

.69 Caliber Ammunition Box at the Civil War Naval Museum

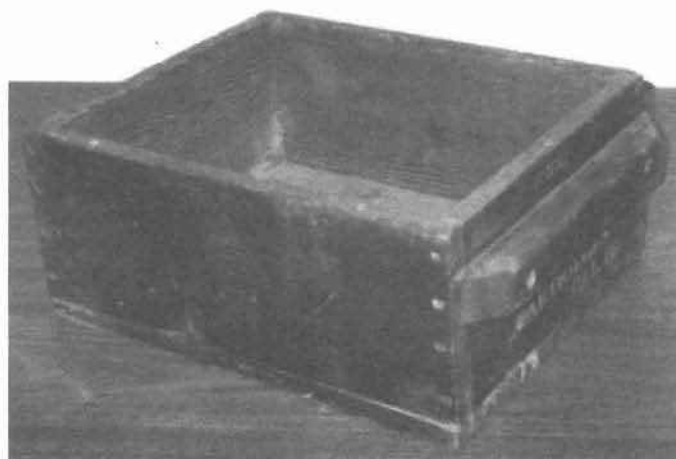


FIG 1. Overall View of Original Ammunition Box.

Here is a dimensioned drawing and some construction notes for the .69 caliber ammunition box. The top to the original is missing. The Civil War Naval Museum has replicated the box for display and they used a standard construction ammunition box top for its exhibit replication. The Museum has no plans to market them.

Hopefully, this drawing by Glenn Milner, these photos and construction notes will allow interested parties to reproduce this box themselves. Interesting features of this box are the tongue and groove pieced bottom on which the sides are attached, and the side construction that is not dovetailed. The box was found at garage sale in Columbus, Georgia, several years ago.

Construction notes:

1. The wood appears to be $\frac{3}{4}$ inch planking.
2. The nails appear to be three inch square cut nails.
3. There are two screws per handle. There is filler over the screws that hold the handles in place.
4. End lettering is in white and $\frac{5}{8}$ inch high.
5. Lettering on one side only is in black and $\frac{5}{8}$ inch high.

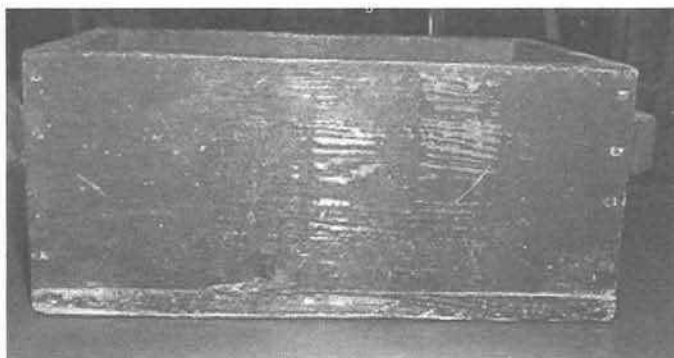


FIG 2. Side View of Ammunition Box.
(with barely visible lettering)

6. End lettering in white paint:



FIG 3. End View Showing Lettering.
(Twelve inch scale shown at bottom for reference)

7. Side lettering in a dark paint (not visible in photographs), the same size as the end lettering (lettering on one side only):

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8. Color of the box appears to be Pantone 19-0608 TP, Black Olive, Olive Noire

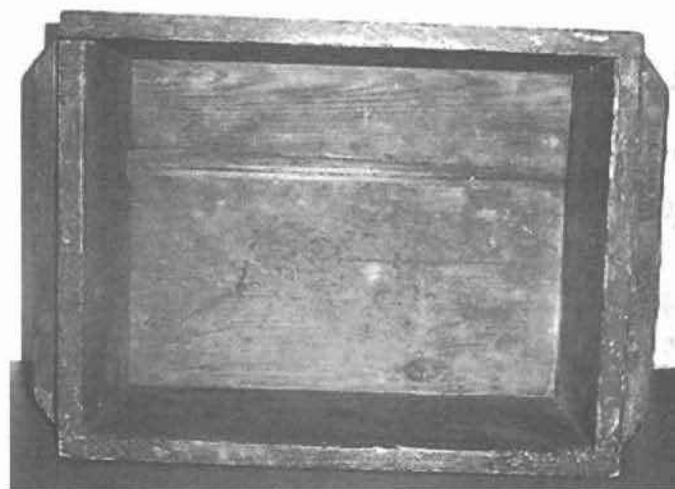
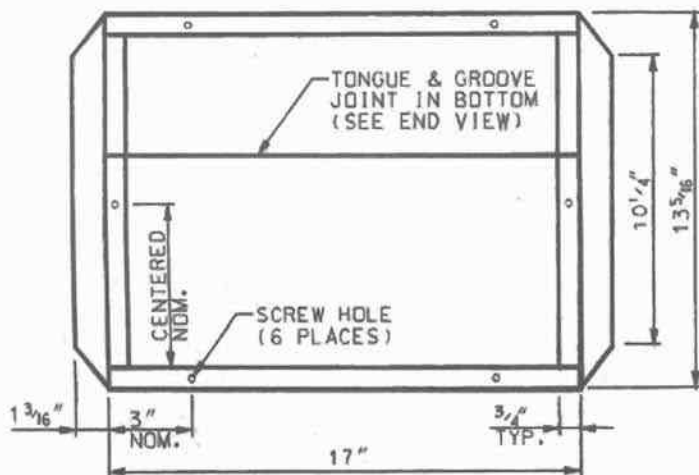


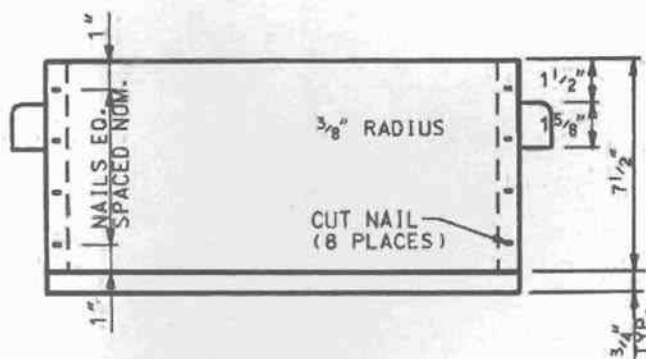
FIG 4. Interior View of Box.

This is just one of the many fine items in the collection of the Civil War Naval Museum. [1] Again, we strongly urge you to visit this beautiful new facility if you have not done so.

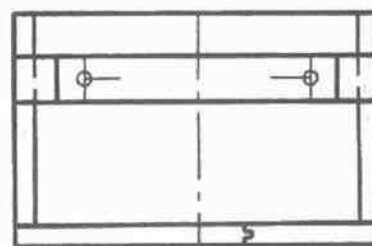
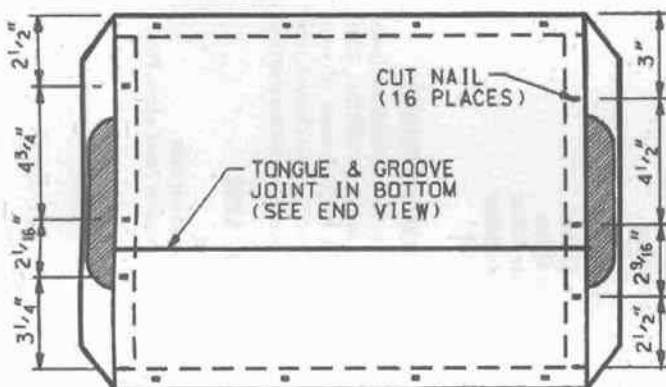
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TOP VIEW



SIDE VIEW



END VIEW

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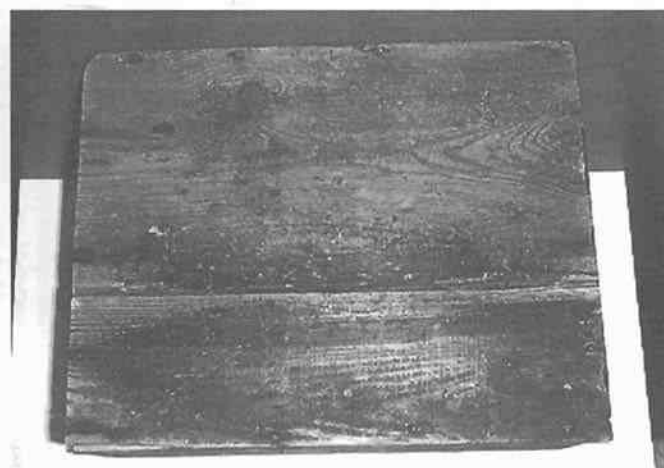


FIG. 5 Bottom of Ammunition Box.

NOTE:

[1] The Port Columbus National Civil War Museum in Columbus, Georgia, opened the doors of its new facilities on 9 March 2001. Visitors can board a replica of Admiral Farragut's ship *USS Hartford* and explore the crew's quarters and the officers' wardroom. On board the replica of the ironclad *CSS Albemarle* guests can experience naval combat through a battle simulator experience.

Along with the many fascinating artifacts and exhibits, Port Columbus is home to two Civil War ships, the gunboat *CSS Chattahoochee* and the *CSS Jackson*, the largest surviving scratch-made Civil War Ironclad. The *Jackson* was built less than a mile from the museum. Both ships were salvaged from the Chattahoochee River in the early 1960s.

The Museum is located in Columbus, Georgia. The mailing address is PO Box 1022, Columbus, GA 31902, the telephone number is (706) 324-7334 and the museum web site is at

<http://www.portcolumbus.org/>

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