

PISTOL CE 143

.38 Smith and Wesson Special two-inch
Commando, serial No. 510210-65248

R. 172-4 gives most of the information
in paragraph in right-hand column,
through shipment of pistol Mar. 20,
1963.

R, 174/1

"Sometime after January 27, 1963,
Seaport Traders, Inc., received through
the mail a mail-order coupon for one
' .38 St. (sic) W. 2" Bbl,' cost \$29.95."

R, 174/2

" ... serial number V510210 was
shipped on March 20, 1963, to
A.J. Hidell ..."

CE 135)
CE 790) identical, order coupon for pistol

VII, 372 to 376, testimony of Heinz W.
Michaelis, Seaport Traders, Inc.,
Los Angeles, May 11, 1964.

Oct. 13, 1962: Seaport ordered pistol
CE 143 in shipment of 500 guns from
Empire Wholesale Sporting Goods, Ltd.,
Montreal.

Oct. 19, 1962: Shipped by Empire to
St. Albans, Vt. No firm name given
(Customs broker?).

Jan. 3, 1963: Received by Seaport in
Los Angeles Guns (no number given)
sent by Seaport (no date) to
M.L. Johnson (gunsmith?) to have
barrel lengths shortened from 5 to
2-1/4 inches. No date given when
returned to Seaport.

Mar. 13, 1963: Seaport invoice for
pistol made out to A.J. Hidell.
Invoice held without action for one
week, apparently office routine.

× Mar. 20, 1963: Pistol CE 143 shipped to
A. J. Hidell, P.O. Box 2915, Dallas.

× Mar. 20, 1963: Rifle C2766 shipped to
A. Hidell, P.O. Box 2915, Dallas,
by Klein's Sporting Goods, Chicago.

Apparently no notation made by
Seaport of date order received from
A.J. Hidell. Date on order coupon
Jan. 27 (no year given).

Mr. Michaelis not asked why order
from A.J. Hidell, received presumably
Jan. 29 or 30, not filled until Mar. 20.
While the date Seaport turned CE 143
over to M.L. Johnson is not given, nor
the date it was returned to them, they
had known since Jan. 3 the item was in
stock and the order could be filled.
There is no indication that when Hidell's
order, with \$10 deposit, was received,
he was notified of any anticipated delay
in filling it, or that he made any
inquiry. Michaelis was not asked the
reason for the delay and he did not
volunteer any.

There is no indication the Commission
noticed that it took six weeks to fill
an order for an item already in stock,

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nor the coincidence that both weapons were shipped on the same day, although the orders were dated about six weeks apart.

Possibility: "A. Hidell" filled out order coupon in January and mailed both orders March 12.