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**Subject: The Lan-Cay 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation, US, Utility, M9 Bayonet.**

As many collectors are aware, Lan-Cay manufactured a series of marked, but semi-sterile M9 bayonets in the mid 1990s. These unique bayonets were milspec M9 bayonets, but the scabbards were marked only "US", and the blades were marked only "M9", "UTILITY", and "US." This allowed the commercial sale of these bayonets in the United States and overseas, at a time when their was forbidden.

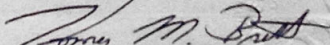
These, 1<sup>st</sup> Generation, US Utility bayonets were manufactured for only a fairly short period of time, and then the necessity of their production ended, thereby ending their manufacture.

In 2002, Lan-Cay was approached by a purchaser, about buying some more of these bayonets, and as there were still some of the original "US" marked scabbards remaining (less than 100), Lan-Cay decided to produce an equal number of blades to complete them. These 2nd generation bayonets, instead of having the military milspec black oxide finish, were simply sand blasted to an even gray finish.

This small group of bayonets was only available for about four months, and then they were all sold, permanently ending the project.

The 2nd generation bayonets were all produced with a gray, sand blasted finish, and were completed with black, "US" marked scabbards, with no sharpening stone pocket.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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