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### SECTION I

#### INTRODUCTION

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1. **Scope.**—This manual is published for the information and guidance of ordnance maintenance personnel. It contains detailed instructions for inspection, disassembly, assembly, maintenance, and repair of the Thompson submachine gun, cal. .45, M1928A1, supplementary to those in the Field and Technical Manuals prepared for the using arm. Additional descriptive matter and illustrations are included to aid in providing a complete working knowledge of the matériel.

### SECTION II

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

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2. **Description.**—The Thompson submachine gun, cal. .45, M1928A1 (figs. 1 and 2), is an aircooled, blowback-operated, magazine-fed weapon. It is designed to be fired from the shoulder of the gunner similarly to a rifle, and is used as an auxiliary weapon by the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. The fire control lever of the gun can be set for either full automatic or semiautomatic



FIGURE 1.—Thompson submachine gun, cal. .45, M1928A1—right side view with 20-round magazine.

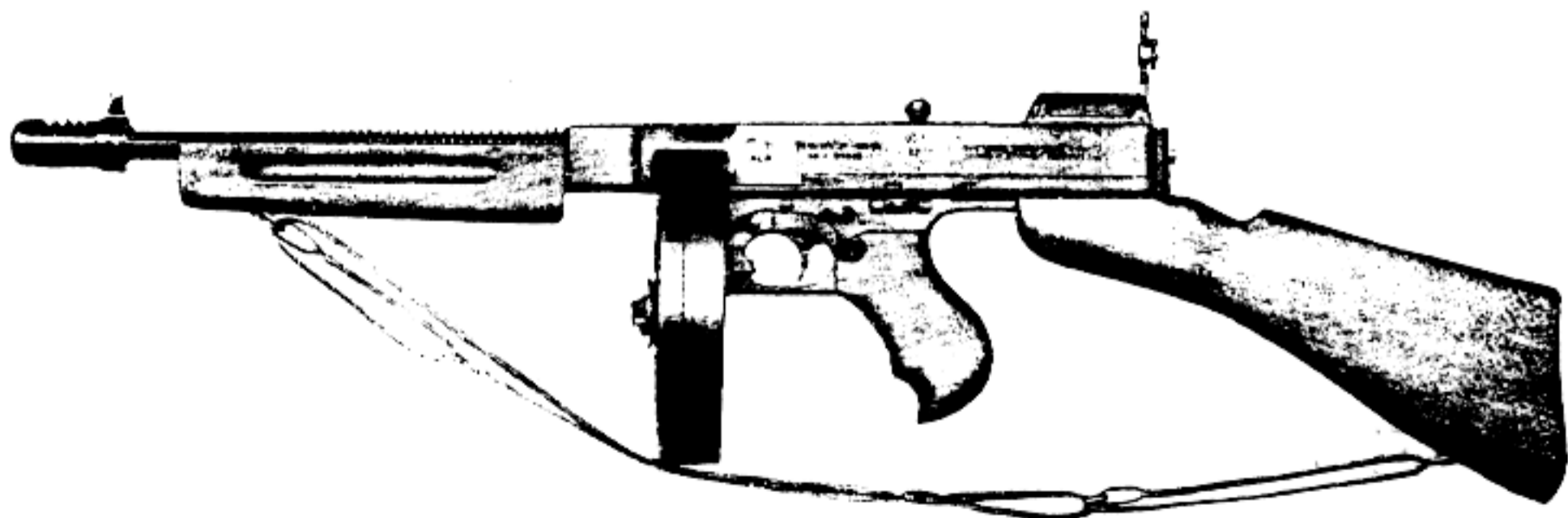


FIGURE 2.—Thompson submachine gun, cal. .45, M1928A1—left side view with 50-round magazine.