

9. Chaplain's Folding Organ

Instrument Identification

<i>Model name</i>	Folding Organ, Model 42
<i>Serial/Opus number</i>	unknown
<i>Company of manufacture</i>	Estey Organ Company
<i>Date of manufacture</i>	unknown

Features

<i>General description</i>	<p>Estey began producing this simple reed organ in 1932 per U.S. Army's specification for a lightweight folding portable organ for use by Army Chaplains.</p> <p>Aka "portable organ," "chaplain's organ," "military organ"</p> <p>This portable organ foleded into a carrying case (missing) and weighs 35 pounds.</p> <p>What do we know about the history of this particular organ?</p>
<i>Options available</i>	bench??
<i>Description from Estey catalog</i>	

Specifications

<i>Case</i>	3-ply veneer covered with heavy black imitation leather (Keritol)
<i>Keys</i>	
<i>Manuals</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– one manual– 4 octaves, 49 keys– c-compass
<i>Pedals</i>	none
<i>Knee levers</i>	two knee levers
<i>Description of air source</i>	two pedal blowers attached with canvass webbing
<i>Stops summary</i>	no stops
<i>Reed synopsis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– 2 sets of reeds– front: Diapaison and Flute– back: Melodia and Jubilante– 8' always on, 4' operated with knee– tuning AY445?

Notes

Original Price

Condition

Donor information

<i>Other comments/aneecdotes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Note that lightweight portable organs also were produced by other manufacturers, per U.S. Army specifications.– Beginning in 1945, Estey produced another model folding organ, model M-1045, with a tubular metal stand and optional separate case.
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References

Gellermann, Robert F. 1996. *The American Reed Organ and Harmonium*. Vestal, NY: Vestal Press.

