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Model No. 1

Serial No. E051

**Ek® HISTORICAL EDITION
MODEL NO. 1 (HE1)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY**

This is to certify that this is a genuine Ek Commando Knife of the type that John Ek, in the early days of World War II, called his "Style 1"; this "1" is the first number on the blade. The actual Serial No. is E (for "Ek"), followed by the digits between 001 and 300, in this Limited Edition of only 300 knives.

The grips for this special edition are Rock Maple, as we used on our World War II-era knives, affixed with genuine Poured Lead Rivets, customary during that period.

The available Leather Sheath is an Ek Re-Issue of our World War II Sheath, historically correct to this Style 1.

Page 16 of the company's August 1944 catalog, "Your Silent Partner", which portrays this "Style 1", is reprinted on the back of this Certificate.

So certified:

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(Unretouched Photo)

Style 1 (shown above). This most popular knife has a blade 7 inches long and 1 inch wide with a double edged point. The deep finger grip depressions on the $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch Rock Maple handle assure a quick, firm grip. The exposed butt end is used for an up-stroke and is handy for opening field ration cans. This style does not have any guard to interfere when knife is worn under clothing. The overall length of this fine knife is $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches. All knives are furnished with hand made leather sheaths.

Style 3 (not illustrated). This knife is the same as above except it has a bolt style handle as shown on the knife on page 19. This knife, if dropped overboard, will sink with a zig-zag motion which gives a chance of recovery.

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This page reprinted from
"Your Silent Partner," by John Ek
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Note this rare "Style 1" - it doesn't have
a hole for the wrist strap - nearly all did!
Also notice that the extended butt is squared off;
most were rounded.
Also see the early wartime sheath.