most handy combat weapon any infantryman could possess.

—J. S. K., Pasadena, California

. . . I skinned three brown bear in one day with my Randall knife. I know of no other knife that could have done this job.

—K. W. B., Cordova, Alaska

. . . I dressed out seven deer in one day without touching the blade. . . . While I have about a dozen other hunting knives, yours is the only one I use.

—L. R. A., Aberdeen, South Dakota

. . . We butchered a 3/4 grown bull calf and after cutting, chopping, hacking and skinning through a lot of muscle, gristle and tough tendons, that knife was still able to shave hairs from my arm.

—S. J. K., Germantown, Ohio

. . . Your knife was used in surgery of a crash victim and was also instrumental in prying up an airplane canopy and cutting tough airplane harness.

—Air Rescue Crewman, R. P., APO 731, Seattle, Wash.

. . . Finest knife I have ever used. Few knives can cut through a 6" mooring line so easily and quickly. . . . Thank you for the fine craftsmanship.

—V. M., Merchant Marine, Houston, Texas

Of all the brands of knives used by 60 men in an Air Force Arctic Circle survival school, yours was the only one that held up.

—Lt. J. L. H., Anchorage, Alaska

I have 225 knives covering many foreign countries and the United States. I have not seen a knife that can compare with the beauty of your knives. —J. D. F., U.S.A.F.

Being a hunter and professional trapper, I appreciate the master craftsmanship and quality represented in the Randall line of knives.

—B. P., Blaine, Washington

Did a lot of research . . . yet found no hunting or fighting knives that could equal those made by Randall. They are so good only experienced hunters and fishermen can appreciate their quality.

—Roy S. Tinney, Sec'y, American Academy of Arms

(Full names and addresses sent on request)

6. Since you have this catalogue and it tells you how to order (P. 16), please don't hesitate placing your order. It can easily enough be returned in the box you receive it in should you, on seeing the knife you order, feel I have been misleading in this brochure.
7. CHANGES IN CATALOGUE LISTINGS:  
(additional directions for ordering).
  1. No finger grip-grooves can be installed on commando shaped handles on Models #1, #2 and #12; or on any Model 12 — 11" x 2½" x ¾" (which have extra heavy ¾" handle tangs leaving no space in walls of the handles for these grips).
  2. Tie clip Model #1 is no longer available.
  3. We cannot install compasses to ivory or ebony handles — only available on stag handles.
  4. Stainless steel blades cannot have name etched thereon.
  5. Should Bowie type of "lugged hilt" be desired on other models, please add \$3.00.
  6. We can now supply brass "U" wires for adapting sheaths so they can be attached to GI type web belts. Price (including mailing), \$.25.

If after looking through the catalogue you have decided against ordering, it will be appreciated if you would give the catalogue to someone who is interested in obtaining a fine knife.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

PLEASE READ THIS — EITHER  
BEFORE, OR AFTER YOU LOOK  
THROUGH THIS CATALOGUE

RANDALL MADE KNIVES  
BOX 1988  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

1. You, presumably, would not have this catalogue unless you are interested in obtaining a fine knife. It should be reiterated that the making of these knives is the hobby of W. D. Randall, Jr. — that there is little profit in such a hobby; this is evidenced by the fact that in all these years (20) other sources for cutlery of this type have not sprung up.
2. I have tried to tell you in this catalogue-booklet (of almost 1 hour reading) a lot about knives; besides showing you the 15 models of my make, their various lengths and handle combinations, I endeavor to inform you how to go about making your own knife — should you, somehow, have the feeling the prices shown are high.
3. My files of unsolicited testimonial letters are now as thick as 3 New York phone books — indicating a world wide acceptance of Randall Made knives for almost every conceivable use.

4. PLEASE ADD TO "WORLD FAMOUS KNIVES" (P. 2), the following:

See P. 51 of Feb. 1956 "Bluebook" magazine.

See P. 521 of Nov. 1956 "Consumers Research" bulletin.

See "Mark Trail" comic strip by Ed Dodd for Nov. 8 & 9, 1957.

See Pgs. 318; 627; 641-3; 1262 to end of "Some Came Running" (novel by James Jones, author of "From Here To Eternity").

Change 16 years in "Certification-Guarantee" (P. 18) to 20 years.

Copies of Randall Made knives have now been produced in Italy, England and the U.S. (I will gladly tell you how to purchase any of these — usually they are a good bit cheaper than my handmade models.)

5. ADDITIONS TO MODELS OFFERED:

(1) WE NOW MAKE A #12 — 6" x 1 1/4" wide, of 1/4" STOCK, for those who wish a Bowie type knife for sporting purposes. Fitted with hilt and handle like model 5. (Weight 7-10 oz.)

Including Model A sheath \$24.00

(2) WE ALSO NOW MAKE A #12 — 13" x 1 1/8" wide of 1/4" STOCK. Thought by many

to be the more authentic copy of the Bowie Knife (design for same was furnished by Mr. Raymond Thorpe, author of "The Bowie Knife"). Fitted with a 4" x 1/4" curved forward hilt of solid brass. Handle as shown on other model 12's. (Wt. app. 26-28 oz.)

Including Model A sheath ..... \$44.00

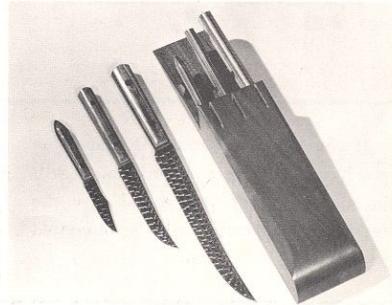
(3) PROFESSIONAL "STAGE PERFORMER" THROWING KNIFE. We have located a fine 13 1/2" x 3/16" authentic professional throwing knife; with indestructible fibre handle, heavily riveted on, made from cold rolled steel — so it can never break and should it bend, can easily be re-straightened. Complete throwing instructions included. (Wt. 12 oz.)



Including sheath like Model B (but lower quality leather) ..... \$9.00

Without sheath ..... \$7.50

(4) HOUSEHOLD CUTLERY SET. We do not make a line of knives for household and kitchen use, but we are happy to illustrate here the fine 3-piece kitchen set we have finally located after years of searching. It is completely handmade by an artisan of rare ability, using Chrome-Vanadium steel. Similar steel is just not found in mass produced merchandise. We feel this is the ultimate in cutlery for household use. Durable — impregnated handles. Comes in hand polished walnut wall bracket.



As illustrated (including mailing) \$15.50