



MEMORIAL FIELD

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL Installation



Established in 1950 with just a few pieces of ordnance, Memorial Park & Field was dedicated to employees of Rock Island Arsenal who served and died in the field during World War II. During the World Wars, Rock Island Arsenal sent a number of workers over to Europe to study manufacturing processes, live fire, and survey how artillery systems were in use in the field. This information was crucial to the mass production, improvement, and design of artillery systems produced during and after the war.

Memorial Field is a selection of 26 pieces of ordnance collected from around the Army and around the world. Four pieces are foreign, two are pieces that were licensed to the Americans for production. Many of the others are Rock Island Arsenal specials, with numerous rare and one-off designs. At the front of the display are two of the most recently produced ordnance pieces, the M119 field gun, and the M198 howitzer.



Established in 1950

Contains 26 macro artifacts

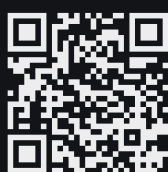
4 foreign macro artifacts

5 experimental macro artifacts

2 pieces with historical provenance

Originally contained 31 pieces

One of only eight M65 remaining



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