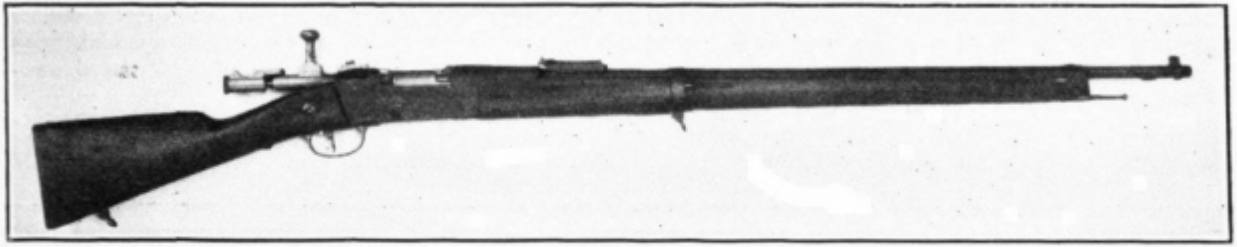

FIG. 43.—French Lebel rifle, model 1886–93. This rifle, the standard arm of the French Army at the beginning of the war, had a tubular magazine under the barrel