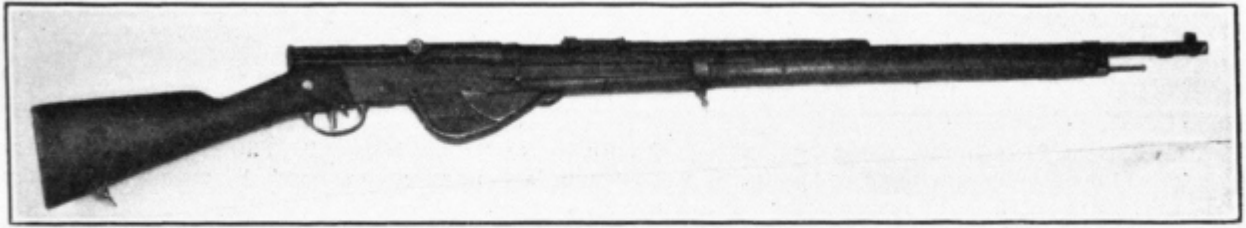

FIG. 45.—French automatic rifle, model 1917. This weapon closely resembles in its barrel and fore end the model 1886–93. It is gas operated and self-loading in action