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TO LEN HUNTER AND THE LUGER COLLECTORS FROM REINHARD KORNMEYER

In AM of April 1989, you report on various pistols and also a recent M23 Finnish Luger import with commercial proof of WW II period and the marking " Franklenschloss/Suhl ". Surely this marking reads correct " Franken & Lünenschloss, Suhl ", or the Luger has the trade-mark, the circle with the two crossed swords and the letters F and L. As I have in my archive some documents which deal with the firm Franken & Lünenschloss and Luger pistols, I thought you and the other Luger collectors might be interested in it.

I have an original visiting-card, but although there is noted " gun-factory", it is my opinion that F & L was not a gun factory but a gun commercial house with agencies in Suhl, Cologne and Lüttich/Belgium . I have no documents which report of a contract between F & L and Lithuania, but I have others which state that F & L dealt with Lugers for decades und which trow light upon practices of F & L . There is for example an invoice from KRIEGHOFF to F & L dated 1925 for the sale of 12 Lugers. I have no idea on the meaning of this invoice, but it is characteristic for the inflation-period in Germany, that the amount of invoice was accounted in US Dollars. A most interesting docuemnt is a circular letter from F&L to gun dealers and gun-smiths, dated May 1941. The translation of it is :

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All pistols, also those without barrel, have to be registered in the gun dealer records.

We pay immediately.

Furtheron, we are interested in : holsters for Parabellum-pistols and wooden stocks for Mauser, as well as parts for these pistols, all kinds of used pistols and revolvers, also single pieces for collections and so on.

Infantry-rifle Mod.71 , muzzle cover for rifle and carbine 98, as well as parts for rifle and carbine 98.

We ask for your offer !

With German greetings

F R A N K E N & L Ü N E S C H L O S S

Suhl, in May 1941

TO JOHN BATT FROM MARC HENDON, SR. Neat picture, but definately not a Type 26 holster. Note the absence of a cleaning rod pouch on the holster's leading edge; the overall form of the holster body and flap is also wrong. Historically, the Japanese didn't have much use for the Germans until later into the '30s. Your picture is of a Mle 1892 French Ordnance revolver.

TO TOM KNOX How do you want pictures (to be published) sent to you? Negs; prints? What is the best size? (EN: Black and white prints, no larger than 5 x 7, are the best, but just about any size can be used. Have had mixed results with color prints, so try to avoid these whenever possible.)

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Überreicht durch:

JOEL SHOCKLEY Have a pair of Walthers that I would appreciate some help in identifying: PP, #269029P and PPK, #275528K, both of which are marked 'PM 1940' below the serial number on the frame. Can anyone tell me what the 'PM' represents?

* Below, are some photos of FN 1922, #27049b, with WaA proofing. Can anyone offer any ideas as to what the unusual extension was for?

TO AL HOFFMEYER 73'deKYTDG



GENE MEDLIN I am beginning research on late nineteenth century French regulation handguns. This will, I hope, develop into a reference book on French military revolvers and semi-autos, 1870 - 1950. I need serials, barrel markings, location of marks, or anything else of significance on the arm. To be specific, I am looking for data on the following: LeFauchaux 12mm pinfire revolver, Civil War type; M1858 12mm French naval pinfire or LeFauchaux type (these may have been made by the government arsenal at St. Etienne); and the M1870 12mm centerfire LeFauchaux. All contributions will be acknowledged, of course: 100 Golden Barrel, El Paso, Tx. 79927 915-852-4953

JAMES HELLYER Mauser C96, late shallow milled panel, large ring, #31303. Stock is #31395. Checkered wood grips.

TO JOHNNY PEPPERS FROM KEN ROBINSON Regarding ERRS numbered Rem-Rand pistols with Type III slide markings. My Type III has no serial number at all, just 'No.' followed by nothing. Do the ERRS guns have a 'No.' prefix? My gun is 99% with an '8' scribed on the left side of the spur - no inspectors mark.

JACK BARR I have Walther PPK #852170, with front strap marked 'ST.P.S. 106'. Does anyone have any idea what this means - would appreciate any info the membership can offer.

DICK WAKEFIELD Some numbered stuff that might match someone's gun: Broom grips #14532; P08 mag, extruded, alloy base, #97, #9536d +; P38 mag, #1548 across toe. 505-662-6384

FRANK OWENS Bill Ruger is pushing for a ban on possession of centerfire rifle magazines holding over ten rounds, and pistol mags over fifteen...per the Neal Knox report in the 5/10 SGN. Don't know about anyone else, but I have purchased my last Ruger firearm! Anyone who has not read "The Sun Sets on British Gun Owners" in the May issue of AMERICAN RIFLEMAN, should. This shows what happens with no response, reasonable responsible measured responses and attempts at compromise. When Sen. Terry Sanford hosted a forum recently, the paper reported he "bristled" at my comment on his gun control policy/position. Maybe so, but he did some back peddling that day. As I told him, we need criminal control not gun control - NO additional gun laws are needed in this country!

TO MEMBERSHIP FROM MARK RENDINA I have recently aquired a Simpson P 08, with 96% of blue remaining. Problem: I do not know its date of production. There is no date over the receiver, there are no signs of any numbers having been milled off and it has eagle over 6 on all small parts. Barrel is 3-7/8ths inch instead of four. Grips match and serial# is 8004 with no letter block. Pistol has Simpson eagles on barrel, right receiver and on toggle. Also on right side of receiver are eagle over 6, eagle over 33 and eagle over 6, in that order. "Simpson and **Co**, Suhl" is stamped on the toggle. There **ARE** no signs of any part being reworked. Question: Who can Tell me the year of production? What other proofmarks, if any, designate a reworked gun from an all Simpson-made P 08? Total Simpsons produced? How does one identify or obtain a Simpson loading tool? Lastly, why are Simpsons so mysterious? Also, if any one has a #8004 Simpson mag. or needs #2453, lets talk.

Richard Hasser to Wayne Warren: Along with your suggestion that the holster I have that came home from Belgium after WW-II with a PP Walther in it is a typical Beligum pattern military/police style is quite correct, as I have since talked to another collector who shared the same thought. It will hold either PP or PPK, and also a 1910 Browning, but the mod 1922 Browning is to long to fit it. So with that in mind and the fact of no Waffen-Amt marks it is my assumption it was a private purchas by the German Officer who had it. Perhaps someday more like it may turn up.

FOR MEMBERSHIP: In a group of WWII Nazi Swords & Daggers aquired where two pistols, the first was a Mint P-38 AC-41 All matching except the clip, which is of the same h block The serial of P-38 is 3437h, and the clip is 4070h. The second pistol was a 1916 D.W.M. All Matching, except the firing pin which is late style, the serial of the pistol is 5069b. Every thing about the Luger is prober for WW I issue, except two things, first it has the sear safety added, second the wood base has been replaced with aluminum base numbered to the pistol along eagle with L along the side and a I is over stamped over the wing opposite the location of the L. The same as found on Mauser Banner Police. There appear to be no rework marks on the Luger anywhere. The Luger was in a mint 1941 jvf marked code W&A-204 Black P.08 Army style holster when aquired from the vet. I can only assume the Luger is an early reissue Landespolizei. Would anyone know more about Lugers of this vintage that appear to be early Nazi Police issue? And why only the clip would have the eagle L proof mark? Would it be about 1933 when Hitler came to power that they issued these early Police Lugers?

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blow.

From Philip Long to the Members: I need some help with a couple of P-08 holsters. The first is a World War one model but it doesn't have the normal factory mark. On the back is a 10 X 20MM rectangle divided into two. The left side has no. 149 in it, the right side has D.D.III over 1916. It was done by a single stamp. The front has the following staped on the left front where it is covered by the flap, L.P.TH.No. 946. The holster is a standard type in fair to middling condition.

How rare are police holsters? I have a P-08 made by Adalbert Fischer and dated 1942. Condition is nice with some restitching. Worth saving or not?


To Art Hicks: Thanks for the Steyr number. Of course you're right about the numbers. In shifting several hundred numbers to my new computer, I mistyped a few, the suffex is right, the numbers are one too high. Mea Culpa.

From Jerry Kramer Mahlon Kelly (Mar 1987) & Tom Kyriakakis (Jan 1988) had good articles on the CZ-27. I'd like to add two things; all prewar CZ-27's I've seen had extractor pins that were slotted for a screwdriver and were threaded at the top. The slide was also threaded to accept the threaded pins. The Germans changed this by eliminating the screwdriver slot and the threads on the pin and the slide. The Germans used the familiar non-slotted and nonthreaded pins that are apparently a friction fit.

To anyone. Saw 2 P-08's with stamps on the front grip strap. Can any one tell me what they mean? (1) 4.G9.3 (2) A/J.R. 2. 13

To the members; At the Ohio gun collectors show the middle of March I saw a CZ-38 high polish blue #250266 which had a Czech lion proof stamped on the barrel over the chamber. Along side the Czech proof was a eagle/WaA76 stamped over the chamber. On the left frame just above and forward of the trigger was another stamped eagle/WaA76. Both E/WaA76's looked like they had been put there yesterday by the village blacksmith. Both looked wider than the E/WaA76's I'm used to seeing on CZ-27's. In contrast is the CZ-38 #263489 hipolish blue I had the chance to look over the first part of March. There was no Czech proof on the barrel over the chamber but instead a E/WaA67 stamped there. On the left frame above and just forward of the trigger was another E/WaA76 that appears to be under the blueing. The gun is about 99%. It was quite a contrast seeing both in the space of less than two weeks. If the second one is a fake it's the best I've ever seen.

From Jerry Kramer Saw a Steyr Hahn 1912 # 8631Y dated 1919. On the left side of the slide is stamped 08. Above the trigger on the left side is an eagle over N and to the right of it is a triangle with an 0 in it. Still on the left side on the frame just behind the center of the trigger is stamped a Lion Czech proof. On the left lanyard ring is stamped what looks like LPU or LPO.

On the Right: On the frame above the rear of the trigger is a Police Eagle/L. On the frame above the trigger & between the E/L and the trigger pin is some kind of stamp that looks almost like a three leaf clover: 

On the frame in the trigger web forward of the trigger pin is a stamp that looks like originally was S W ?19 The W has been over stamped with a Czech lion proof, just like the one on the other side. the # ?19 looks like it might have had the ? over stamped with a 5 so that it reads 519. the lanyard loop is stamped 301. Can any one tell me what all this means?

CHRIS SHANAHAN Observed PO8, DWM 1915 - #2, no letter block! Was offered for \$1000 at Flastonbury, Ct. Gunshow.

* Would appreciate any/all comments on the following: 1923 commercial Luger, safe/Loaded, #90733, normal c/N proofs on receiver and front toggle. Both barrel and frame marked Germany; barrel also has c/M and is 6". The barrel is obviously a WWI model, originally made for a long frame gun, installed on this '23 with a spacer ring. Also, receiver is an ex-military with ground off chamber date. Finish is just like any other original 1923 commercial rust blue. I assume the barrel is U.S. dealer installed, but what about the receiver? Has anyone else seen 1923's with ground chamber dates?

TO ORV REICHERT FROM TOM HELLER Glad to hear that you're pleased with recent VOPO purchase. Re PO8 data bases - suggest that you contact Sam Costanzo and Dave Sorracco. I have a long frame .30 barrel available for your 1900 if you're interested and would be willing to loan you a PO8 mag safety (cut off). Kenyon (page 200) classifies your #85814 as a 1923 commercial Luger.

TO JOHN McAHON I only have one copy of reprinted Mastafeln available @ \$75.

TO BOHN HOFFMAN Re police trade-in PPK, ByP marked - Bayern Polizei (Bavarian).

TO ELLIOT TOKSON Your late production 41 byf (Mauser) PO8, #8141, is correct with an fxo coded, #37 accepted mag with either numbered alloy base (#41t would be earlier 41 production) or unmarked black plastic bottom. If alloy base mag was issued with gun, it should have the full, four digit serial as well as suffix, if same is present on the frame. Police system is different.

TO JOHN LITTLE I have also heard of Nazi era CZ27s 'INS' marked. I asked Tom Knox if he felt this could be some sort of KM marking, but he is unaware of anything of this kind being used by the KM during WWII.

TO GENE MEDLIN Your mystery mag is for the FN made, Browning M10/71, .380. The steel finger extension usually has 'Browning' stamped on the bottom.

TO BOB SKRIVAN I would assume that the full serial number of your 41/42 PO8, is 1380 (on front of frame) since the 'o' suffix also appears on the barrel. Receiver serial never shows the suffix letter. This suffix range is correct for a '41 dated Mauser with the 42 toggle code. Your main axel pin should have the last two digits of serial, i.e., 38. The correct mag for this piece should be a blued, one piece extruded fxo coded tube (could also be 122 code), with #37 acceptance. It sounds as though the matching numbered mag to your gun is correct. The only way that I can say for certain is to physically look at it. I'd be happy to send you an FFL if you would like me to do so - would also be interested in purchasing the piece if condition justifies asking price.

MONTE HARPER My particular interest is in SIG P-210, 9mm pistols. I would like to solicit other collectors with a similiar interest, who can guide me in the direction of books or articles about the SIG 210. I have had great difficulty finding info about these superg pistols: 17936 Kantishna, Eagle River, Ak. 99577

GARLAND BARNES My question concerns identifying 'HP 503' and 'HP 487'. The HP 503 appears on the front grip strap and right receiver of a PO8 in my collection. The pistol appears to be Mauser assembled, with a DWM toggle. It has a sear safety, #33v. The HP 487 appears on the holster, which was with the pistol at the time of purchase. With the pistol was a Form AG USFET #33, just as illustrated on page 10 of the April issue. This form indicates the pistol was taken from a police officer in Bingen, Germany, 27 March, 1945. Any comments on what these markings represent?

BROOKE ANDERSON At a recent show, I saw a Steyr-Hahn with Austrian (WN # 17) acceptance, The piece was totally ordinary until I saw, on the right side just above and behind the trigger, the stamp 'D broad arrow D'. The owner identified this as a British proof mark. Did the British capture and use any of these pistols in the Macedonian theatre of operations? This is conjecture on my part, but it seems that necessity might have come to play during that campaign. There were no other typical British release proofs on the gun, and nothing else to distinguish it. (EN: This marking is an Australian government ownership mark. Would suggest it was turned in just before WWII, when pistols were desperately needed. It is doubtful that it saw any service, other than home guard usage.)

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Fellow Fanatics:

Years ago, got a 9mm Para Benelli B76 retarded blowback toggle action, fine slide serrations, serial nr. 001158. Recently got a 7.65 Para Benelli B80 retarded blowback toggle action, serial nr. 02453C from Sile Distributors. Recoil spring is beefed up with a Bellevue washer buffer, has coarse slide serrations. Only 1 mag. supplied. Very accurate with some Sako Boxer primed ammo purchased nearly 20 years ago. Interesting to note the small differences in these specimens, but there is no fundamental difference in the breech block, toggle or its bearing block at the rear of the slide. For you design nuts, this is a relatively cheap but very interesting action to add to your collection. Note that all the Benelli toggle actions utilize the actual total recoil of the pistol-hand-arm system as an unusually important part of the dynamics of the mechanism. While the pistols almost certainly will "fire semiauto in a rigid rest" the Benelli shotguns won't! They depend TOTALLY on the total recoil! Shades of Sjogren!

Years ago, someone had nice photos of the Beretta Modello 1951 internal details, compared to the later 951's that are so common. Recently got 9mm Para P. Beretta Modello 1951, Egyptian crest, 1955, first version, longer barrel projection. per the "upside down" ad on p. 42 of the February 1 issue of The Shotgun News. These have seen a lot of use, but shoot fine. Bores seem to be frosty, but have plenty of rifling. Lead bullet handloads were OK for one magazine, then they started to keyhole. Believe a good scrubbing with some kind of "copper 'n lead cleaner" will do wonders. Still advertised in later issues of SGN, cheaper!

On p. 258 of the March issue, Steve Davis mentioned the good old Frommer .32 ACP. Not sure about shooting these. I did for a long time with handloads just hot enough to function OK, eventually the dam bolt broke just behind the head. Loaded up 50 rds. of "just hot enough to function" for my .380 ACP specimen too. Hope to set up and make a batch of replacement extractors for these pistols. Have a couple Baby's, one needs an extractor.

On p. 267 of the March issue, Orv Reichert asks about the SAFN (FN-49) rifles. A couple years ago, Navy Arms had

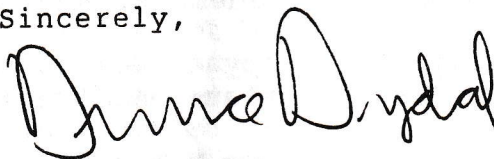
some of the Egyptian 8mm versions, with original scope and mount. Believe the price was close to \$1000. I put a commercial scope and mount on mine for testing explosive projectiles. These rifles MUST have the 2 piece firing pin and associated safety gizmo installed in the breech block, or they WILL SLAMFIRE. No kidding fellas. You might get away with hundreds of shots before it happens, but I had a personal experience with mine about 1960. My experience is that the Egyptian 8mm's come with the dangerous 1 piece firing pin and no safety gizmo, Venezuelan 7mm's come with the safety stuff. Don't know about the .30-06 models. Even with the safety stuff, they might double once in a rare while, but the bolt will be locked so there is no real safety hazard. If you order the safe parts, watchout, there are 2 versions. It gets complicated!

I put an ad in The Shotgun News seeking slamfire incidents. Only got 4 replys. Just send me a SAE with or without your incident, if you want a thrilling copy of my "Slamfire Report".

See SARCO's ad on p. 107 of the February 10 issue of The Shotgun News for the SAFN (FN-49) select fire parts you heard about. SARCO's are for the .30-06 version. Cannot imagine anyone in his right mind wanting to shoot one of these full auto, but the parts are a tremendous item for design freaks! FN manuals have a good writeup on the various versions.

Keep up the good work fellas!

Sincerely,



Bruce A. Bydal

TO REINHARD KORNMAYER FROM SHAYNE MACMAHON: I also read the article in DWJ 3/89. Obviously my "t" range sneak marked L.P. is not from Südwest Afrika, how are the African L.P. lugers marked? Are the size of the digits different from the later Potsdam lugers?

To LUGER COLLECTORS: Picked up an interesting reworked early sneak, not Police, but was interesting. DWM blank chamber 8025r. Was originally a crown N commercially serialized. Was reworked and had a new barrel added in 1938?. Barrel is S/42 W63 and numbered 8025 and is 8,84 for land diameter. Apparently the luger was test fired and has the eagle swastika added to the right receiver and barrel. Right receiver is marked SU/38. The Wmg10 proof is also added to the rear of the grip frame and the bottom of the barrel. The whole luger was also reserialized in the military style including the rear toggle pin.

To The Membership from Chris Beebe:

I recently acquired a number of Walther PP's and PPK's, a few of which are interesting. The first is a PPK, 7.65 mm, and serial number 256812K. It is commercially proofed C/N but is marked

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behind the trigger on the left side of the frame. The markings are in the same position as where the "PDM" is located on a Munich Police PP. If anyone can shed any light on what this marking means, please contact me. What is even more intriguing about this particular gun is that it came in what is described in Rankin's Volume III as a Party leader holster. The holster is orange-brown leather, has what appear to be gold anodized aluminum clips on the back and a gold stud for the flap on the front. It is otherwise totally unmarked and does not have either the hangers or the brocaded strap shown with Rankin's. If you might have these items and be willing to part with them, I'd be interested I will try to get a picture soon.

The next gun is also a PPK in 7.65 mm, serial number 858247. It has about 85% of what appears to be an original nickel finish. Also, on the left side of the frame, under the base of the grip is stamped "90". The only fly in the ointment is that it has a 60 degree safety. Should a gun of this vintage have a 90 degree safety, or is this the wrong slide. I'd appreciate your comments.

Finally is a holster that came with a PP, 7.65 mm, E/N proofed and WaA359 accepted. It has a milled finish and the serial number is 303548P. Also, it has a lanyard loop on the left side of the frame at the base of the grip. My understanding is that this is a French Police modification of captured PP's. However, this pistol came in a holster, brown in color, which is marked "Walther P.P." in black lettering. The gun is just oversized for the holster by virtue of the extended tang on the back of the frame. Also it is marked D.R.G.M. above the AKAH trademark. Any ideas? Please let me know.

I'm still looking for a copy of Bob Berger's book on the Radom as well as anything that's related to Walther firearms.

JIM CHARNESKY I purchased a Steyr-Hahn M12, that is unusual in the fact that it is police ~~WF~~ accepted, rather than the normal ~~WL~~. All other markings and proofs seem to be the standard Nazi conversion of this pistol, i.e., ~~WN~~, triangle and '08' on slide. I have sent photos of the pistol, but don't know if they are good enough to print with any clarity. (EN: Unfortunately, these were not. However in looking at them, I can't argue the fact that the acceptance appears to be an ~~WF~~.) This pistol is dated 1916, and is #1496i. The barrel is the proper Nazi proofed type, but is mismatched to the gun. Has any of the membership seen another ~~WF~~ Steyr? If so, please let me know. Incidentally, the pistol is for sale.

TO STEVE FOX FROM DAVE FRANCHI Is your Italian/Nazi Beretta M35 'UT' holster actually marked only 'UT' or '4/UT'? Any maker marks? What type of mark; ink stamp or die stamp? Where is it marked? Is the holster green, black or brown? Re the M35 Beretta air force brown leather holster; how do you know this is Air Force? What markings; what type of belt attachment? Re the M15 Beretta police, brown leather holster. Same questions...

* Observations: two Star B pistols, #232976 & 233927 were recently imported from Isreal in a group of other model B pistols. These two are from the Bulgarian contract of 12/43, and were the only war time pistols in the shipment. Any ideas on how they made their way to Isreal?

TO JERRY KRAMER FROM TOM KNOX I would not hesitate to label CZ38 #250266 as an outright fake. In the early '70s, a rash of similiarly marked 38s popped onto the scene. One of our members at the time, Denny Lough, strongly suspected that these were bad, and started a crusade to find out where they had come from. Eventually, he traced all of these back to one common origin, a collector/dealer in the upper midwest. He attempted to catch this 'gentleman' by setting him up to purchase a CZ38 at a very cheap price - he figured it would quickly re-appear with the Waa stamps added. The pistol was purchased by the person, but never did resurface. Unfortunate, as the pistol was photographed, etc., and it would have been extremely difficult to explain the Waa additions. Much of this was all printed years ago in AM. I won't commit on #263489. Considering the lack of Czech proofing on the barrel, and the Waa on the frame appearing to be under the finish, it 'could' be okay.

* Re your Steyr. The 'three leaf clover' is actually the intertwined letters CRS, which represent Czechoslovak Republic. During a period between WWI & WWII, Czechoslovakia was a republic, and this was the marking applied during that time. I have seen it on both converted, and un-converted Steyr Hahns, on Rast Gasser revolvers and on Steyr rifles (most of their equipment, in the beginning, was Austrian)...it may well appear on other weapons. It fell into Nazi police usage AFTER the Czech usage.

WING KEUNG Observed High Standard 1st model Olympics G-0, #329661, 4" barrel (matched to gun) with 'banana' (assault pistol) magazine. There is no number on the mag.

* Beretta M35, '40 dated, Italian commercial and GECO markings, #446187.

RICH SMITH Re T14, 9.8, Tokyo, rust blue, #277xx & matched. Gun is modified to large trigger guard. Has mag retaining spring. Any theory besides 'retrofitted' per Honeycutt? Mag is obviously mismatched because of retaining spring. Heard of a Manchurian campaign modification?

STEVE FOX The Steyr Hahn holster shown in the April issue, and designated Bulgarian, should have labeled 'possibly Rumanian...sorry. Also, the Finnish Lahti issue shown, is the only known example with ONLY belt loops - no provision for the board stock.

BAILEY BROWER Recently acquired a suede pistol 'purse' for a Savage semi-auto. These were found in the pre-1920 era, and perhaps pre-WWI. I have seen revolver versions for early cartridge types and have seen the Colt 1903 hammerless model in a similiar 'purse' which has a metal rim and purse type snap closure. A metal 'outline' makes up the form of the purse giving the holster strength. Does anyone know who made these suede purses? Were these available to the general public through shops, catalogs, etc.? Any idea of what they sold for? Does anyone know how to treat suede to keep it pliable and to maintain its life without discoloring the soft grap appearance of the leather?

TO MIKE DUFFY FROM BEN REYES: I have seen some Colt M1911s with Gothic lettering on the frame and Roman lettering on the slide in the past but did not bother to take down the serial numbers because I thought they were mismatched until I read your letter in the April 1989 issue. In the last Great Western Show in Los Angeles, I saw a Colt M1911 serial no. 177936 marked in the same manner as you described. The gun looks honest and all original. Your theory about Colt having surplus slides with Roman letterings when they changed the stamp on the frames to Gothic could very well be correct. I have a Colt M1911A1 made in 1937, serial no. 710543 with MODEL OF 1911 U.S. ARMY on the right side of the slide like a Transition. The slide is serial numbered to the frame so it is correct to the gun and for sure it was a surplus from 1924 Transition Model.

Observed: 1924 Transition Model serial no. 701255 owned by Joe Ahee with the first type WTG stamp.

BAILEY BROWER

I have some interesting holsters which should appeal to the "Nazi" buffs as well as Savage collectors.

Perhaps someone can interpret the German wording or at least provide some historical background for the "Geheline Staatspolizie" and Swastika markings. My observations are noted below, but perhaps my interpretation is not correct.

The description of the 3 holsters appears below and I would appreciate anyone familiar with the details of this German Police group, providing me with such information.

I might add that it appears that 2 holsters are "original" French issue, while the 3rd, made of poorer leather, but well finished inside, would appear to be of German production as it is not the "usual" Savage quality leather nor are the buttons like anything else I have seen to date on the Columbian, French and Portugese Savage Contract Holsters.

Descriptions follow:

Savage Military Holsters:

(1) Letter Marked (stamped) "A.E." on reverse...has leather belt loop. Leather "buttons" to close mag pouches. Has stamping on upper left inside of leather holster flap, "Geheline Staatspolizei" with Nazi Swastika in center of circle stamping.

(2) Letter Marking not clear on reverse side...has leather belt loop. Has brass button closures (not leather) for mag pouches. Same stamping inside of holster flap as above.

3) Poorer grade leather, but inside is well finished in a brown smooth leather. Has leather belt loop with a "composition (not leather) (?) black button mag pouch closures. No markings on reverse but same stamping inside leather flap and #1 & #2 above.

All 3 holsters have brass button flap closure, and are in excellent condition.

RARE Nazi markings to be found on Savage Automatic Pistol Holsters...obviously taken from the French arsenals during WW2 following the surrender of the French and issued to the German Police.

TO BAILEY FROM TOM KNOX First, I am curious as to why you would suspect that a Portuguese accepted holster (AE) would have been in any French arsenal - did Savage even supply holsters to France? As for the Nazi police ink stamp, I think there is a very good chance that it is one of the repro stamps that Joe Wotka discussed in one of our last few issues.

TO JOHN COE FROM MARC HENDON SR. Your holster is for the Dutch M1873, 9.4mm service revolver. Too bad it's been cut. The tool is the standard stripping tool as issued with the gun. This weapon has a 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " barrel. A fellow member IDed the holster as a 'Hemburg' revolver holster and then there was some confusion as to whether the barrel length was correct. The Hemburg designation usually refers to the KNIL 1891 (colonial) revolver, or one of the numerous commercial/police pistols made in that arms producing area of Holland. These normally had the shorter, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " barrel.

GENE GANGAROSA While my Father was stationed in Italy at the end of WWII with occupation forces, he traded a carton of cigarets for a Beretta pistol that had been used in the war. When he returned to the U.S., in 1946, he was not yet old enough under New York state's gun laws, to legally own a pistol. Therefore, he loaned it to my uncle, who was old enough, with the understanding that when my Father came of age (old enough to risk his life in war, but not old enough to be trusted with a pistol back home - what's wrong with this picture?), he could get it back. Years went by, and my Father's interest in the pistol faded. I was born ten years after the wars end, but have always been interested in WWII and the men and machines that fought in it. Last year I made arrangements with my uncle, who has since passed away, to get the pistol. He sent it to me and I have greatly enjoyed owning this piece of family history ever since. I find this gun particularly interesting because it has some features like no other Beretta I've ever seen, and I've seen a lot of these fine little pistols. First of all, it is nickel plated, which is most unusual on a combat piece. This work was apparently not done at the factory, as the application of plating has partially obscured the topmost proof (left side) and the slide serial number (right side). Other than these small blemishes, the plating is bright and has held up extremely well over the years, allowing only slight, isolated pitting in a few tiny spots. And now let me point out the markings. On the left side of the slide, the top line reads: P. BERETTA - Cal. 9 - Corto - Mo 934 - BREVETTATA, on the second line: GARDONE V.T. 1942 XX. Unusual here, is the model designation, Model 934 instead of Model 1934, which is generally understood to have been a POSTWAR name change. All other Berettas that I have ever seen of this type made during the war years, are marked Mo. 1934. Even the word BREVETTATA is different from the BREVETTATO or BREVET, I have seen on other such pistols of similar age. The usual military stamp 'RE' is also absent from the left rear of the frame, although it does have commercial proofing of the period. My theory is that this is probably a civilian model of the M1934. Since Italy was thoroughly embroiled in the war by 1942, this weapons date of manufacture, it is reasonable to assume that most of these pistols would have gone straight to the military and would consequently be so marked. The use of the '934' designation is a mystery to me. I would greatly appreciate any information that our Beretta collecting members might care to offer.

GENE MEDLIN In my question about the possible use of the 35A pistol by the French Milice during the WWII period, I misspelled Milice as Malice (this is French for Militia). Actually, Tom made the error (EN: IMPOSSIBLE), but I don't want to embarrass him.

TO PETE DENMAN FROM MIKE RICHINS F. Grosse probably stands for Fritz Grosse, a regular holster maker. Since it is dated 1939, early in the life of the P38, it may have been made later using previously damaged leather goods. The Germans recycled whatever they could, including 16 round, 9mm ammo boxes. I've seen these with up to four different labels. The Germans watched a lot of American movies. They nick-named the Russian T34 tank (2nd model), with the two circular hatches on the turret, 'The Mickey Mouse' tank. The owner probably wanted it for quick draw. Since they had lanyards, he wouldn't worry about it falling out. Metal hardware should be painted same color as canteen clips, etc., a gray-green color. Mine is made to be carried under right arm, butt pointed rearward, right hand draw - I guess to keep holster away from uniform insignia on the left breast.

DICK ANDERSON I recently purchased a Mauser banner, 1939, 42 toggle, commercial range, c/U on front sight base, breech block and left side of barrel extension. Costanzo mentions that 309 of these Lugers were manufactured in '39, with only three known/recorded. Still mentions that the commercial run of pistols could be self-purchase. Since Krieghoff did not produce a run in '39, could the Luftwaffe have ordered the 309, or possibly the Luftwaffe perhaps purchased these pistols? The holster is tan, dated '39 with illegible markings within a rectangular block inside the flap. The belt and buckle are Africa Corps/Luftwaffe. The tool is marked 42. Order of rarity would place this pistol among the scarcer production-wise. Would appreciate hearing from those knowledgeable in the Mauser banner field: Box 495, W. Boxford, Mass. 01885 508-352-2705

FROM BOB WHITTINGTON TO CHARLIE YOW: Ref. your notes on p.37 of 5/89 AM concerning the BF108 photo provided by Ed Macauley. If the two soldaten entering the plane were observers, where sitteth the pilot in the two-seater?? It is my military opinion that the forward(left) flier was the pilot and the rear flier was the co-pilot/observer. On page 48 of Adler-Jahrbuch 1941, there is a photo of an HE111 bomber nose gunner wearing a 7.65mm size pistol in a belt holster(shell or breakaway type). On page 64 is a bomber crew member being strapped into his parachute harness. On his left side is a P.08 in the standard belt holster. In The Blond Knight of Germany there are three photos of Fighter Group 52 pilots, all on the Russian front, one standing in front of an ME109 and one partially sitting in the cockpit of an ME109, and one in flight suit. One wears an unknown type 7.65mm size pistol in a belt holster, another is armed with a PPK in a breakaway belt holster, and one wears a Browning 1922 in a Theuermann Patent drop-type holster. In photo opposite page 121 of Stuka Pilot there is photo of a bloodied Hans Ulrich Rudel just in from a mission in his JU87. On Rudel's belt (left side) is his commercial purchased 6.35mm auto in a belt holster.

In Volume II of my book there is a documented account of the greatest fighter pilot ace in history-Luftwaffe First Lieutenant Eric Hartmann. The account describes how Hartmann refused to surrender his pistol to an SS security guard, prior to entering Hitler's Lair at Insterburg to receive the Knights Cross with Diamonds. Hartmann's pistol was on his belt, in a belt holster.

Above are only a few examples of documented belt holster wear by Luftwaffe pilots. Not yet have I observed, nor has anyone produced, any photographs or documented evidence of shoulder holster use by either the Luftwaffe, tank crews, or any other Nazi era military person in uniform. As I stated in previous AM comments, all illustrated "Nazi" military shoulder holsters I have observed in U.S. gun books(all of those published to date) are either controversial or fake.

Using a realistic comparison of facts, there were 1050 Astra 900 holster-stocks procured by the German Army & all of the holster-stocks were serialized. I am aware of 5 in collections, with a survival rate of .0047. The average survival rate of Nazi pistols in U.S. collections is between .01 and .02(1% and 2%). Using the conservative .0047 decimal, if only 212 original "Nazi" military shoulder holsters were issued, there must be at least one survivor. I am aware of none-that are not controversial. Of the two specimens I am aware of that may be original, that are "Nazi" military marked, both are controversial & will be illustrated in my Volume III. I have yet to invest one dollar in a shoulder holster alleged to be of Nazi military origin. The evidence to date suggests that none were issued, and perhaps only a few were procured for military test & evaluation. The odds are also against a total of 212 originals having been vaporized in aerial combat over Nazi Germany or in tank battles in the U.S.S.R.!!

Purchase and wear of commercial shoulder holsters by uniformed Nazi military personnel is also an area of undocumented fantasy & myth.

FROM BOB WHITTINGTON TO MEMBERSHIP: Reference the holster photos on page 30 of 5/89 AM. The same holster is illustrated on page 6 of issue 63 of After The Battle, being worn by a German Army guard at the Colditz P.O.W. camp. Photo is pegged at being made after March 1941. What is most unlikely is that France was the source of the holsters, in view of the time when Germany acquired the holsters(1933/1934 time frame), when France & Germany were pointing weapons & bayonets at each other. I have just discovered how the holsters, & pistols therein, arrived in Germany. If I cannot work the details in my Volume II, I will include same in Volume III. I contend that the holsters were in fact Japanese for the Jap Type 26 Revolver, & the source of the weapons was in fact the Empire of Japan!!

MILITARY UNIT MARKINGS NOTED ON FINNISH LUGERS

Dr. Gene C. Stevenson

Pistols and rifles in service with the Finnish armed forces in the 1920's and 1930's were usually marked with military markings to indicate which unit a weapon was issued to. On the m/23 Parabellum ("Luger") pistols, this was generally accomplished with a 25mm brass disc set into the right grip close to the frame and held by two screws. The discs were either stamped or engraved by the regimental armorer or supply depot with the abbreviation of an unit's designation and the weapon's number. Occasionally, the pistol itself may be engraved with military unit markings on the left side frame panel, frame lanyard housing area or front grip strap. The flat board shoulder stocks issued with the m/23 Parabellum pistols bore the gun's serial number on the metal stock lug and the military unit marking was stamped in the wood along the butt. The Finns discontinued the practice of marking weapons in 1940.

Except for an occasional article describing specific pistols and the several examples given in The Luger Book by John Walter, no review or survey of the Finnish military markings associated with the Parabellum pistol have been published. The Tabel below lists various representative unit markings from all branches of the Finnish Defense Forces which have been recorded from Parabellums and grip discs in the Finnish Military Museum (Sotamuseo) in Helsinki and in the author's collection. Interpretations of military markings in Finnish and their translation into English are given.

Generally the weapon's unit markings include the abbreviation for the military unit and the number of the weapon. The subdivision of a regiment or battalion (i.e. company designation) may also be indicated. For example, "1/J.P.4 141" would be identified as "1st Company of the 4th Light Infantry Battalion, weapon number 141". "1/S.J.R. 2.K.K.K." would be read as "1st Battalion of the Savo Light Infantry Regiment, 2nd Machine Gun Company". In the examples listed in the Table, the following Finnish military subunit abbreviations are observed:

K = komppania ("Company")
KKK = konekiväärikomppania ("Machine Gun Company")
S = sairaala ("Medical Unit")

In the Table the following abbreviations are used to identify locations on the weapon where the military unit markings have been noted:

gd = brass grip disc
gs = grip strap
lh = frame lanyard housing
sf = left side frame panel
ss = m/23Pb shoulder stock

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FINNISH MILITARY UNIT MARKINGS NOTED ON m/23 PARABELLUMS

I. AIR FORCE (ILMAVOIMAT)

(sf) Lentokonetehtas ("State Aircraft Factory")
KL-No 3131

(gd) Lent R 2 LeR = lentorykmentti
51 ("Flight Regiment")

II. NAVY (METIVOIMAT)

(gd) IAs.2 IAs = laivastoasema
86 ("Naval Station")

(gd) IAs.2
24

(gd) Suv. Suv = sukellusvene
19 ("Submarine")
Vesihiisi

(gd) Suv. Note: Vesihiisi was one of five
20 submarines in Finnish Navy.
Vesihiisi

III. ARMY (ARMEIJA)

A. Divisions

(gs) KIERTOPALKINTO ("Challenge Prize")
3 DIV. ESIK. ("3rd Division HQ
ups. pist. amunnassa Officers' Pistol Match")

B. Regiments

(gd) 1/HRR HRR = Hämeen Ratsurykmentti
40 ("Häme Mounted Regiment")

(gd) KKR KKR = konekivääriykmentti
11 ("Machine Gun Regiment")
T.J. TorjJ = torjuntajoukkue
("Assault Troops")

(gd) 1/KKR
254

(gd) 2/KKR
243

(gd)	3/KTR1 13	KTR = kenttätykistörykmentti ("Field Artillery Regiment")
(gd)	1/Pohj.R 128	PohjR = Pohjan Rykmentti ("Northern Regiment")
(gd)	2/Pohj.R 148	
(gd)	3/P.R. 34	PR = Porin Rykmentti ("Pori Regiment")
(gd)	2/SJR 211	SJR = Savon Jääkärirykmentti ("Savo Light Infantry Regiment")
(ss)	1/S.J.R. 2K.K.K.	
(gd)	3./TR 77	TR = Tampereen Rykmentti ("Tampere Regiment")
(gd)	S/TR 67	
(gd)	3/UR 16	UR = Uudenmaan Rykmentti ("Uudenmaa Regiment")
(gd)	2/VR 15	VR = Viipurin Rykmentti ("Vyborg Regiment")
(gd)	KKK/VR 119	
(gd)	2.KKK/ 27 VR	

C. Battalions

(gd)	HämRjp 6802	HämRjp = Hämeen Ratsujääkäripataljoona ("Häme Mounted Light Infantry Battalion")
(gd)	1/J.P.4 141	JP = jääkäripataljoona ("Light Infantry Battalion")
(gd)	KKK 8 JP4	
(gd)	KKK 37 JP4	

(gd)	3K. 83 KÄKJP	KÄKJP = Käkisalmen Jääkäripataljoona ("Käkesalma Light Infantry Battalion")
(gd)	3/PPP 1 105	PPP = polkupyöräpataljoona ("Bicycle Battalion")
(gd)	KKK 154 PPP 3	
(gd)	2/SVK 127	SVK = Suomen Valkoinen Kaarti ("Finnish White Guards [Battalion]")

D. Miscellaneous Units

(gd)	HKK 8	HKK = Helsingin Komennuskomppania ("Helsinki Command Company")
(gd)	JPSTO 1/69	JPsto = Jääkäripataljoona ("Light Infantry Battery")
(gd)	JPSTO 3/101	Note: Field Artillery Unit of the Light Infantry Battalion
(lh)	TK18	TK = Taiselukoulu ("Combat School")
(lh)	TK67	

IV. COASTAL ARTILLERY (RANNIKKOTYKISTÖ)

(gd)	1/RTR 296	RTR = rannikkotykistörykmentti ("Coastal Artillery Regiment")
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V. CIVIL GUARDS (SUOJELUSKUNTA)

(lh)	LAHDEN Sk.	Sk = Suojeluskuntajärjestö ("Civil Guards")
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VI. MISC.

(sf)	OPETUS Pistooli	("Teaching Pistol")
(gd)	ASE 284	("Weapon")
(gd)	ASE 466	
(lh)	EK 44	EK = esikuntakomppania ("Staff Company")
(lh)	EK 45	

SALE/TRADE

Walther PP, #N, alloy frame, exc, \$425; Walther PP, RJ, 99%, \$700; Walther PP, Waa359, exc, \$325; Walther PPK, #N/#C, 99%, high gloss, black grip, \$650; Walther PPK, #N, brown grip & ext, high gloss, 98%, \$500; Walther HP, Waa359, 98%, \$625; Astra 300, .380, Waa, 99%, \$400; Frommer P. Mod. 37, jhv 43, 98%+, \$375; VZ52, near new with all accessories, \$1300; Beretta M94, .22LR, factory engraved, nickel, turtle shell grips, leather covered presentation case, spare mag, dated '53, \$1000; CZ45, 99%, \$250; Dreyse, .25, NEW, \$300; Destroyer, .25, full gold damascene, pearl grips, exc+, \$400; Hungarian Tok, '53, as new, \$400; Norton TP70, boxed, as new, \$250; Colt 1911, '14 commercial, vg, \$600; Star Model AS, .38 super, as new in box, \$325; Colt .25, boxed with hang tag, 98%, \$350; FN 1910, factory engraved & cased, presented to Franz Hofer, Gauleiter of Innsbruck, Austria during WWII & Walther Meister Model, .22LR, heavily relief engraved, gold initials (F.H.) and Gauleiter eagle on receiver, presentation plaque in stock - photos and documentation available on this pair, write; Mauser 1930, 98%, \$1000; Mauser C96, 95%, \$700; Beretta M35, air force, '39, \$400; Beretta M35, blue, '44, 98%, \$300; Beretta M35, '44, phosphate, 4/UT, \$250; CZ27, fnh, Waa, 98%, \$225; Bergmann, .25, extended mag, no magazine, \$200; Mauser HSc, #135, 98%, \$325; Mauser HSc, Waa 135, 97%, \$250; Original Mannlicher 7, 65mm ammo, six boxes available @ \$20 each; P38 holster, soft black w/white stitching, #Waa195, exc 1944, \$55; PP holster, AKAH marked, ink stamped for PP, brown, exc, \$75; Frommer 37 holster, Luftamt dropping pattern, jsd 1942, exc, \$110; Radom holster, light brown, bnz 1944, P35(b), \$55; Nambu T14 holster, canvas w/leather trim, spare mag, sleaning rod, firing pin, vg, \$125; CZ27 holster, black w/white stitching, vg, \$35. Dave Noll, 3860 French Ct., St. Louis, Mo. 63116 314-352-6399

Trio of Nazi FN HP issue holsters ranging from VG to VG+, \$43 to \$48; Colt 1911, X series, exc, \$675. Jim Charnesky, 325 Waco Ct., Colorado Springs, Co. 80919 719-593-2171

Lahti 1940, brown grips, Rplt, exc \$280. Walther PPK, PARTY LEADER grips, crown N, exc \$1325. Tokarevs, Russian TT30½, matching mag, exc \$575, 1943, wood grips, matching mag, exc \$275. Romanian, exc \$550 Chinese T51s, dated 1951, 1952 and 1953 VG-Exc \$275-325 T54 1956 exc \$325. Chinese Makarov 59 type, 2 match mags, holster, strap, double mag pouch with 2 extra mags, exc \$850 Russian Makarov '81 dated Grenada gun, '73 dated holster spare mag, some handling wear, but exc \$795. Jap T94 with holster and spare mag, VG+ \$300 Czech CZ24, grip straps markings, matching, but has later plastic grips, VG-Exc \$200. Makarov ammo 9x18 16rd boxes \$10 ea or \$9 for 4 or more. Chinese RPD light machinegun, exc \$3750. Trade for wants or older Corvettes. Shayne MacMahon, Box 13282, Gainesville, Fla 32604 904-332-0610.

DWM LPO8, 1916/20, #7883a, navy marked, \$2000; '06 Dutch Luger, grip safety, '30 date on slide, exc, \$1750; LPO8, 1st issue snail drum, \$500; 1939 42 banner, c/U, '39 holster with Luftwaffe belt/buckle, \$1750; T94, '44, matched including mag, holster, \$250; TT33, matched, no finish, holster - spare mag pouch has flap with star, \$250; Mauser HSc, 859740, police, as new, \$450; Radom, F3653, crude finish, matched, holster, \$265; Astra 300, .380, holster w/spare mag, near new, \$500; Ortgies, #1853, Portuguese army marked, \$250; Ortgies, rare factory added safety, #62542, \$325; Ortgies, .25, #150573, \$125; Fiala 1920, no serial, no mag, \$175; Sauer Behorden, no finish, \$75. Dick Anderson, POB 495, West Boxford, Mass. 01885 508-352-2705

WANTED

Browning Hi-Power pistols, accessories, literature, etc for personal collection. Bill Drollinger, POD A, Castroville, Ca. 95012 408-633-3903

German WWII military pistols, holsters and militaria. Specifically looking for MP44 mag pouches. Jim Hawkins, 210 Hickory Bend Rd., Enterprise, AL. 36330 205-347-7467 evenings

1911 military slide without the 1913 patent date; PO8, 4" 9mm barrel with vg or better bore and WWI acceptance; Astra 400 grips marked 'F. ASCASO'. Have type I, II or III Colt mags to trade for above. Ken Robinson, POB 40551, Portland, Or. 97240 503-284-3399

PO8s and G/K 43s in LIKE NEW condition. Mark Rendina, 203 Wynwood Ct., Ozark, AL. 36360

Any/all LIKE NEW K98k rifles - especially looking for a KM issue and a 98-40. Ed Rothgeb, POB 98, Shipman, Va. 22971 804-263-5272

VZ50 magazine; PO8 take down latch, rough or repro okay; Weimar period police marked weapons; PO8 mags #8025r (military), 7732, 7416, 2421 & 6134 (all police) - have PO8 mags to trade, 3985 #2 (wood base), KM N.6651, alloy Simpson #6 39a +, 21660 extruded #37, T14 #431 & 071. Still looking for St. and Sd. marked weapons. Shayne MacMahon, POB 13282, Gainelville, FL. 32604

Pair of original grip panels for 1907 Dreyse - type with the grip screw on the side; loading gate system for M1883 Reichsrevolver; holster for CZ24. Philip Long, RR#1, Clay Center, Ks. 67432

Original wooden grips for late Radom; mainspring for W&S .455; holster for .455 W&S; any strange, unusual, odd holsters (military) for upcoming book. Marc Hendon, Sr., 66 N. 1st St., Banning, Ca. 92220 714-849-6826

SALE/TRADE

Wartime commercial Broom #351855, matched, exc w/like new post war holster - will trade for banner P08; Erfurt LPO8, 1914, #9339a, fine tune front/rear sights, matched, 99% refinish, correct holster marked on back with GI's name and address - will trade for 'sneak' P08 police. Joel Miller, 204 Kinney Circle, Bennettsville, S.C. 29512 803-479-4477 after 6pm

Erfurt LPO8, #7350, 93%, \$1500; P08, 1018/20, #6039, 85%, \$450; P08, 42 - 1939, #3489t, two matched mags, holster, 98%, \$1650; Bolo Broom, #441871, matched stock, 98%, \$2500; Broom, flat side, #26138, matched stock, 97%, \$3500; Springfield 1911, #114187, 80%, \$750; Savage 1911, #372581, 85%, \$850; Colt 1911A1, #873569, 97%, \$550; Ithaca 1911A1, #1461617, AA, 98%, \$450; Ithaca 1911A1, #1798576, 95%, \$450; Rem Rand 1911A1, #1333635, 97%, \$450; FN HP, #55300, WaA, tangent, holster/spare mag, 95%, \$750; FN HP, #66645a, WaA, holster/spare mag, 85%, \$550; Radom, phosphate/wood grips, #K8065, holster, 95%, \$475; Radom, #c3412, holster/spare mag, 97%, \$375; Sauer 38H, #504606, police, holster, 97%, \$350; Mauser 34, #620860, WaA, holster, 97%, \$550; Astra 300, #573645, WaA, holster, 99%, \$550; Walther PP, #85281, WaA, 90%, \$350; Walther PPK, #807546, RZM, 93%, \$650; CZ27, #142586, WaA, holster/spare mag, 97%, \$350; CZ24, #102147, 93%, \$200; CZ27, #595323, post war '47, NIB, \$350; P38, ac41, #6930f, 90%, \$425; P38, ac45, #1899c, 97%, \$450; P38, cyq, #8137w, 98%, \$350; Colt Huntsman, 4", #179022C, 97%, \$325. Kam Nasser, POB 40091, Tucson, Az. 85717 602-795-1549

Walther HP, #2528, checkered grips/painted sights, Swdedish holster, \$1200; P08, 42 - 41 Ku, #2831, black grips, '42 black holster, spare mag & tool, \$1850; PPK, #320209k, WaA359, tan WaA holster & spare mag, \$1050; PP, ac late war mis-match, wood grips, experimental rear sight, #392648P, \$350; Colt '03 hammerless, .32, as new, \$400; Sauer 1913, as new, \$300; G43, ac44, #402i, all blue/matched/near new, \$800; Polish P38 holster, 'lyo', \$100. Mike Koslandich, POB 3262, Mission Viejo, Ca. 92692 714-586-9724

P38, ac41, #6702j, 95%, matched except for proper mag, \$625; WWII German Water Customs dagger w/scabbard, vgt, \$2150. Jim Hawkins, 210 Hickory Bend Rd., Enterprise, Al. 36330 205-347-7467 evenings

C96, Red 9, matched stock, \$1750. Ken Robinson, POB 40551, Portland, Or. 97240 503-284-3399

P38, byf44, WL police, right slide stained, \$550; P38, byf44, dual tone, exc, \$450. Wing Keung 203-834-2747 after 5:30pm EST

K98k, KM issue, property number on disc, bce, close to new, \$700; P08, 1937, 97%, matched mag, \$975; P08, S-42 - 1940, 98%, black plastic mag base, \$900; Ruger #3, 45/70, #00018 & Ruger #3, 30/40 Krag, both are new in boxes; P38, ac no date, 85%+, \$2400. Mark Rendina 205-774-7240

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Mauser 34, WC police, exc, \$1200; Mauser HSc, WL police, late, \$475; Mauser HSc, large 655, as new, \$750; Jap T26, as new w/holster, belt, shoulder strap & cleaning rod as well as lanyard, \$850; T14 Nambu, 10.6, matched except mag, 99%, \$485; LPO8, 1917 DWM, 99% w/two matched mags, front & rear sights fitted with very unusual radium night sights - will trade for K98k's or Lugers in like new shape. Ed Rothgeb, POB 98, Shipman, Va. 22971 804-263-5272

WANTED

Complete squad leaders cleaning kit for the Colt 1911, in blue, with brass rods; same, but for 1911A1, olive drab, with ten rods, brushes, screwdrivers & oiler; SNL B-6 dated 15 May 1944 or SNLB-6 HESP&E (addendum) dated 26 February 1944. Al Carroll, 7657 Owensmouth, Canoga Park, Ca. 91304 818-340-6444 Also looking for a RADIUM .25acp, five shot, with original grips.

Colt pre-war National Match .45 with Stevens adjust. sights; pre-war Service Model Ace, blue; naval Luger rear toggle link with adjust sight intact. Chris Shanahan, 52 Gilbert St., Ridgefield, Ct. 06877 203-438-5820

Finnish accepted pistols: Spanish/French Ruby, any maker; Ahlberg (copy of FN 1922); Astra 300; Beretta 1934; C96, 4", 9mm; C96, 5½", .30; Colt 1911, Russian contract; CZ24; FN 1910; FN 1922; Lahti L35 - any variation; Mauser 1930; P38, Nazi era; P08, Nazi era; V44. Holsters: Ahlberg; Astra 300; any Broom; Russian Colt; FN 1910 or 1922; Lahti L35; Nazi P08 or P38; Ruby; V44; Nagant revolver; TT33; FN HP. Misc: any bayo frogs - normally green; any brass unit ID discs for rifles or pistols; any slings other than Italian; any SA marked magazines. Bayonets: M39; M27; M28; Italian folding marked SA; Jap marked SA; Russian spikes marked SA; Swedish marked SA. Rifles: M94 Swede carbine; M95 Russian Winchester; M96 Swede rifle; Jap T30, T35 or T38. All of the above would be marked with the Finnish boxed SA - some will also be marked SKY. Tom Knox, Jr., 8353 Lonkar Dr., Affton, Mo. 63123

Simpson marked P08 loading tool; collection of Nazi era loading tools; P08 mag, #4665e for 40/42; as new Colt 1903 pocket models. Mark Rendina 205-774-7240

Steyr Hahn holster; 1935A holster; CZ24 mag; Colt 1903 mag; 1934 Mauser mag; wooden grips, or just left grip only for HSc; CZ38 with Finnish boxed SA; Astra 300, .32, Nazi range; Astra 400, Nazi range; Bulgarian Star B; Star P mag, so marked on base. Bob McCrary, 5716 Maywood, Raytown, Mo. 64133 816-737-1904 Please leave messages - I will return all calls.

MP18; S&W 76; Bren; MG08; FN MAG; FN 249; Russian 1910 Maxium. Frank Owens 704-636-1819

Original 1906 naval Luger magazine - must be c/M accepted with serial #1614. Rick Anzolloti, POB 175, Vienna, Oh. 44473

P08 mag, #211, any serial; P08 holster, 1940, at least exc. John Gambro, 7200 Division, River Forest, Il. 60305

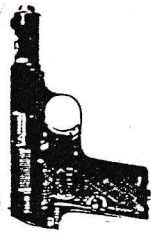
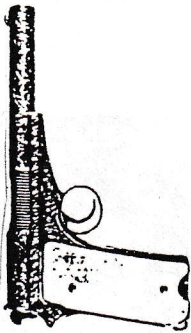
Original Nazi era HSc grips, exc; Mauser 1934, police; Mauser Oberndorf sporting rifles & literature. Dick Wakefield, 147 Taos, Los Alamos, N.M. 87544 505-662-6384

Front & rear sights for pre-war Walther Olympia rapid-fire pistol. John Laidacker, POB 244, Bloomsburg, Pa. 17815

Walther PP holster with NSKK marking embossed into flap, must be at least vg and priced within reason; PP & PPK holsters, '29 to '45, vg or better, military or police marked, especially any with the AKAH/DRGM trademark. Jack Barr 213-970 1224

Spanish Mondial and/or Warwink, .25 or .32; pair each or metal and black rubber grips for the 1907 Savage; Savage catalogues, 1916 or earlier; any paper pertaining to Savage, pre-1930; will buy boxed Savage pistol ammo - any caliber; Savage commercial type leather holsters and pistol accessories. Bailey Brower, POB 111, Madison, N.J. 07940 201-377-0658

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