



FIG. 33.—Maxim machine gun and tripod (American), model 1904, caliber .30. This was the first automatic machine gun to be developed. It is of heavy type, recoil operated, water cooled, and belt fed. The gun is capable of sustained fire for long periods of time provided its water supply is properly maintained. It is adaptable to indirect barrage fire. It was used by the British and United States forces and in modified form by the Germans