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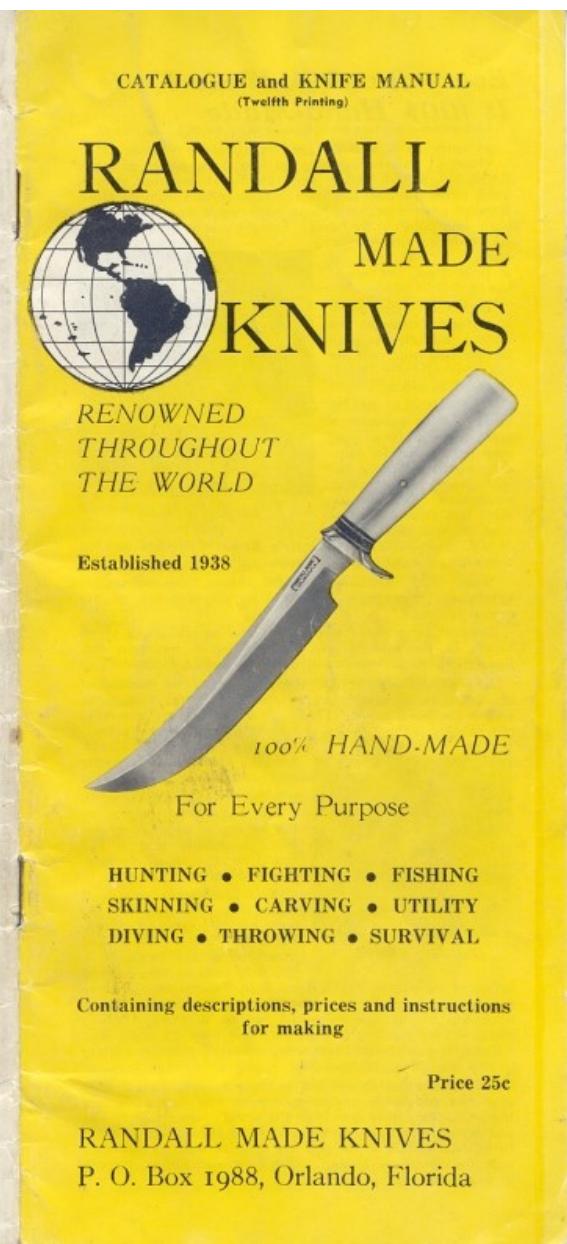
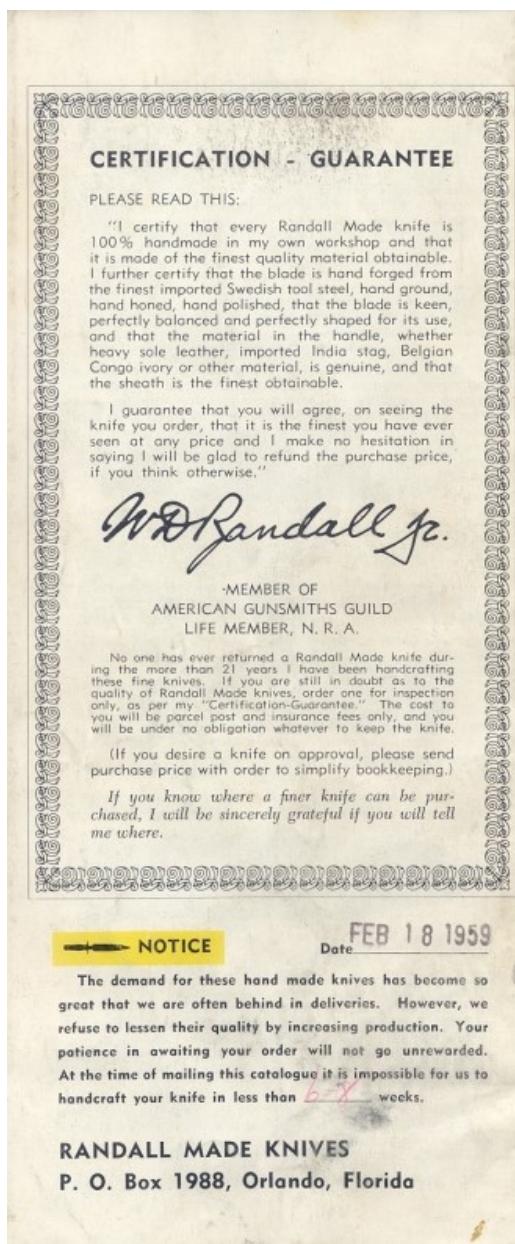
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Every Randall Made Knife Is 100% Hand-Made

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-forged each blade and then grind, hone and polish it by hand. Every blade is tempered uniformly in an electric furnace. If we knew of a finer steel, we would use it.

Each keen-edged blade is perfectly balanced, the handle skillfully designed for the best grip, and the hilt permanently hard-soldered in place.

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 exist in many famous collections.

Since 1938, RANDALL MADE knives have been used extensively throughout the world by all branches of the armed forces.

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



Forging a blade.

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

You, presumably, would not have this catalogue if you were not interested in obtaining a fine knife. The knives listed herein are available to you only because they are the hobby of the maker, W. D. Randall Jr., Florida citrus grower and outdoor sportsman. Large-scale commercial production of knives of this quality would not be feasible. This is evidenced by the fact that in the more than 21 years that Randall has produced his knives, other sources for cutlery of this type have not developed.

The craftsmanship evident in these knives, their usefulness and popularity among sportsmen and collectors, and the praise they have won from the world's experts on knives and armor help to verify the statement that in obtaining a RANDALL MADE knife you are able to own "tomorrow's collector's piece — today." (See American Knives, Page 6 in this catalogue.)



Polishing a handle.

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The prices shown in this catalogue include prepaid postage and insurance when payment accompanies order.

(See important shipping notice on back cover.)

The knives listed in this catalogue may be obtained from us by mail, and they are also on sale at many of the nation's finest sporting goods stores. (Name of dealer nearest to you will be sent upon request.)

Our files of unsolicited testimonial letters are now as thick as three New York telephone books — indicating a world-wide acceptance of RANDALL MADE knives for every conceivable use. (See excerpts from a few of these letters on inside back cover.)

Although our costs have increased greatly over the years, we have continued to hold our prices as low as possible, consistent with quality, which we will not sacrifice. The prices shown in this catalogue represent only a very small increase over those which were established early in the 1940's.

GUARANTEE

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

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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.

For those who prefer a Bowie type for sporting purposes, there are several to choose from in our Model 12.

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 one of the professional throwing knives, Model 9 or the "Tru-Balance" throwing knife.

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

The collector will, of course, want to consider Models 12 and 13, valuable collector's items as well as useful, heavy knives.

The salt water diver will find one of the special stainless steel knives best for his requirements, particularly the new Model 16.

Anyone wanting a useful pocket knife, with many excellent features, will be pleased with one of the knives shown on Page 19.

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.

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.

We have no quarrel with competitors who sell for less. After all, they know how much their product is worth. Copies of RANDALL MADE knives have been produced in Italy, England and the United States. In purchasing a knife of inferior quality, as in purchasing the finest available, you get what you pay for.

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(See Pages 15, 16 and 17 for extra features available.)

MODEL 1



"ALL-PURPOSE FIGHTING KNIFE"—6", 7" and 8" blades of 1/4" stock. Top cutting edge also sharpened 3 inches. 4 1/2"-7" leather 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 1/4" stock. This is a heavily made dagger or dirk. 4 1/2"-7" leather 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 20.)

WORLD-FAMOUS KNIVES

RANDALL MADE knives have won world-wide acclaim. They have been the subject of numerous magazine articles and have been featured in motion pictures and books by famous authors.

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

They are prominently mentioned in *American Knives*, published by Scribner's (Pages 59, 60, 92, 149, 151-153). (See Page 6, this catalogue.)

Also see:

Consumer's Research Bulletin, November 1956 (Page 521).
Bluebook, February 1956 (Page 51).
Modern Knives, November 8 and 9 1957.
Modern Man, July 1955.
New Angles to Bass Fishing, published by Greensburg (Page 149).
True, December 1953.
Popular Mechanics, December 1952.
Science and Mechanics, February 1944.
Some Came Running, novel by James Jones (author of *From Here to Eternity*) (Pages 318, 627, 641, 1262 to end).
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 the Korean War.

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" or "Tru-Balance" throwing knife.

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, 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 heel to point. Turn the blade over and repeat the same operation. The purpose is to have the hone cutting at the same 45-degree angle on both sides of the blade. Never lay the blade flat on the hone. Be sure to use even, sweeping strokes on both sides. Lessen the pressure as the edge is reshaped. To obtain the best holding edge, give the blade a few final sweeps across the hone at a high angle of about 45°. (See diagram in Behr-Manning's "How to Sharpen" booklet.)



BEAR IN MIND: Edge holding ability and keenness of edge do not exactly go hand in hand, though there can be a happy medium. Naturally, the finer (thinner) the V towards the heel the cutting edge is, the less there is edge holding ability of the steel. If you expect to do heavy duty cutting have the V thin; then again, if you plan to cut flesh, skin, etc. Never use a coarse hone or a dry grinding wheel. They will destroy a fine cutting edge. Follow these directions carefully and you cannot fail to keep a good edge on your knives.

(See Pages 15, 16 and 17 for extra features available.)

MODEL 3



"HUNTER"—6" and 7" blades of $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " leather 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 5", 6" and 7" blades. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " leather handle. Similar to Model 3, but with more curved blade. This knife has been extensively used by Alaskan and Canadian guides, trappers and sportsmen.

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

MODEL 5



"CAMPER AND YACHTSMAN"—6", 7" and 8" blades of $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " leather 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ "-5" handle of genuine imported stag. Fitted with nickel silver hilt. Designed to meet every requirement as the ideal table knife. (Wt. 7-8 oz.)

Complete with a fine grit, stag-handled Corborundum sharpener. Both fitted in a lined, two-compartment lined felt case \$27.50



FORK—Finest factory-made fork with guard, to match Model 6. \$12.50
(When fork is ordered with knife and sharpener above, a three-compartment lined felt case is included.)

(Sheaths illustrated on Page 20.)

BOOKS ABOUT KNIVES AND KNIFE FIGHTING

AMERICAN KNIVES (Scribner's) By Harold L. Peterson, one of the country's leading experts on American arms and armor. He has worked with the National Park Service as curator of their Museum Laboratory, as historian and as chief of the Historical Investigation Branch. Since 1952 he has been curator of edged weapons at the West Point Museum and since 1953 a consultant at the Henry Ford Museum.

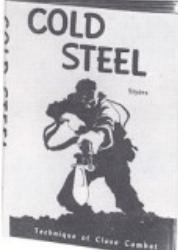


This is the first book ever to be published solely on the general subject of American knives. Since the collection of knives has become one of the most popular hobbies in the arms field, this book fills the need for a source of information to which collectors can turn.

Mr. Peterson had the museums and historical records of Washington, D. C., at his disposal in writing this fine treatise for the knife collector. This book gives added weight to the statement that in obtaining a RANDALL MADE knife, you are able to own "tomorrow's collector's piece — today."

178 pages. 200 illustrations. Heavily bound. \$4.95

COLD STEEL (Leatherneck Association) by John Styers. Knife fighting is a specialized type 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. Mr. Styers, fully realizing the importance of knife fighting, has devoted a major portion of his book to this subject. The technique of knife fighting is a product of our own 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 of them all, Col. James Bowie, to develop what is probably the deadliest knife fighting technique in the world.

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

180 pages. 155 illustrations. Heavily bound. \$3.00

THE FIGHTING KNIFE, by W. D. Randall Jr. A pocket-sized manual giving basic instructions in the use of the fighting knife.

36 pages. Illustrated. Paper bound \$.50

(See Pages 15, 16 and 17 for extra features available.)

MODEL 7



"FISHERMAN - HUNTER" — 4½" and 5" blades of 3/16" stock. 4½"-1½" leather 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. 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. With complete instructions on throwing. (Wt. 9 oz.)

Sheath not included \$11.00

(If sheath is desired, Model B available. See Page 20.)
(For a throwing knife with handle, see "Tru-Balance" knife on 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

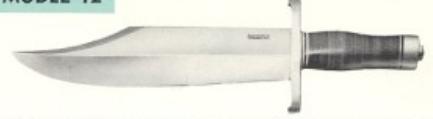


"ALASKAN SKINNER" — 4½" and 5" blades of 1/4" stock. 4½"-1½" leather handle. Especially designed by an Alaskan guide for big game skinning, with point dropped below top of blade to prevent cutting too deeply through skins, when used point first. (Wt. 7-8 oz.)

Including Model A sheath \$20.00

(Sheaths illustrated on Page 20.)

MODEL 12



"THE SMITHSONIAN BOWIE"—11" blade, 2½" wide, of 3/8" stock. A replica of the famous Bowie knife of a century ago, similar to type displayed in Smithsonian Institution and used in the motion picture *The Iron Mistress*. Fitted with a 4½" brass lugged hilt, 5" leather handle. Duralumin butt cap. (Wt. 32-36 oz.)

Including Model A sheath \$40.00



"RAYMOND THORP BOWIE"—13" blade, 1¾" wide, of ¼" stock. Modeled after design furnished by Mr. Raymond W. Thorp, author of *The Bowie Knife*. Probably the most nearly authentic Bowie type. Hilt and handle same as above. (Wt. 26-28 oz.)

Including Model A sheath \$40.00



"THE CONFEDERATE BOWIE"—11" blade, 1¾" wide, of ¼" stock. Same as above, except blade 2" shorter. Both this and the 13" model above are similar to types used by Confederate troops. (Wt. 18-22 oz.)

Including Model A sheath \$36.00

(Sheaths illustrated on Page 20.)

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW
ABOUT KNIFE THROWING

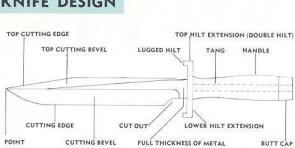
Knife throwing is a sport; it is not considered practical in combat. There are few individuals who can throw a knife from an unknown distance and hit a vital spot. To throw a knife far and effectively, the exact distance of the target must be known. Because a knife turns over and over in its flight,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

Throwing at an improper target, or so 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 malpractice 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.

Complete instructions on knife throwing are included with Model 9 "Pro Thrower" and the "Tru-Balance" throwing knife.

KNIFE DESIGN



Over a period of 21 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 our models are available in 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 model has been thoroughly field tested and has proven to be properly shaped and designed for its intended use.

Many people write in for longer blade lengths, blades of thicker or thinner steel, and/or longer 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 all models have already been carefully designed with all of these factors in mind.

Big knives are not necessary for either combat or sporting uses. Our research has shown that a 7- or 8-inch blade length is the limit for a practical, easy-to-carry knife. On this page is a full-scale picture of a knife with a 7-inch blade. This illustration will give you an idea of the proportions of such a knife.

The double hilt used on fighting knives is not indicated for sporting knives. This double hilt is used on fighting knives for the sole purpose of warding off the opponent's blade. On sporting knives, the top hilt extension gets in the way of the thumb and lessens downward cutting pressure.

Note the special index finger cutout on most RANDALL MADE knives. When you place your forefinger in this cutout, gripping the handle, you obtain a good leverage in downward cutting. There is a more important reason for this cutout, though; in hand-forging these blades, this cutout is necessary in order to retain full thickness of the metal at the hilt for maximum strength.

You may note also that although a blade is made from stock of a certain thickness—for instance, ¼ inch—the

(See Pages 15, 16 and 17 for extra features available.)



"9" SPORTSMAN'S BOWIE"—9" blade, 1¾" wide, of ¼" stock. 4½" ¾" leather handle. Made to meet the demand for a heavy duty sporting knife of the Bowie type. (Wt. 16-18 oz.)

Including Model A sheath \$30.00



"6" SPORTSMAN'S BOWIE"—6" blade, 1½" wide, of ¼" stock. 4½" ¾" leather handle. Added to our line to fill the need for a smaller Bowie type knife for sporting uses. (Wt. 7-10 oz.)

Including Model A sheath \$26.00

(Add \$1.00 if curved double hilt, as shown on Model 1, is desired.)

MODEL 13



"ARKANSAS TOOTHPICK"—12" blade, 1½" wide, of ¼" stock. 5" leather handle. A replica of the historic stiletto-dagger famous in Confederate days. Fitted with 4" brass lugged hilt. (Wt. 16-20 oz.)

Including Model A sheath \$36.00

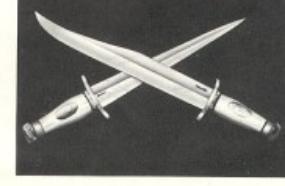
Illustrations of the four large Bowies and Model 13 show our commando-shaped handle, because we feel that this type of handle is the most suitable and comfortable for knives of this size. However the original Bowie knives possibly had a smaller handle of concave shape. This type of handle (illustrated on Page 16) is available at no extra cost. A double hilt with forward curve, with cutouts, sometimes thought to be authentic on these knives, also can be fitted without extra charge (See illustration in Custom Knives, below.)

CUSTOM-MADE KNIVES

Although we make knives 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, and the variations available in the extra features (Pages 15, 16 and 17) for a knife to suit your need. (Also see Knife Design, Page 10.)

We do not fit slab handles for the reasons stated in the section on Knife Design.

RANDALL MADE knives may be ordered with custom features, as shown by the two knives illustrated here—made especially to the order of the late King Faisal II of Iraq—a Model 12 "Raymond Thorp Bowie" and a Model 13 "Arkansas Toothpick." These knives have a double hilt with forward curve, special flanged, scalloped butt cap, scalloped collar and ivory handle with initials and name plate. Total cost of the Model 12 was \$64.00, and total cost of the Model 13 was \$60.00.



Many people order knives that, in the opinion of experts, are too long. 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. \$24.50 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.

Handle lengths are measured from in front of hilt to end of butt.

ABOUT BOWIE KNIVES

It is doubtful if any authentic information is available showing the exact dimensions of the original Bowie knife. However, in answer to many requests, we make a replica of the legendary Bowie in a different style, which is shown in the lines of the one shown in the Smithsonian Institution and seen in the motion picture *The Iron Mistress*.

It was Col. James Bowie who brought fame to the so-called Bowie knife in the 1830's because of his skill in knife fighting. The knife he made by knifemaster James Black, had the outside edge characteristic which would have brought it recognition. In fact, similar knives had been made a hundred years before Bowie was born.

Bowie knife supposedly had a blade made of 3/8" inch steel and weighed more than two pounds. We have kept the original proportions in mind in designing our Model 12 Bowie knives. Mr. Raymond Thorp, author of *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 bear in mind that the concave shape of the top cutting edge of the Bowie knife is not a particularly good design. The cutting bevel incorporated in this knife, and keen cutting cannot be done with this chisel-like edge. You will note that the top cutting edge of RANDALL

Made Model 1 is an improvement in this respect, as it provides a straight top 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 a Bowie knife that has come to my attention. Your No. 1 All Purpose Fighting Knife is a refined and perfected Bowie."

It is possible that historical archives will prove RANDALL MADE knives have achieved more victories in combat than the Bowie. RANDALL MADE knives have been seen for more action in combat than the Bowie, even though no single individual carrying a RANDALL MADE knife has achieved the fame of Col. Bowie. (However, see testimonial from Maj. R. K. H. in inside back cover in which he says that RANDALL MADE knives played an important part 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, improved Bowie types, are considered superior for the modern combat situation, because they were the first effectively employed by Col. James Bowie. This technique of using the improved type Bowie has been taught to the Marine Corps by John Stivers, famed combat instructor. His methods are described in his book, *Combat Steel*. (See Page 6 of this catalogue.)

SLAB TYPE HANDLES

We have found that slab type handles with their rivets to work loose and thin pieces of wood, stag or ivory to crack, and the handle to break at the rivets. These are uncomfortable to the grip besides boring the edge of the steel tang to gather rust and discoloration. We therefore do not feature this type of handle. RANDALL MADE Models 14, 15 and 16 with their extremely heavy tang feature a revolutionary channeled handle (Patented, No. 177,590).

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, most blades that even a piece of iron will ring when struck until the vibration dies out.

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 sporting knife in that they are so thin at the cutting edge that they are very likely to chip out. In the case of the hollow-ground, 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:

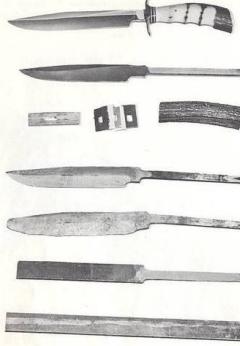
1. Obtain a piece of carbon tool steel knife stock.
2. Heat it cherry red and hammer out the rough blade in the manner described.
3. Grind the rough forged blade to the size and shape of the blade desired.
4. Harden the blade by heating it cherry, red and then immersing it in tempering oil. Draw out the brittleness and internal stresses by tempering blade at low heat until it becomes a straw blue color and can be cut with a new file.
5. Grind in line, bevels and contours and remove roughness.
6. Use a coarse hone and true up the cutting edge, removing any remaining waves and unevenness.
7. Repeat 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. File and shape the hilt from one-quarter inch brass. Drill a hole and file it to rectangular shape to fit the handle tang.
11. Fit the handle to the tang, cutting rectangular holes in the handle. Drill a hole and file it to fit the tang. Slip into place and solder in place.
12. 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 and peen it in place, or thread end of tang and use a wire. Wrap the wire around the tang and file the handle with a coarse file. Finish shaping with a fine file. Then smooth it, first with coarse and then fine emery paper.
13. Polish the hilt with a medium grit glued-up emery wheel. Polish the hilt and butt on a muslin wheel charged with polishing emery.
14. Polish the hilt on a fine grit glued-up emery wheel and again polish the hilt and butt.
15. Give 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 the last fine hone scratches. Give final polish to the hilt and butt and the final polish to the handle with a soft muslin wheel.
17. Make or have made a sheath patterned to fit the sheath and with straps along the sides to prevent cutting of the straps. Use a keeper strap and fasteners to hold the knife 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 slivers of steel from getting into the eyes. The grinder can cause a blade to fly through the air. In all grinding after tempering, never overheat the blade.

Muslin wheel polishing of the hilt, butt and handles and the final polishing of the sharp blade are very dangerous operations. These wheels can easily snatch the blade from the grinder 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. \$26.50 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 (.80-1.00% steel).

Commercial knives are generally made of low carbon steel so they can be mass produced by die stamping machinery. This steel is not sharpened properly by the average 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 and is the standard with the best 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 make by mass-production methods. Since Randall Made knives are 100% hand-made, we are able to use high carbon stainless steel of a quality and toughness that is not 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.

MODEL 14 (U. S. Patent No. 177,590)



"ATTACK"—7½" blade of ½" stock. Top cutting edge sharpened. 3½" handle of durable green Tente. (Other handles not available. Name etching only extra feature available.) Extra heavy ½" wide tang. Round hole in handle and in hilt. Total length 10½". Tang extends ½" beyond handle for thong on end. (Wrist thong included.) (Model 14 is the largest and most powerful knife in the line. It is especially designed for combat. With wrist thong. Manual for using included. (WV. 10 oz.)

Including Model C sheath \$28.50

MODEL 15 (U. S. Patent No. 177,590)



"AIRMAN"—5½" blade of ½" stock. Top cutting edge sharpened. 3½" green Tente handle. (Other handles not available. Name etching only extra feature available.) Extra heavy ½" wide tang. Round hole in handle and in hilt. Total length 9". Tang extends ½" beyond handle for thong on end. (Wrist thong included.) (Model 15 is especially designed for air crew survival gear. With wrist thong. Manual for using included. (WV. 10 oz.)

Including Model C sheath \$26.50

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

To help us meet the demand for these two models, we are also having on hand some design features produced by a famous knife craftsman in Solingen, Germany. They are of the finest quality high carbon German steel. We fit the hilts and handles. These are available with or without the wrist thong. In this case, models at the following prices:

Model 14 (Including Model C sheath) \$20.00

Model 15 (Including Model C sheath) \$18.50

MODEL 16



"DIVER'S KNIFE"—7" blade of ½" stainless steel stock. Top cutting edge sharpened. 3½" green Tente handle, same as on Models 14 and 15. (Other handles not available. Name etching only extra feature available.) Designed especially for heavy duty water use. (Wrist thong included.) (Model 16 is especially designed for divers. Comes with special oil-tanned sheath (similar to Model 14) equipped with keeper thong, arm and leg thongs. (WV. 14 oz.)

Including special sheath \$33.00

(Sheaths illustrated on Page 20.)

All prices shown in this catalogue include prepaid postage and insurance when payment accompanies order.

The knives illustrated on this page are not RANDALL MADE, but we have found them to be of top quality. We offer them to our customers because they meet definite needs. These knives are available for immediate delivery.

BRITISH COMMANDO



BRITISH COMMANDO KNIFE—6½" blade, 5¼" handle. Made in England, this is the knife that won fame as the weapon of the British Commandos in World War II. Complete with original leather, brass-tipped sheath. (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.

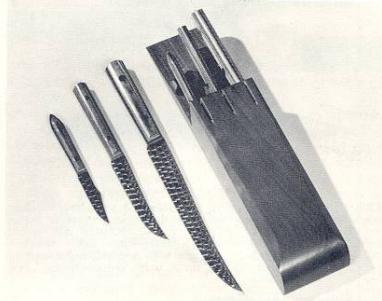
PROFESSIONAL THROWING KNIFE



"TRU BALANCE" THROWING KNIFE—13½" blade of 3/16" stock. Made especially for us by an authority on professional throwing, from cold rolled steel, so it will not break. If it should be bent, it can easily be straightened. Heavily-riveted fibre handle. With complete instructions on throwing. (Wt. 12 oz.)

Including sheath similar to Model B \$9.00
Without sheath \$7.50

HOUSEHOLD CUTLERY



HOUSEHOLD CUTLERY SET—We do not make a set of knives for household and kitchen use, but we illustrate here a 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. In hand-polished walnut wall bracket.

As illustrated \$15.50

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.



Etching not available on stainless steel blades.



(Knife shown: Model 3 (6"), nickel silver hilt, stag handle. \$24.00 with sheath.)

***STAG HANDLE:** Standard on Models 6 and 8. Genuine stag imported from India. Available on Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12 and 13 \$3.00

MICARTA HANDLE: A dense laminate of fabric and phenolic resin, light brown in color. Very rugged, one of the most durable handle materials. Available on Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11 and 12 (6") \$3.50



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

IVORY HANDLE: Genuine ivory imported from Belgian Congo. Available as follows:

Models 6 and 8 \$5.50
Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11 and 12 (6") 8.50
Other Model 12's and 13 10.00

EBONY HANDLE: Dense black wood of great hardness, imported from Ceylon. Available as follows:

Models 6 and 8 \$3.50
Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12 and 13 6.50

Although ivory and ebony make beautiful handles, they are subject to checking and sometimes cracking under severe strain and climatic changes. Due to this, we cannot give an unlimited guarantee on these handles, but it is our policy to replace any such handles with any desired type on a reasonable and fairly adjusted basis. This is usually one-half of handle's original cost.

OTHER WOODEN HANDLES: We can supply handles of dense, hard walnut (often thought authentic on Bowies) or birdseye maple on Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12 and 13. \$5.00

NOTE: Other woods, such as rosewood, prewood, snakewood, lignum vitae, teak, etc., make excellent knife handles. We cannot stock them all, but we can fit any of the models listed above for customers supplying such woods. \$4.00

LEATHER HANDLE: Standard on Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12 and 13. Finest grade, heavy sole leather, laminated with waterproof cement and tightly compressed between hilt and butt cap, firmly fastened by means of special, dome-shaped stainless steel nut on end of tang. Carefully shaped and highly polished.



(Knife shown: Model 3 (7"), stag, grip handle. \$24.50 with sheath.)

FINGER GRIPS: Expertly shaped in the knife handle. Not available on Models 7 and 8, on which the handles are too small, commando or concave-shaped handles, or on the model 12 "Smithsonian Bowie" with its extra heavy $\frac{3}{8}$ " tang \$1.50

HANDLE SHAPES: Handle illustrated on Models 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11 and 12 (6") is our standard shape. Handle illustrated on Models 2, 12 (13", 11" and 9") and 13 is our commando shape, recommended for these models. A handle of either shape may be specified for any of these models at no extra cost. Models 12 and 13 may be fitted with a handle of concave shape (illustrated below) at no extra cost. In ordering, if you wish to have a handle other than the one illustrated on the model as shown in this catalogue, please specify the kind of material and shape desired. Note, however, it is not advisable to finish a stag handle in concave shape, because such shaping destroys the natural stag configuration.



(Knife shown: Model 12 "Smithsonian Bowie," standard lugged hilt, concave ivory handle, scolloped brass collar, scolloped brass butt cap. \$58.00 with sheath.)

SCOLLOPED BRASS COLLAR: Models 12 and 13 only. Added between hilt and handle for appearance. (See illustration above.) \$5.00

SCOLLOPED BRASS BUTT CAP: Models 12 and 13 only. Usually fitted to match scolloped collar. (See illustration above.) \$3.00

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

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



(Knife shown: Model 3 (6"), nickel silver hilt, stag, grip handle, butt cap and wrist thong. \$28.50 with sheath.)

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

***NICKEL SILVER HILT:** Standard on Models 6, 8 and 16. Available on Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 11. Matches color of Duralumin butt cap \$1.00

LUGGED HILT: Standard on Model 12 (13", 11" and 9") and Model 13. Solid brass double hilt with a lug extending forward at each end. Available on other models \$3.00

DOUBLE HILT: Standard on Models 1 and 2. Gives protection on top of handle. Useful mainly on fighting knives. Available on other models, but not desirable for sporting knives. (See Page 10, Knife Design.) \$1.00

(If this type hilt is desired on Model 12 (13", 11" or 9") or Model 13, instead of lugged hilt, deduct \$2.00 from price as shown.)

COMPASS: Accurate, $\frac{1}{2}$ ", jeweled, floating luminous dial trail, finder imbedded in end of handle. Waterproof. Available only on stag handle. (Note: Butt cap and compass cannot be fitted to same knife.) \$3.00
(Illustration shows actual size.)



STAINLESS STEEL BLADE: A special high carbon (.8%) stainless steel not obtainable in ordinary knives. Immune to the effects of salt water immersion. Available on Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12 (6") \$5.00

CHROMIUM PLATED BLADE: Recommended for exhibit purposes only. Available as follows:

Models 12 and 13 \$7.50
All other models 5.50

BRASS STRIP: Welded along top of blade. Model 12 only. Thought by some to be an authentic feature of a Bowie. Not recommended for chromium plated blades, because the plating would cover the brass \$4.00

NAME PLATE: Nickel silver plate imbedded in any handle except leather. Usually fitted on trademark side of knife, with the following exception: When installed on a handle with finger grips, the plate must be placed on top of handle. \$4.00

Initial engraving, per letter50

CUSTOM-MADE KNIVES: Can be made to your specifications. (See Page 9.)

"MAKE-IT-YOURSELF" KITS: Blades are available in any stage of completion, along with hilt and handle materials, for those who want to make their own knives. Prices sent on request.

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.

Prices shown include postage and insurance when payment accompanies your order. If air mail delivery is desired, add \$1.75 for each knife except Models 12 and 13. For these models, add \$2.50.

Knives will be air mailed to servicemen overseas free of extra charge, where postal regulations permit. (Packages weighing more than two pounds must go "special handling" instead of air mail.)

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 a 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 checkered Tenite 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.

JB6: CRYSTOLON — Combination coarse and fine grit Corborundum type. 6" x 2" x 1", in wooden box. **\$4.50**



SM6: SOFT ARKANSAS — (Illustrated) 6" x 1 1/8" x 1" in wooden box **\$7.00**

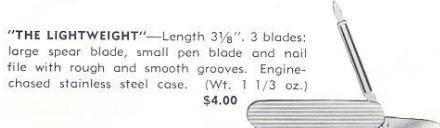
SIB27: SOFT ARKANSAS AND MEDIUM INDIA — The finest hones obtainable for finished edges. 7" x 2" x 1", mounted in a hinged metal bracket, within fine wooden box. **\$12.50**

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**

POCKET KNIVES

After searching 21 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 the 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" — Length 3 1/8". 3 blades: large spear blade, small pen blade and nail file with rough and smooth grooves. Engine-chased stainless steel case. (Wt. 1 1/3 oz.) **\$4.00**



"THE ALL 'ROUND'" — Length 3 1/4". 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. (Wt. 2 oz.) **\$8.50**

"FRUIT KNIFE" — Length 4 3/8". Available with one or two blades. Engine-chased stainless steel case. (Wt. 1 1/4 oz.)

Single blade **\$3.00**
Two blades **3.50**

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.

TIE CLIP



Gordon A. Russell, renowned silver craftsman, makes this sterling silver miniature replica of our Model 3. This accurate reproduction, with alligator type clasp, makes a most attractive tie clip for the sportsman. Available for immediate delivery **\$5.00**

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.

The hones supplied with these sheaths are of excellent quality, combination fine and coarse grit Carborundum, 3" x $\frac{7}{8}$ " x $\frac{3}{8}$ "

NOTE: The price listed for each of the knives illustrated in this catalogue includes the price of the appropriate sheath. The photographs on this page are intended primarily to illustrate the sheaths that are supplied with RANDALL-MADE knives. However, for anyone who wishes to obtain a sheath alone, they are available for immediate delivery at the prices below. Please state length of blade for which sheath is intended.

MODEL A



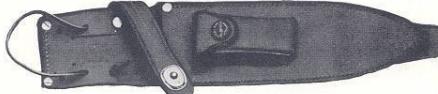
Supplied with Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 11. With hone in pocket **\$5.00**
Sheath supplied with Models 12 and 13 similar to above but larger. With hone in pocket **\$7.00**
(For Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12 and 13, we have adopted a special diagonal "keeper strap" across hilt instead of around handle.)

MODEL B



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

MODEL C



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

LEFT HANDED SHEATHS—Available on special order, **\$1.00 extra**

FOR GI BELTS—We can supply brass "U" wires for adapting sheaths so they can be attached to GI type web belts. **\$.25**

DEDUCTIONS—For those who wish to make their own sheaths or who otherwise do not want the sheaths illustrated above and normally supplied with RANDALL MADE knives, we make deductions from the catalogue prices of the knives, as follows:

Model A sheath for knife Models 12 and 13, **\$5.00**; Model A sheath for other knife models, **\$3.50**; Model B sheath, **\$2.00**; Model C sheath, **\$5.00**.

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 11.) —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 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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)