



Eagles of many different styles were popular.



Heart or spade spearpoint as called for in regulations. A bullet or shell fragment caused the damage to the finial on the left.



Carved wood finials sometimes replaced brass finials that were lost in action.

STAFFS AND FINIALS

Unit colors were carried on wooden staffs known as pikes, lances, or poles, depending upon their length. **Pikes for infantry and artillery colors were 9 feet 10 inches long. Lances for mounted unit colors and guidons were 8 feet long. A wide variety of finials or top ornaments, primarily made of brass, were placed atop the staffs.**



Spontoon form, also called for in army regulations



A silver presentation plaque on this staff was dented by a bullet which may have deflected into the color bearer.



Halbred form, in cast brass.



Wooden splints and leather straps are used in a field repair to reinforce a damaged staff.



Turned wooden acorn, a simple shape made in large quantities and found on most camp color staffs.

