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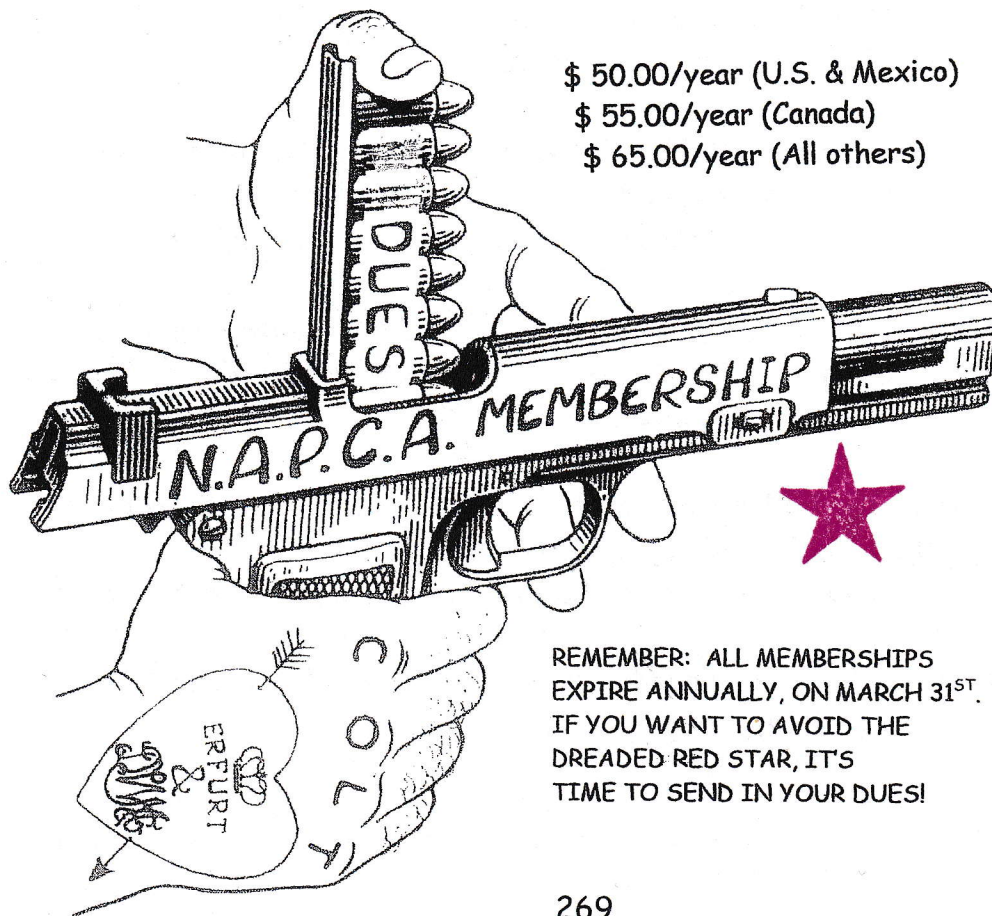
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BANQUET SPEAKERS

**SHOW DATES ARE: AUGUST 17-20 (A 3 DAY SHOW THIS YEAR)
At The Chattanooga Hotel / Conference Center in Chattanooga, TN**

We are indeed fortunate to have 2 of our European members who will be speaking to us immediately after our Saturday evening banquet.

Our first speaker will be Dietrich Jonke from Germany with a presentation entitled: "P.38 Production under German Supervision in Belgium at the FN-plant."

Our second speaker will be Joop van de Kant from Belgium with a presentation entitled: "The Mauser Banner "v" series, " New Facts Have Been Discovered, So New Questions Arise."

We will be allowing about 20-30 minutes per speaker for these two presentations. There is no way you will want to miss these presentations or this show! Members are already reserving rooms and tables!

You can go 'online' at www.chattanooga.com and make your reservations. You can also phone the hotel at 1-800-619-0018. The ID number for NAPCA Room Reservations is 189284.

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FROM JOHN CRISEL: As a beginning collector, I 'm amazed at the number of variations of P38 mags. Does anyone know of a book that identifies the proper P38 mag for each P38 variation?

FROM PETER COPPOLA: If you enjoy modern military history, this new site may be of interest. Currently, there are forums for military conflicts from 1900 to the present focusing on campaigns, battles, strategies, nations involved, and equipment:
<http://www.topfreeforum.com/forum/index.php?mforum=conflict>

FROM JOE WOTKA: In the November 2005 issue of "Auto Mag", John Pearson's comments on Political Leader PPKs brought up the famous story of a barrel of Political Leader PPK grips. As John related it, "...very credible reports have been heard for years that at least one gun shop back in the 1950s offered for sale a barrel full of genuine "Party Leader grips" that apparently had been imported from Germany after the War." I remember hearing such a story when I began collecting in 1970 but I never heard of any particulars. I quizzed Tom Knox about it and he recollected that it was either Fred Datig or Harry Jones who told him, prompting him to print it in one of the early issues of the magazine. Does anyone have definite knowledge of this legend? Was it a West Coast dealer or East Coast? Was there more than one shop involved? Was it an entire barrel full to the brim of only PL grips for the PPK? Was it the 1950s or early 1960s? Are we talking facts or another Urban Legend?

I was curious how many grips would fit in a barrel. A PPK grip is approximately six cubic inches. I don't know what kind of a barrel they would be talking about. I always pictured one of the large shipping barrels with wooden staves and iron hoops. I imagine they could be fifty or sixty gallons. Not having one around, I opted to calculate the internal volume of a 31-gallon trash can. It contains approximately 7650 cubic inches. I estimate that there would have been 1275 PL PPK grips in such a container. The current market value would be \$5.1 million more or less. Of course a larger barrel would have contained more grips. And why only one barrel? Why not more? But the point of this exercise is to use some common sense and put all this into perspective. Is there definite information about such a barrel, other than hear-say reports? Any advertisements from Ye Old Hunter or other early dealers? Now where would such a barrel have been found? Pearson stated in that article that quantities of PL grips were in the Walther factory and applied to made-up guns for GIs. If there were quantities there of any size, wouldn't they all have been taken? Would the barrel have been shipped home by an officer? The US forces certainly wouldn't have removed it for Fritz Walther's sake before the Soviets occupied Z-M.

And if all these PPK grips had been released to the market at that time, do we have such a quantity of PPKs with PL grips known to collectors? Are there a thousand or more recorded? Or has the recorded number stayed remarkably constant over the past 30 to 40 years? Rankin in his first volume in the early 1970s listed only eleven PL grip PPKs. A few years earlier, Bob Whittington listed four known examples. In 1987, Jan Still listed forty-two in his book about Axis Pistols. A copy of Dolf Gaines' PP/PPK combined list from April 1990 reveals forty-eight PLs. And in 2005, Dieter Marschall reports that he has about 100 PL/Ehrenwaffe listings in his database that was started in 1993. Combining those lists and eliminating duplications, I arrived at around 150 listed PPKs with PL grips. Where have all those PL grips from the barrel gone?

I certainly would like to know the answer to this question. I am of the opinion that it is all myth.

FROM DWIGHT GRUBER: Here is a question which has popped into my mind, regarding a situation which we all will probably, or already have, faced as gun collectors. You are talking guns with somebody, and they show you their unit-marked 1917 Navy Luger. As you examine it, you recognize that all is not *in ordnung*, that the gun is in fact a counterfeit. An offer of sale is not involved, it is simply a "look at this neat thing I've got" situation. What do you tell them?...if they are a friend?...an acquaintance?...a stranger at a gun show table?...someone whose hospitality you are enjoying? (...a correspondent in an online Forum???) And the gun in question doesn't have to be a Navy Luger, I only use it as an example because I have become a bit familiar with these guns, and can picture myself in the situation. It is a question that applies to any gun sufficiently rare or valuable to have counterfeit potential.

FROM JOHN PEARSON: Since I am not on the internet, please keep the "print" members up to date on the real participation of members on the new forum. I will, personally, be surprised if more than 10 members actively participate in this expensive undertaking.

(EN: John, as of this writing, 142 members have registered. Those 142 have contributed 1029 postings, but I cannot offer stats on what proportion each member has posted individually. As space in the "print" version permits, I will extract and reproduce selected items in AM - for example, both of John's COTTAGE INDUSTRY ALERTS are reproduced in this issue. As for the bulk of these postings, you'll just have to sign up and take a look.)

Interpretation of Presentation Initials

By Joe Wotka

We have all seen the initials on presentation pistols or rifles. They can be found engraved and incorporated into the overall engraving design of the pistol or applied as a set of individual letters or carved into an ornamental disc of oval shape inset into the grip or stock of the weapon. Beautifully executed, these sets of initials are more often than not placed in juxtaposition to each other, with one initial set higher than the other initial. Questions often arise as to how these initials are interpreted. Often a guess is made at a name that has more recognition than reality, and the initials are interpreted to accommodate the name. Such was the case last year in the April 2004 Rock Island Auction. A handsome gold finish Walther PP with oakleaf engraving and ivory grips was on display bearing an ornamental oval with two letters: and R and an H.

Now there have been famous pistols of which we are all aware that display initials. We all know of the famous gold finished and engraved Walther PP with the individual letters A and H set onto the left ivory grip. With the inscription, this gun was documented as the property of Adolf Hitler. And there was the famous Walther PP with the initials H and G engraved into the oval inlet in the left ivory grip. This we know is the pistol presented by the Walther family to Helmut Gornlich. In both instances, the letter of the first name is placed in a position of precedence above the initial of the second family name.

I believe this is a common trait to such engraving. Examining other such presentation pistols with known recipients, the highest letter in position of the two is the letter of the first name. It can be seen with other pistols such as the Walther PPs presented to these famous Third Reich personages: Wilhelm Frick, Wilhelm Rediess, Fritz Sauckel, Otto Eberhardt and Albert Forester. It simply makes sense that the higher positioned letter is to be considered the first letter of the first or given name.

Now what are we to make of the initials with no clues? Well, recognizing the position of the initials might help in beginning analysis and prevent some costly mistakes. John James presented an engraved PPK with grip strap initials for analysis. Most collectors thought the initials a bit odd, as the initial considered the last was actually and initial and second letter: St. The first letter was thought to be K. Analyzing the initials with my interpretation, we see the first name would begin with an St and the second name would begin with a K. But I was asked, whoever heard of a first name beginning with two letters: St? The Christian name Stefan begins with these letters.



Now in some instances, presentation initials are seen inscribed on a level plane. No height differential between the two letters. I can only guess that in this instance the initials are interpreted in the order carved.

So where does this leave us with the "RH" Walther PP sold on the RI Auction. The write up of the piece suggested the pistol belonged to Reinhard Heydrich. Using our interpretation, we know the first name began with an H, the higher letter. So, Reinhard Heydrich is out. Another pistol on this past Rock Island Auction featured the initials L.V. The description suggested the initials

indicate the presentation to the SA General Victor Lutze. But the letter L was inscribed in a position higher than the V, so the first name began with an L. Victor Lutze is eliminated.

TO WARREN BUXTON FROM ROGER TREMBLEY: I visited the Springfield Armory a few years ago as a member of the S&W Collectors' Association. We were able to tour the second floor. Although the second floor is predominately long guns, there is a set of engineering drawing storage cabinets which have been conveniently filled with handguns. Because of time constraints we were unable to get a snout full of looks and questions into the collection. All the guns are connected to the Armory and the collection is diverse. There was a canister display of Remington Rand autos. The original metal lid was replaced with a piece of Plexiglas. I believe these sealed drums were distributed during WWII. The guns were new in drum, if you wish. I believe there were 20 to 40 guns in these canisters.

TO LEN ANTARIS: I have recently acquired a FM as NIB with paperwork, #1227173, manufactured in '72. Close observation showed the front sight to be slightly undercut. Closer observation showed this as an apparent factory fix to build up the front sight. A small section was neatly fitted to the front sight. The slight mismatch made it noticeable. The finish matches perfectly. Any other F or FM's in this condition?

* Also acquired Star CO, blue, #128479, no export mark, no CO stamped on butt. Unfortunately, it came with a replacement mag. Does anyone have an original for sale?

FROM JOHN JAMES: It has been brought to my attention that one of our favorite or infamous creator's of North Florida has purchased himself and his merry band of low life's, a pantographing machine from up North in Minnesota. This may mean nothing to you but it should, especially if one is into the Nazi period and its Political or Naval marked weapons. It is by this method that the originals were produced and if the fabricators do their homework, which they have to some extent, this will mean difficulty in the near term for the collector. This scum bag has been concentrating on Kreighoff's of late and especially the P Codes. He has been using "runners" as is the Super Crud of the North. Runners are unsuspecting younger looking and unknown individuals who have been hired by the scum bags to run up and down the gun show aisles trying to hawk the unwary into buying a supposedly inherited souvenir from their late Uncle, or so the story goes. **FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED**

Swedish FN Browning HP & 1903/07 Prototypes

Last year Bill Drollinger asked me to look into the High Power ser N° 4116 with distinct "9mm BL" barrel marking. I was a bit skeptical at first as the "BL" (Browning Long) designation was more an English designation. Most often the FN designation for this caliber was just "9 mm". After the introduction of the 1910 in 9mm (.380) FN often designated the caliber as "9mm Browning" but not "9mm Browning Long". The Swedish representative dealt with FN in German and not in English. The German and French designations were alike, so the English language would have been no influence. But after all, FN may have applied the marking in order to clearly differentiate it from the usual 9mmP. marking found on standard High Power production

The High Power ser N° 4116 was shipped from FN on June 10, 1937 to FN's representative and main dealer "Berghaus" in Goteborg, Sweden. It is most interesting as it also features fixed sights - quite understandably as the older 1903/07 Brownings already in Swedish use had fixed sights.

The Swedish were experimenting with unusual pistol / cartridge combinations. At the same time the High Power was put through trails in 9mm Browning Long, the older 1903 was also put through trials in 9x19 Parabellum and the Swedish converted and modified Swedish made 1907 Husqvarnas to fire the 9x19 Parabellum (*Belgian Browning Pistols, page 100*).

Did FN supply this High Power in 9mm Browning Long together with modified 1903 9x19 Parabellum pistols? Information received from Sweden indicates that indeed 1903 pistols in this configuration were ordered from FN. Yet I find it unlikely that FN would have filled the order and made new prototypes for a pistol that did not sell well through its production years. Production on the 1903 Model had ended almost ten years earlier. Maybe this High Power was shipped in its usual 9x19mm caliber and modified in Sweden together with the older 1903/07 models? This leaves much room for speculation. Whatever the facts are, this pistol and the modified 1903/07s are fascinating prototypes. I hope that Bill Drollinger will lend the photograph(s) for the updated, expanded and revised version of *The Belgian Browning Pistols*.

From Aaron Davis to the Membership:

I recently acquired a waffenamt marked Norwegian 1914 (sn 30412). It was a very slight upgrade in condition to one that I've had for a while (sn 29680). While I was comparing the 2 pistols, I noticed a couple variations which I had not read about in Whittington or Still.

The later pistol has a capital letter B on the top of the slide just to the rear of the rear sight. The earlier pistol has a capital letter A. Then when I compared the slide legends I found another difference. The later pistol has a number 4 stamped under the diamond. The earlier pistol does not. I also checked all the pictured examples I could find. Seven other examples do not exhibit any kind of similar number stamp.

Does anyone have any information on variations within the Nazi marked Norwegians which might explain these different markings?

TO T. MAGROU FROM DON MAUS: Thank you very much for your letter and photos of the Simson Luger rig with Berlin Schupo markings you discussed in the November 2005 AutoMag. You have a very unique rig with two of only three items known to me that were marked by the Schupo of Gruppe Nord in Berlin. Your information permits the following observations/speculations:

1. The Period 3 (per the 1932 Manual 40a) weapon numbers of Gruppe Nord, Inspektion II, Bereitschaft 1 probably began at approximately 11590, with Inspektion I numbers preceding and Inspektion III following.
2. The Period 2 (per the 1922 marking order) weapon number for Bereitschaft 1 is much larger than I would expect. These units typically had 120 men so this number is about twice as large as would be expected. Lots of room for speculation!
3. The fact that these marks are on a Simson Luger with a blank chamber may be particularly informative. I know very little about the production history of Simson Lugers but from Jan Still's *Weimar Lugers* (pp. 34-36) infer that this pistol was probably manufactured in the very late 1920s or very early 1930s. If so, this would mean that the Period 2 mark **S. B. No. II. 1. 244.** was applied within a few years before Manual 40a was issued in February 1932. This seems to confirm that Period 3 markings date from 1932 and were not in use before.
4. The **R.** following the Period 3 weapon number is further confirmation that this designation was reactivated late in the Weimar era. Whether this means that the term and/or organization of the *Revierhauptmannschaft* was revived is open to question.

FROM CHOLLY STEEN: One of the members had written to the newsletter inquiring about .45 frames sold by Crown City Arms in Cortland, New York. I made a couple phone calls on this, as I recall that these folks started off about the same time Essex did and we were in on the ground floor in Essex after John Richards broke his exclusive contract for the frames. I had remembered that there was a Crown City Arms at the time but I thought that it had rolled into Essex. Anyway, after a couple phone calls, I found that Crown City had purchased frames from Essex with their name embossed on them and they had bought about four to six thousand frames from Essex in the 1970's. Of course, as we know now, Crown City later became history. Sometimes, having been around for all these years, sparks thoughts that can help trace down some of the mysteries. Hope this is helpful. I don't know remember who the member was but please pass it on in the newsletter. As it seems to happen too often, these old occurrences seem to bring up a story. I remember when Essex was just starting and we were buying frames from them, Marie and I paid a visit to them just to say hello and get to know each other. As we were walking through the plant, there was a pile of about a thousand frames underneath a stairwell and I asked what their purpose was. I was told they were slight rejects that they couldn't sell and, being Cholly Steen, I said, "alright, what's the deal". I wound up buying the frames for something like \$5 each just for posterity. I booked them in, put them in a crate at Sarco and about six months later the Essex factory was down for some machining problems or glitches and there were no frames for perhaps six months. At this time there were no other frames on the market so a slight reject was better than no frame at all and we managed to sell all the reject frames for full price just because of the lack of frames on the market.

From Fred Scharer: I have a 1918 Chamber date ERFURT with the following Unit Mark: 146 R.N.Z.II.14. I know what everything means/stands for except the "N." Can't find any reference to the "N" in Still, etc. Does anyone have the "answer?" Thanks.

FROM DWIGHT GRUBER: A Change In P-08 Production and a call for data - John Walter, in The Luger Book (1986, pp.117, 217) and Luger (1977, p.209) asserts that Erfurt machined their P-08 frames with a steel reinforcement spur protruding into the recoil spring well under the spring guide, and that in 1915 DWM added this feature to their P-08 production as well (illustrated below). It has recently been noted that Walter's observation is incorrect, that the metal spur was originally part of the P-08 design and was eliminated in the course of production, very likely in order to eliminate a machining step or two, with the added benefit of reducing the gun's weight by a couple of ounces. Observation from correspondence and reports from the online Luger community has narrowed the production changeover to the following ranges:

DWM Military, between 1914 sn3500a and 1915 sn4493a

Erfurt, between 1911 sn7686 and sn8221

DWM Commercial, between sn71368 and sn72353

All DWM 1914 LP-08 reported thus far, regardless of serial number, have straight recoil spring wells; as do all 1908 Navy.

I would like to narrow the ranges down farther. If you have a Luger within these ranges, or any 1914 LP-08 or 1908 Navy, please check its recoil spring well and let me know what you see. Call me at 503-227-0355, or email dwightg@pacifier.com. Or respond here in AutoMag, of course.

To Ray Leslie from Juerg Siegenthaler

Re: Melior/Jieffeco

For your database:

New model Melior 6,35 mm „Rduit”	14791
“Rduit”	19771
“Rduit”	21526
Pocket	89348 grip safety long and broad
Pocket	101917 “ “ short and thin with loaded-chamber indicator
Pocket	123017 grip safety long and thin
7,65 mm	33859 “ “ long and broad
	52413 “ “ short and thin with loaded-chamber indicator

To Gene Medlin, Tom Knox and Savage collectors from Dave Smith: Tom and Gene reference the August 2005 Auto-Mag pg. 108 discussion about French and Portuguese Savage contract pistols and Gene's question regarding my Portuguese SN 166295 from the December 2005 Auto Mag, pg. 201: Yes, it does have the lanyard loop/ring present.

Membership: Who else has a Portuguese contract Savage? SN and lanyard loop? Let's send them into Auto-Mag. Come on you American manufactured pistol accumulators!

Membership: Thanks to whoever sent me the September 1970 Guns Magazine copy of Argentine Colt Auto article by Joe Schroeder. I appreciate it, but did not see from whom it was sent!

FROM JOHN LOCKWOOD: About a year ago I bought 25 post war alloy framed, unissued, military surplus P-38's. They all came with an apparent variant of the drop holster featured in this month's news letter. The guns are all dated 1960, 61, 62. The magazines are also dated in the same years. The guns are pre-P-1's. just a small bit of info for the membership..

FROM JOHN PEARSON TO KARL SCHAEFER: Thank you for providing the information on PPK RZM serial number 841494 and its "Honor Weapon" background. For your information, PPK RZM serial number 841397 is one of a number of SS RZM PPK pistols (serial number added under the muzzle) and I am assuming that your PPK is not an SS PPK. Also, from my recent research, PPK RZM serial number 841442 is fitted with the "Party Leader" eagle grip, so clearly a number of PPK pistols around the serial number of your gun ended up as "Honor Weapons".

With respect to the blue presentation case that came with your pistol, chances are that it is actually a Post War Walther/Ulm presentation case and not period with the actual pistol. The Post War Walther/Ulm case can be easily identified by two simple facts - It does not have the "PPK" mark below the banner on the inner lid and the spare magazine compartment is arranged so that the finger extension bottom piece is near the left inside edge of the case. There are several other differences between the Post War Walther/Ulm case and Pre-War presentation cases, but these two points are sufficient to distinguish which case you have.

I wish to personally thank all of the members who have contributed information to my request for data about "Honor Weapon" PPK pistols. I have assembled an impressive data base and information on these most historical pistols and the picture is coming more clear about "Honor Weapons" both with and without the "Party Leader" eagle grip. I will be submitting a writeup on this subject soon, but I again want to encourage members to share their data with me. There has been a lot of misinformation and speculation over the years about these special PPK pistols, and I hope to set the record straight on a number of related issues. As always, it is the sharing of data among the members of this organization that makes substantive research possible.

TO KARL SCHAEFER FROM ROLAND GLEIXNER:

Re Croatian PHP

Recently picked up a longbarreled version (132 mm), marked
left side of slide: PHP cal. 9 PARA (without "VM 17"!)
right side of slide: pat. IMP (in double circle) made in CROATIA
top of chamber: Croatian state crest
right side of slide and frame: 04794
both grips and magazine marked as your PHP.

"H" means perhaps "Hrvatska" = Croatia and "IMP" = the manufacturer in Zagreb.

TO JUERG SIEGENTHALER FROM WALLACE LOGAN: Some years ago I submitted to the membership a copy of the Mauser price list for the year 1933 in English. On the original copy there is the merchant's stamp reading in part "L Le Personne & Co". I believe that the company is/was based in London. It could be that "Lepco" is an abbreviation of that firm's name. If you want a photocopy of the Mauser price list please let me know.

Belated thanks for your response to my query regarding my Turkish made PP military issue pistol.

TO ALL USA MEMBERS FROM BOB WHITTINGTON: Those of us that have been collecting for the last half-century are most familiar with the plague from the Northeast that has been after our iron during the same period.

The New England elitists seem to think they know how we all should live, submit to the throne, turn in our guns, and squat. Of late, the disease seems to have been transmitted to the NRA Headquarters, where the righteous in that ivory tower seem to be concentrated in the Gun Collector Programs Group. Two of the most infected goons in that nest are the leader, Whit Fentem, and his Right-Hand Lackey, Phil Schreier.

The Gun Collector Programs Boys also have a stooge ally in the NRA affiliated publication, MAN AT ARMS. The Boy Publisher of that lofty journal is none other than Stuart Mowbray. Those of you that subscribe to the propaganda publication cannot help but be aware that it is financed by the Collector Arms Dealer Mafia. The most venomous gun book Review Editor in existence spews his poison in each monthly edition of MAA, and his name is Herbert G. Houze.

Now the Boy publisher of MAA has authored his own book on how we should go about living and collecting firearms. The title of the Koranic document is 331 Plus Essential Tips And Tricks. A How-To Guide For The Gun Collector.

Thumbing thru the document, a veteran collector rapidly realizes that the author is in love with himself and his knowledge. The contents are so elementary as to make a master of the game roll in the floor with laughter. Mowbray proves himself a novice at gun collecting, firearms knowledge, and gun book publishing. Save your money on the thing. A better investment will be Gun List and genuine toilet paper!!

To Mr. James from Kevin Null

Enjoyed the information on the Theuermann Patent dropping holsters in the Jan 06 issue. Obviously a lot of time was spent on research and collecting of examples. I collect the 1922 FN pistols, but only have a few limited examples of holsters as they are not my focus. However, I do have an AKah marked and an unmarked example of the dropping holster. My question are, how do you tell the leather from ersatz and did all of the manufactures stitch an extra small square of leather inside of the holster behind the magazine pouch? The square of leather rides against the top of the slide, just forward of the rear sight. As I have seen quite a few pistols with a wear pattern caused by this square, it must have been quite common. However, I've seen some virtually new holsters that were marked as originals that did not have this square of leather. I've not questioned the sellers as they were more than I was willing to pay, even if original, so do not have an example. However, it appears that you do have or have access to may manufactures examples that could provide an answer to my questions.

From: Charles Wagner

Luftwaffe marked Hi-Powers and Accessories

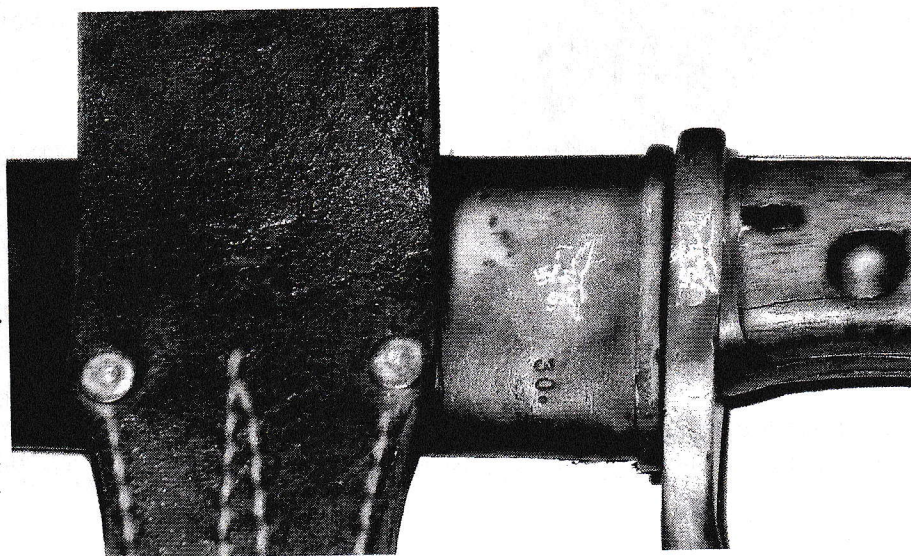
When the Germans occupied Belgium and the F. N. plant, they took over and used all competed pistols in the factory. In addition, the Germans acquired all the weapons in the possession of the Belgian military in depots, etc.. Most of these acquired Hi-Power were not marked with German proofs as the German military accepted the Belgian commercial proofs as sufficient as to quality.

The Kriegsmarine acquired some of the pistols as a German navy marked breakaway Hi-Power holster, coded "clg 4" is known to exist and has been authenticated to have legitimate German Navy markings. However, **no** pistols themselves have ever been observed with **legitimate** Eagle/M navy proofs.

Other Hi-Powers were inspected by the military inspectors and marked with the German military acceptance stamp which was Eagle/WaA 613 and issued to the German military.

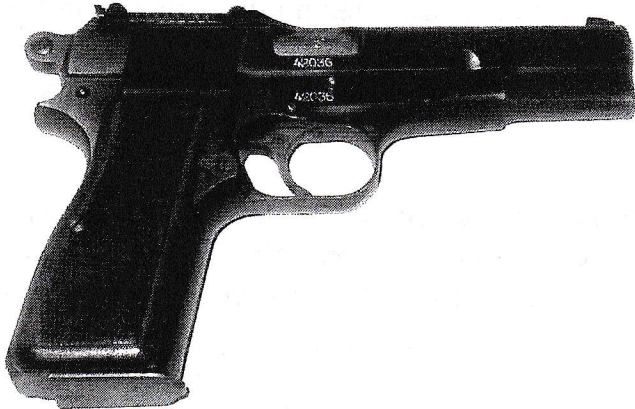
A few Hi-Powers were marked with the Luftwaffe Eagle and "L.S". This marking is found on the front of grip, near the bottom. It is a **large Eagle with Swastika --- with "L." on left and "S" on right**. Naturally the Luftwaffe eagle is well known. Less well known is the "L." "S."

The Luftwaffe Eagle and "L.S" has been found on bayonets, scabbards, and bayonet frogs. This has been documented to represent "Luftwaffe Schule" which, in English, is Luftwaffe School or pilot school. References to the identity of the markings on the bayonets, scabbards, and bayonet frogs can be found at pages 43, 69, and 237 of the "Steittengewehr: History of the German Bayonet 1919-1945" by

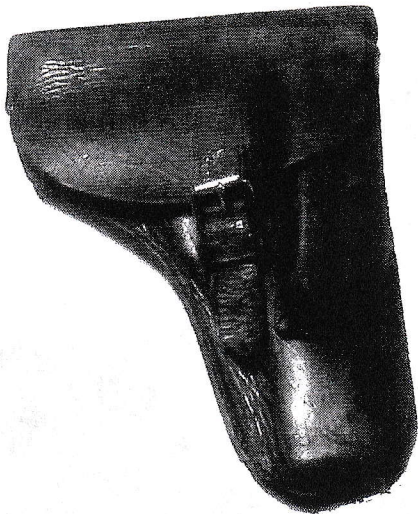


George T. Wheeler. A similar marking appears on the Hi-Powers.

The Hi-Powers which were marked with the Luftwaffe Eagle and "L.S" are found in the 42 thousand serial number range. A serial number spread of approximately 100 numbers has been observed. These Hi-Powers have all of the normal and usual Belgian military markings, namely: "C" in a



square and small crown "AC" & "GC", with the addition of the Luftwaffe Eagle and "L.S" on the front of the grip strap.



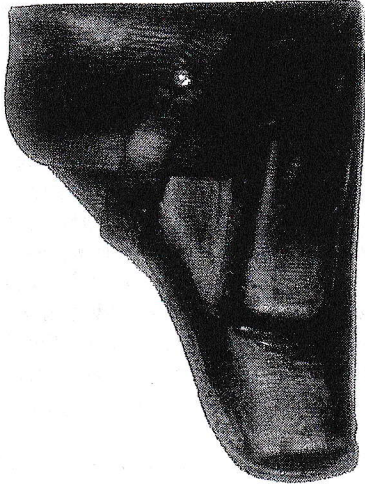
In addition, there are also a very few Hi-Power holsters that are marked with the rare Luftwaffe Eagle/"L S." These holsters also were for the "Luftwaffe Schule." These markings are ink stamped on the inside of the flap. This marking is similar to the marking found on the few Hi-Power pistols that have the Luftwaffe Eagle/"L.S." marking on the front grip strap.

There are two versions of the Eagle/"L

S"marked holster known. One version has a roller buckle, similar to that found on Luger holsters. On



the inside of the flap, it is stamped with a large/thick “L.S.”, separated by an eagle, with uplifted wings holding a swastika.



The other version has a pull strap. On the inside of its flap, it is stamped with a smaller “L.S.”, separated by an eagle, with uplifted wings holding a swastika. This marking is in a box, similar to the box used on the German manufactured Radom holsters.

In view of the fact that there are two versions of the Luftwaffe marked holster, it is believed that the Hi-Power was acquired by two of the schools, each of which designed and adopted their own holster type.

It should be noted that these holsters differ from the breakaway style holster adopted by the German military in the latter part of 1941. This fact would place their date of manufacture in the latter part of 1940 and/or the early part of 1941, before the breakaway type holster was standardized.

Considering the observed serial numbers are within 100 numbers of each other it is likely that the Luftwaffe Eagle/”L.S.” marked Hi-Powers were in a very limited number, perhaps 200 to 300 Hi-Powers at most. Likewise, the fact that the three known examples (in the 42 thousand serial number range, two of which are only a few numbers apart) have all of the Belgian commercial and Belgian military markings, it is likely that these Powers had not yet been issued to the individuals of the Belgian military and were part of the existing inventory in the accepting depot at the time the Germans occupied Belgium.

Czechoslovak Duo and "Z" Marking Variations: Descriptions And Data Request

Jim Brown

The Czech Duo pistol originated as a 6.35 mm straight-blowback design introduced by František Dušek in late 1937 or early 1938. Dušek had operated a small arms manufacturing business since 1904 and began importing small .25 caliber pistols from Spain in 1926, using the trade names "Singer and "Ydeal." In 1936 he began work on a Browning-type pistol without grip safety, which went into production about a year later; the design is simple, but very well executed. The name *Duo* was derived from the first two letters of the name *Dušek* and the first letter of *Opočno*, the city where his factory was located. His early domestic pistols were marked "Singer" or "Ideal," and early pistols intended for sale in Germany were marked "Jaga." Pistols marked with the name of his German sales agent, Ebler, have also been reported.

Like other Czechoslovak pistols, Duos were given two-digit production dates, stamped either to the right of or immediately below the slide proof mark. A continuing evolution of the pistol's markings and external features that make it unusually interesting as a collectible firearm. As noted above, it first appeared under trade names other than *Duo*; these "pre-Duo" Dušek pistols may be considered to fall within a "**zero marking variation**," given this label both because they do not carry the *Duo* name and because the limited number of surviving specimens makes it virtually impossible to establish a clear pattern of occurrence among these early variants. As examples, serial number 1004, made in 1938, carries the slide legend

AUTOMATICKÁ PISTOLE RÁŽE 6'35
„IDEAL”

along with the Nazi control number 2558 stamped above the caliber. Serial number 6367, made in 1940, carries the slide legend

AUTOMAT PISTOLE » JAGA « 6'35

with the Nazi control number 1511 stamped above the caliber. By late 1940 or early 1941, however, the *Duo* name had become standardized, and pistols were marked on the left side of the slide with the legend:

AUTOMAT PISTOLE „DUO” CAL 6 35
F. DUŠEK OPOČNO

The serial number was stamped on the left side of the receiver (as with earlier pistols); this can be considered the **first standard marking variation**. Pistols produced specifically for the German military carry an "aek" factory code and have Nazi control numbers stamped on the left side of the slide, but large numbers of standard commercial Duos saw service in the German military through private procurement.

During 1941, German officials changed the spelling of the city of manufacture in the legend to its German equivalent, *Opotschno*. This produced the **second marking variation**, which retained the serial number on the left side of the receiver:

AUTOMAT PISTOLE „DUO” CAL 6.35
F. DUŠEK OPOTSCHNO

By early 1942 the serial number was moved from the left side of the receiver to the right side of the slide, without changes to the slide legend, producing the **third marking variation**. (The last three serial digits are stamped on the inner face of the receiver on the left side of the magazine well in this and subsequent variations.) This remained standard until the end of the Second World War. However, during late 1944 or early 1945, the number of grooves on the slide gripping surface was changed from the original 14 to 12, producing two sub-variants within the third marking variation.

After the close of World War II, the slide legend was changed to return the spelling of the factory location to *Opočno*, a more accurate Czech presentation. This produced the **fourth marking variation**:

AUTOMAT. PISTOLE „DUO” CAL 6.35
F. DUŠEK OPOČNO

While similar to the first variation, fourth variation pistols have the serial number on the right side of the slide rather than the left side of the receiver. Probably at the same time that the fourth variation was introduced, the gripping surface at the rear of the slide was changed from twelve V-shaped grooves to nine larger, square grooves, which remained standard for the remainder of production.

Soon after this, text was also added indicating the pistol's national origin, producing the slide legend:

AUTOMAT PISTOLE „DUO” CAL 6.35
F. DUŠEK OPOČNO MADE IN
 CZECHOSLOVAKIA

This is the fifth marking variation.

After the 1948 Communist takeover of Czechoslovakia, the factory at Opočno was nationalized, and production authority over the Dusek design was transferred to Česka Zbrojovka (although manufacture continued in the same factory). Initially, the slide legend used the ČZ trademark and dropped the name of the city where the factory was located:

ČZ AUT. PISTOLE "DUO" R. 6.35 mm
MADE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

This is the sixth marking variation, the last to carry the DUO name.

In 1950, production authority was transferred to Zbrojovka Brno, the name “*Duo*” was changed to “*Z*,” the Zbrojovka Brno trademark, and the ČZ identification was dropped. The logo molded into the grip panels was changed from the encircled name *DUO* to an encircled *Z* surrounded by a spiral representing barrel rifling. The revised slide markings reflect the change in nomenclature and manufacturer:

Z AUT. PISTOLE R. 6.35 mm
MADE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

This is the seventh marking variation. Early pistols of this variation have safety levers with coined concentric circle gripping surfaces, replacing the square checkering used on earlier pistols, but this modification evidently proved unsatisfactory and the design had reverted to checkering by 1951.

The original Duo serialization was continued in sequence in the “*Z*.” By 1956, the slide legend had been changed to read:

AUT. PISTOLE " Z " R. 6.35 mm
MADE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

This is the eighth marking variation.

In the early 1960s, production of the “*Z*” was transferred from Zbrojovka Brno to the Česka Zbrojovka subsidiary at Uhersky Brod. At this time, the slide legend was again altered slightly, this time to:

AUT. PISTOLE " Z " R. 6.³⁵ mm
MADE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

This is the ninth marking variation. (Note the subtle differences in the quotation marks and caliber designation.) Soon after this change (and probably beginning with serial number 250,001), a “*B*” prefix was added to the serial number.

In the United States, size limitations imposed by the 1968 Gun Control Act prohibited further importation of the “*Z*.” However, in 1970 the pistol was given a minor cosmetic face-lift and its designation was again changed, this time to Model 70. Because of import restrictions, this revised model is not available for study by U.S. collectors. However, its markings would produce a **tenth marking variation.**

Although the number of records on which this summary is based is very limited, the *approximate* number and range of the marking variations appears to be as follows:

<u>Variation</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Serial Range</u>	<u>Estimated Number</u>
0	1938-40	1-9,000	9,000
1	1940-41	9,000-15,000	6,000
2	1941-42	15,000-30,000	15,000
3	1942-45	30,000-135,000	105,000
4	1946-48	135,000-160,000	25,000
5	1948	160,000-163,000	3,000
6	1948-50	163,000-183,000	20,000
7	1950-55	183,000-240,000	57,000
8	1955-60	240,000-250,000	10,000
9	1961-70	B250,000-B300,000	50,000
10	1970-?	Unknown	Unknown

In order to more accurately define the ranges of occurrence of these variants, I need more data, as in some cases I am attempting to define a variation's range based on only two or three observations. If you have one of more *Duo* or *Z* pistols in your collection, I would greatly appreciate it if you would send me the serial number (with the last two digits x-ed out if your wish), the production date, and the marking variation into which it falls. If you have one of these pistols with different markings from those described, or if you have a Model 70, I would greatly appreciate a photo showing these markings. I would also be interested in data on any pistol of this type chambered for the .22 Short cartridge rather than 6.35 mm Browning.

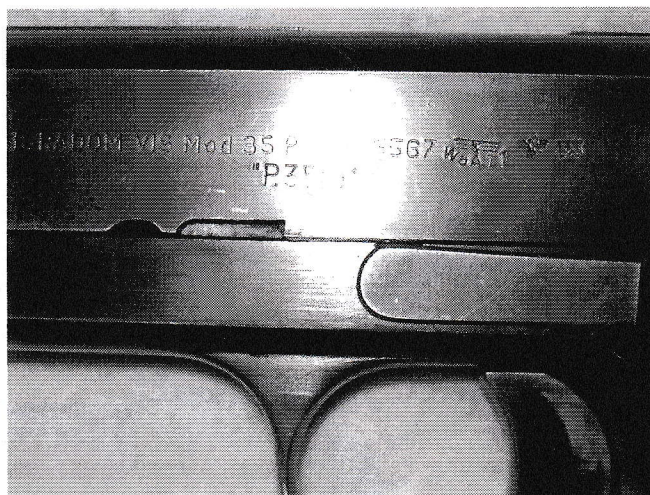
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TO: RENE DUQUESNE

FROM: ROSCOE BLUE

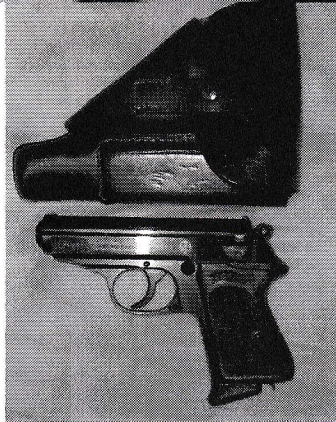
Back in June of 2005 I submitted a photo of an early Radom I picked up— serial # 227. For a belated answer to your response in the August 2005 issue... Yes the pistol is E/623 stamped but there is only one WaA77. Sorry about the slow response.



TO: THE MEMBERSHIP

FROM: ROSCOE BLUE

Recently picked up Wather PPK "RZM" serial # 289132k, with E/N proofs. This pistol also came with capture/bring back paperwork.



CERTIFICATE

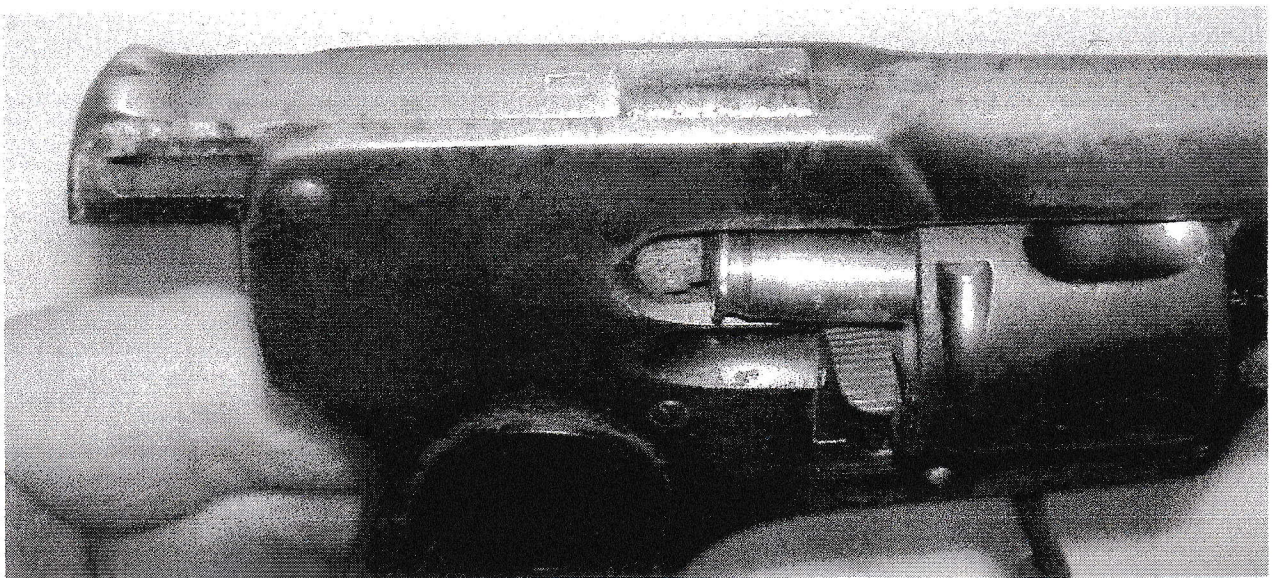
21 May 1946

1. I certify that I have personally examined the items of captured enemy equipment in the possession of Lt. Paul A. Freeman, and that the bearer is officially authorized by the Theater Commander, under the provisions of Sec VI, Cir 155, WD, 28 May 1945, to retain as his personal property the articles listed in Par 3, below.
2. I further certify that if such items are to be mailed to the U.S., they do not include any items prohibited by Sec VI, Cir 155, WD, 28 May, 1945.
3. The item referred to is one (1) German Walther Pistol, cal 7.65
No. 289132K.

Jack O'Neill
JACK O'NEILL,
Capt. CMP,
Provost Marshal, LAO, APO 415.



FROM J. C. KEMPF: Sure that some of you Guys are always expecting how the translation was made between revolvers and automatic pistols. Hereby are some photos of a little beast, found the past week, which can give the exact answer to this question. In the 1914 book of Manufrance, an advertisement represents a 'Revolver à 5 coups à éjection automatique' or if you prefer : 'a five ctldges revolver with automatic ejection (of the fired cases)'. Central percussion, without hammer, rifled bore, .25 cal., cylinder removable by hand, concealed trigger. After each bullet fired, the case is automatically ejected by a very simple mechanism which uses the recoil strength. After having fired the 5 shots, the cylinder is empty, immediately ready for reloading. As one says that a good design is better than a long explanation, please have a look at the photos enclosed. It must be said that this Auto Revolver, bearing the sn # 2657 on the grip bottom, tries to look as the new Browning 1900 auto pistol. All the advantages of the revolver, without having the security problems of the auto pistols...





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Belgian Officers and their Pistols in Period Photographs

It is relatively easy to locate a period photograph from either World War where German officers or soldiers are showing their side-arms. Not so fortunate are those who collect Belgian Brownings and are looking for period photographs. One can literally go through thousands of period Belgian photographs and never see a single picture of a pistol or even a holster.

A few years ago I started to wonder if there was not much more to it. It could not just be coincidence. I found out there were strict guidelines imposed on when a holster could be worn and when a pistol should be used. The Belgian military maintained an archaic 19th century view on pistols. Pistols were considered, quote, "vulgar". The proper weapon for an officer was the sword or saber and the saber was the proper weapon to display during ceremonies but also in photographs. Much to my surprise, there were even guidelines about how an officer should present himself for a portrait photograph.

Holsters could only be worn on maneuvers or in time of war. Pistols were only allowed to be drawn out of a holster for self-defense or to lead an assault.

Prewar Belgian photographs of commissioned officers holding pistols are extremely rare, almost non-existent. One such photograph is in the Belgian military archives and taken circa 1929 showing young officers holding three 1910 pistols during maneuvers. I do not hold the rights to it so I can't reproduce it.

The only chance of finding a photograph of an officer with a holster is limited to press photographs taken during maneuvers or German WWII photographs of Belgian POWs.

Photographs of pistols and holsters can rarely be seen with servicemen who did not share the strict guidelines. Tank crews and machine-gunners were part of the few servicemen who carried pistols and were not bound to the strict regulations. These photographs however are also ultra rare.

Photographs of soldiers holding (Belgian) Mausers are on the other hand quite easily found. Most photographs date from before or after WWI. Most of the photographs were taken in the 1920s but very few are encountered in the 1930s, which makes me believe that further restrictive regulations were implemented in the 1930s.

These period restrictions have made any revealing photograph precious. As such is the photograph of the Free Belgian air man showing both the individual prewar HP holster together with the combo-holster both on his belt while also holding a Thompson SMG (*Belgian Browning Pistols* p.174, photograph taken in England during WWII) and the photograph of the captured Belgian officer showing both the individual prewar holster and double magazine pouch (*Holsters and Shoulder-stocks of the World* p.82, photograph taken by German photographer).

Although this is a difficult subject to research, I have now gathered photographic evidence of all the pre-WWII Belgian holsters and will show more of these period photographs in the second and expanded edition of the *Holsters and Shoulder-Stocks* book.

WANTED

Information on Mauser C96s with British associations: retailer marks, unit markings, individuals, serial numbers, special accessories, etc. I'm collecting info for an article and display. Rick Engel, phone 402-493-1650, Email: rickeengel@excite.com

MAY WISH TO PURCHASE SUCH PIECES FOR MY COLLECTION.

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FROM JOHN JAMES: It appears that our infamous slug in Pennsylvania is doing his handy work once again but with a more devilish twist being applied. This time the target are Walthers and is working through a strawman, also from Pennsylvania. The strawman is procuring legitimate 99 to 100% conditioned commercial Walthers recently imported from Europe but only within or near established serial number ranges of collector variations. So far so good, but when the strawman acquires these weapons, he immediately deposes of them to the slug who puts on embellishments that Walther collectors are eagerly seeking today. As an example, a 100% commercial 7.65mm Walther PP, serial 166932P, was recently imported and sold to this strawman who in turn then gave it to the "slug" to apply his eagle 359 to the frame and to the tang which it suddenly acquired its property to become the 1st military variation. The strawman took it to the Allentown Gun Show and sold it in the aisle for \$4250. A check between the current buyer and the importer revealed that the serial numbers of the imported gun and the 1st issue military Walther PP were one and the same. This is not the only gun, which has been purchased by this strawman from the importer. A Walther PP in 22lr was also bought along with a number of selected near 100% examples of Walther PP's in 7.65mm. Can a Walther PP, 22 caliber SA gripped marked gun be far off?!? Why do you say that this can happen? Because, the "slug" has now done his homework and will only buy guns in or near established serial ranges of selected collector weapons AND he has acquired a NEAR PERFECT WAFFENAMT STAMP that only a long time keen-eyed Walther collector would be able to suspect and/or detect any deception. In fact, in this case it was only because we could check the serial number of this gun with the importer do we really know that it was a fake as it is that good of a stamp. For you high rollers out there who insist in having only the very best Walther that money can buy, take a breath, relax, and think of all the possibilities that it could be or not be before the bankroll is reduced. **FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED**

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T94 rig, 19.6 date, Last ditch model w/smooth wood grips, correct series magazine but not matching, Brown holster, SN# 557xx, Condition 95 + %, \$700
REMINGTON 513-T, US property w/original military blue finish, 22lr w/correct sights, made May of 1943, One magazine, Condition 98%, \$400
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MAGAZINE, P-38v, E/135 on spine, Condition 95%, \$90
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DWM Luger, crown/N, nice even rust blue finish, \$600; ac44 P38, #8055, 98%, \$650. Lloyd Hahn 636-946-9567

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- # 09909, East German Eagle and Crown N proofed (See Dieter Marschall's
Walther Pistols Models 1 through P99, p. 115) This one has FAKE
"ac" and "Zella Mehlis, Germany" on left side of slide, 98-99% \$350.00
#10993, same proof marks as above, but no fake "ac", etc. marks, 98-99% ... \$350.00

Walther PP:

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99% except front sight has been filed down a little..... \$400.00
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above, p. 35) slide appears refinished, frame is 98-99% \$395.00
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x-ed out, replacement rubber grips, 98-99% \$200.00
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marked contoured grips for right hand shooter, ByP" on frame
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 INGLIS BROWNING No.2 MK*sn5T34xx, high rear sight, Matching w/holster..... \$ 1175
 LUGER 1924 SWISS BERN, sn163xx, 99%, Matching, w/ orign exc holster \$ 3175
 LUGER 1929 SWISS CROSS & SHIELD sn585xx, 99%, Matching w/holster.....\$ 2875
 MAKAROV PM snBN73xx-1981, Tula facory Russian military, 98%, Matching, w/match
 mag, spare mag & holster (Granada bring back).....\$ 875
 MAKAROV PM snAPO4xx-1976, Tula factory Russian Military, 98% Matching, w/match
 mag, spare mag & holster (Granada bring back) \$ 850
 MAKAROV T59 sn40433xx, 1962 Mukden Arsenal ChiCom Police, Matching, w/match
 mag, match spare mag & holster.....\$ 850
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From: John L. English
180 Dillard Drive
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

January 10, 2006

To: NAPCA
Box 15738
Tower Grove Station
St. Louis, Missouri 63163

Mr. Tom Knox

Dear Sir;

I am a member of NAPCA.

I also belong to the Atlanta Arms Collectors group, which I call the "old farts collectors assn"


We are joining the Southeastern Antique Arms Collectors Association in a Show as described in the enclosed brochure. This show is usually very well attended locally as well as nationally and I would appreciate it if you could mention the show in your next issue of Auto Mag.

The show is February 17th set up, 18th 9AM to 5PM, 19th 9AM to 1PM. Contact Doug Eberhart at 770 664-5015 for information and table reservations. Location of the show is the Marietta (Georgia) Civic Center which is in the NW section of the greater Atlanta area.

Many of our members in the Atlanta area are also members of NAPCA and attended the Southeastern Show in Chattanooga. We are trying to attract new members and need growth in numbers to do so.

If you can help us it would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

John L. English

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THE SOUTHEASTERN ANTIQUE ARMS
COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION
ANNOUNCES ITS

ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE ARMS SHOW

FEATURING WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT THROUGH WORLD WAR II (1945)

FEBRUARY 18-19, 2006

Cobb County Civic Center
548 South Marietta Parkway (120 Loop)
MARIETTA (ATLANTA), GEORGIA

IMPORTANT NEWS!

- FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE SAACA'S HISTORY, the organization's show will be open to collectible weapons and equipment through World War II (1945)!
- CASH AWARDS FOR QUALITY DISPLAYS! \$500 cash for the best of show; \$300 for second place; \$200 for third place; and three \$100 judges' special display awards!
- ENJOY A COMPLIMENTARY COCKTAIL PARTY for table holders and SAACA members on Saturday evening from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the Wyndham Garden Hotel.
- DOUG EBERHART WILL SERVE AS SHOW CHAIRMAN! Give Doug a call at (770) 664-5015 if you have questions of any kind.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- All weapons and equipment of post-1945 manufacture and all non-related items including but not limited to reproductions, coins, minerals, commemoratives, jewelry (except for authentic, original Indian jewelry), machine guns, silencers and all other Class III weapons **are prohibited**.
- Items that glorify Nazism (heroic busts or pictures of Hitler, Goering, et al) **are prohibited** and the use of flags as table covers is **prohibited**. If it is not collectible and it wasn't manufactured in 1945 or earlier, **it will not be allowed**.
- **NO LOADED GUNS!** All detachable magazines must be removed. Nylon gun ties are required for ALL cartridge firearms.
- Set up for exhibitors and members ONLY: Friday, February 17, 4 PM to 8 PM ONLY. There will be NO access to the Civic Center prior to 4 PM on Friday.
- Show Hours -- Exhibitors: 8 AM to 5 PM Saturday; 8 AM to 2 PM Sunday
Public: 9 AM to 5 PM Saturday; 9 AM to 1 PM Sunday
- Table holders are expected to have their tables set up until 1 PM Sunday. Failure to do so may result in rejection of table applications for future shows. Exception: table holders with airline tickets for flights prior to 1 PM.
- Admission (general public): \$6 for one day; \$10 for two days.
- This is a no-smoking show by order of the Marietta Fire Marshall.
- Easy loading and unloading and ample free parking.

FOR TABLE RESERVATIONS, COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM BELOW WITH PAYMENT IN FULL. BADGES WILL ACCOMPANY YOUR CONFIRMATION (ADDITIONAL BADGES OR REPLACEMENTS FOR LOST BADGES WILL BE \$20 EACH AT THE DOOR).

Name _____
Address _____
City, State & Zip _____
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Number of 8' tables required: _____ Trade @ \$85 _____ Display ONLY @ \$40

My table(s) will include the following types of merchandise:

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Doug Eberhart, P.O. Box 1104, Alpharetta, GA 30009*