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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS AND OLD FRIENDS

Grodwohl Marcel - Switzerland

EDITOR'S NOTE: From time to time, certain member's issues start bouncing back to the Post Office Box. Most of the time these are marked UNDELIVERABLE or MOVED - LEFT NO FORWARDING ADDRESS. I have accumulated a few lost members - if any of you know them, please have them contact me with their correct address:

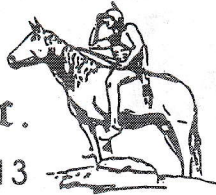
Ronald C. Dahlquist  
John M. Gillespie  
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Donald G. Thomas  
Ronald C. Zuber

SUBMISSIONS: Just so everyone knows, I have advanced far enough into the 21<sup>st</sup> century to accept E-mail submissions. Times have changed, and with it letter writing is virtually a thing of the past. So, you have no excuse not to send in material, whether it be one line or multiple pages:

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N.A.P.C.A.  
C/O Tom Knox  
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Dear N.A.P.C.A. Members;

On behalf of Missouri Valley Arms Collectors Association we are again honored to host the National Automatic Pistol Collectors Association while they attend the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas City National Winter Arms Show to be held on January 13, 14, 2007 at the KCI Expo.

To those new members who have recently joined N.A.P.C.A., this is a 868 table premier quality collector show. You will see some of the finest weapons displayed or sold anywhere in the nation.

Come and enjoy the fellowship of fellow collectors and participate in a great weekend.

If there is an interest in having a banquet or get-together, I can arrange it but I need to know the feeling of the membership. Last year, we did have one BUT it did have a small turn out. In years past there have been up to maybe 70 or so members & guests attend IF that is what is wanted. The banquet cost would be \$24.00 per person. The banquet could start after the closing of the show at 5:00 PM (down the hall to the left of the entrance) with cocktails & dinner at 6:00PM IF there is enough interest. As in the past you can send in a Banquet reservation when you send in your table reservation or if not having a table but attending you are still welcome to attend since you are a member of N. A. P. A.C. A.. Banquet reservations will also be available up until 12:00 PM, Saturday, January 14, 2007 but at that time I will have to tell the caterer how many people to plan on.

**PLEASE HELP ME BY LETTING ME KNOW YOUR OPION.**  
**BANQUET AT THE GUN SHOW OR NOT.**

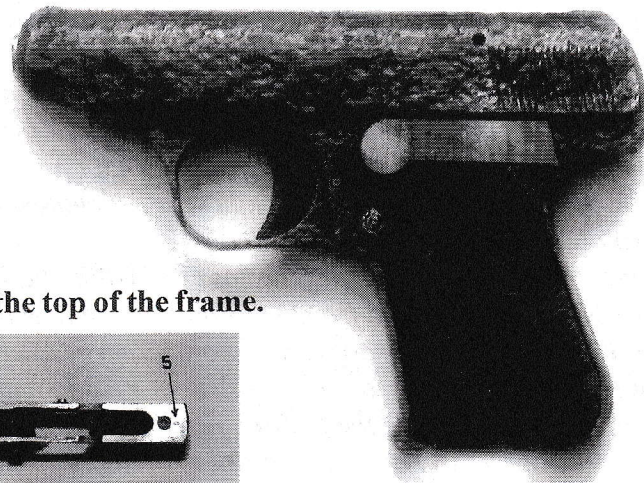
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Sincerely,

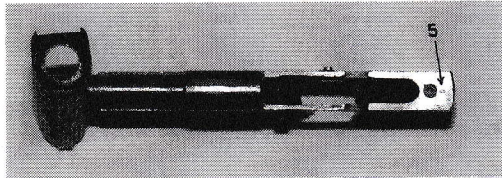
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Samuel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chuck Samuel  
MVACA Show Director

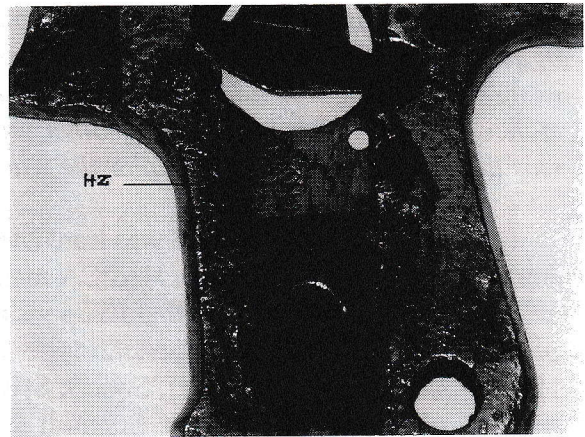
This is a totally unknown Sauer automatic pistol that was "unearthed" in Poland several months ago. Artist composed grips have been placed on it. It is serial number 5 and is in 6,35mm caliber.



Serial number 5 on the top of the frame.



Right side view showing magazine release spring on the right side of the frame.



Chief engineer, Hans Zehner, initials are shown.



Exploded view of this very unusual prototype Sauer pistol. Note the dual spring-loaded slide release buttons located at the top rear portion of the frame. This is not a double-action pistol. As far as can be determined, this pistol never went into production.

Martin Krause photos, Germany©

Proof house info: **The Suhl Proof House was to be eliminated!**

*There were plans in 1944 to eliminate the Proof House in Suhl. Guns made after 1944 were to be proof fired at Zella-Mehlis. Due to the chaotic action taking place at that time and lasting until the end of the war, was the reason leading to the further usage of the Suhl Proof House. Even during this time Zella-Mehlis was leading in the production of firearms manufacturing. Only massive marketing after 1945, and the emphasis on the city of Suhl, resulted in the imaginative view that Suhl was the center of arms production and the leader in Germany and Europe.*

*The government proof house in Knallhött (close to Mehlis) had been used until 1942. In the same year it was to be moved from Knallhött to the new location above the primary train station. It was renamed, Proof House Böhmerberg. After 1945 a company named Meess, used it for a short time, and later the firm of VEB (communist controlled manufacturer) Holzverarbeitung utilized the facility. After the fall of East Germany it became the firm of Central-Möbel (furniture). A metal manufacturing company had been established in the old original proof house in Knallhött.*

*Today the street that the new proof house, Böhmerberg, was located on is named Dörnbach-Strasse. The move was to take place in 1942, as noted above, and the proofing of guns made in Suhl was to be integrated into the new proof house. However the newly designed building was never completed as a proofing facility due to WWII circumstances. After 1945 it was used for other tasks. The arms manufacturing at Zella-Mehlis was liquidated almost entirely after the war.*

The information above was translated from original Zella-Mehlis Proof House source info by Dietrich Jönke, NAPCA member from Germany. However I would like to call your attention to the fact that weapons manufacturers of Suhl were involved in the production of **machineguns** (aircraft type – Krieghoff, MP40s and MG34 & 42 - Haenel), **K98k rifles** (Gustloff, Sauer), **StG / MP 44/45** (Haenel and later Sauer), **small parts** (Greifelt, Merkel, Rempt, Schmidt & Hebermann, and Funk), **pistols** (Sauer).

This is not to take away from the quantities of weapons, parts, scope mounts, etc. which flowed out of Zella-Mehlis for military consumption. One thing that fascinated me the first time I visited Zella-Mehlis was the size of the railroad facilities. The old original train station is still there that was utilized during the war. Suhl's train station and facilities were nearly as large, but there was also a large train-yard at Suhl-Heinrich where Krieghoff and BSW/Gustloff were located immediately south of Suhl.

I believe the original information, translated by Dietrich, is a little more proof, if you please, of the known jealousies between Suhl and Zella-Mehlis that existed for many, many years, and is documented in other sources. To show you how confusing it was, and probably still is, when Nico VanGijn (another NAPCA member) and I were shown where the Proof house in Zella-Mehlis was located, we were told it was the "new" one and it had been torn down soon after the war was over! Actually it was the old original location. Oh well, who cares? Just a few of us who like to 'tie' the history in with our pistols and rifles. Lastly, why was the Suhl Proof House to be closed? I wish I knew.

(Jim Cate)

From Anthony Vanderlinden

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**To: FN Browning Collectors**

**Re: New FN Browning Pistols Book**

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The new book, *FN Browning Pistols, Side-arms that Shaped World History*, is slightly behind schedule. I had hoped to get it completed and printed by Christmas, but due to the increasing amount of research it appears that the book will not be printed until February 2007.

This new book covers all models, including the .25 caliber pistols and the Browning Arms Company pistols. It includes new photography on all the John Browning pistol prototypes with new interesting facts and conclusions.

Overall the book is much more elaborate and detailed than its predecessor. It heavily emphasizes wartime pistols, including variants that have never been documented. This book is based on factory records and documentation. It details more of the inner workings of FN, its distribution network and manufacturing habits. Further it tackles the many misconceptions that are prevalent in the U.S. collector community.

I have not tallied up how many contract variations are included but it will eclipse what was found in *the Belgian Browning Pistols*.

I will keep NAPCA members informed of when the book will be completed. Thank you to all the members who have helped with this work!

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**To: Frank Owen & FN Collectors**

**Re: FN Browning 1900 pistols in .380 caliber**

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I must have missed your initial question on the Archduke's assassination caliber. I received a good share of criticism from collectors after publishing *The Belgian Browning Pistol*. At the time I opted not to determine which pistol had been used in the assassination as I had little evidence and little more than conflicting information. I had written the Austrian museum on numerous occasions and had never received the courtesy of a reply. That was almost 10 years ago.

I was determined to get at the bottom of this for the new book I am currently working on. Although many members had given me their opinion, I did not get much evidence, this however changed with the help of some Austrian collectors who put this issue at rest. It quickly became clear why these misconceptions exist.

The caliber was indeed .380 and the pistol was not the FN Browning 1900 as is often reported. There were no FN Browning 1900 pistols produced in .380. This bad information was first printed decades ago, in order to piece the assassination story together. Since then it has been copied over and over again without anybody ever doing any new research.

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**To: Chuck Wagner, Heikki Pohjolainen & FN Collectors**

**Re: Fake Finish Navy FN Browning HP Pistols**

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I have documented two High Power pistols with elaborate crests on the right side of the slide. I was offered one of these pistols in the middle to late 1990s. Although very well done, the crest appeared to be a complete fabrication. None of the Finish collectors or experts had seen the crest. One of the Finish museums concurred that this marking was fake. Recently one of the pistols resurfaced on the market and was sold with a postwar stock which also had the elaborate crest stamped on the leather.

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FROM JOHN PEARSON TO TOM KNOX: Please thank Tom Jr. and Matt for the donated time in doing the internet site. What surprised me is that you state our membership is at 600 - I thought that it was up around a 1,000. When were we last at that number, and what has been the last 5 year trend in terms of paid membership by year?

With respect to the auction of the Charles Dowler collection, I can add the following information (some of which is second hand). The relative (I believe a sister) contacted the Lolli Brothers livestock, exotic animal and firearms auction house to see if they were interested in handling the sale of the gun collection. I understand that Jim Lolli visited the house and noted that the guns had suffered lots of rust damage in the basement. He told the sister that they could handle the auction, and she said she would get back to them with a decision. Then, out of the blue, she brought the collection to the Lolli auction site in Macon, Missouri. Jim Lolli told me that she had gone to a Walmart and bought large plastic tubs, and then just dumped the guns into these tubs (no gun rugs!) and drove several hours by truck to deliver the collection to Lolli. Obviously this resulted in lots of dings, dents and scratches being added to the guns. Upon close inspection, Lolli discovered that there were several fully automatic broomhandle pistols included in the collection, and he contacted the sister to ask about the paperwork needed to be able to do the transfers of these guns. The sister apparently said she knew nothing about such paperwork, and asked Jim what would happen to these guns. Jim told her that without the paperwork he would have to turn these guns into the BATF, and supposedly she told him to go ahead and do that!

It was my understanding that the sister offered to sell all the guns to Lolli for \$40,000, but that they refused that offer as being too high. It was apparent when I spoke with Jim Lolli that he was not an expert in collector guns. For example, he did not know the difference between a Walther and a Mauser P.38. As a result, obviously Jim did not recognize the true potential value of the collection, otherwise he obviously would have paid the \$40,000. Keep in mind that this auction had no commission for the buyer, only for the seller. Among the collection was a genuine 1904 Navy Luger, which I was told sold for \$39,000. There were a few other guns that sold in the range of \$10,000, including a nice Model 6 Walther. When all the dust had cleared, I understand that the auction total was just short of \$700,000! Just imagine how surprised both Jim and the sister were when the auction was all over. As for the holsters being taken to the dump, that is what I also heard. At even \$10 each, 500 holsters would have brought the sister another \$5,000. As Tom warned, be sure your family knows what you have, and what to do with it!!

TO TOM PARSONS: Concerning the magazine bottom piece that came with your Walther PPK RZM model, I can make the following general comments. In around 1935, when Walther started producing the PPK in caliber .380 (9mm kurz), they introduced the bottom magazine release feature. As a result, the finger extension bottom piece design had to be notched at the rear to accommodate this bottom magazine release feature. Once Walther made this design change to the finger extension piece, all finger extensions made after that time all had this notch. Thus your magazine is not for a bottom release pistol unless there is no notch on the side of the case of your magazine needed for the push button magazine release (those are the only true "bottom magazine release magazines"). There are several different designs of the finger extension bottoms, with the first pattern for the PPK usually found without this rear notch, but even a few of these do have the rear notch. All of the later designs of the PPK finger extension bottom have the notch, so from that you can see that most PPK finger

extensions will be found with the notch. You did not mention the serial number of your gun so it is difficult to say what magazine variation is correct for your gun. The frosted blue banner only case started in the K serial range for the PPK, and earlier guns would have had a high polished banner only magazine case. The longer spring goes in a PP magazine, the shorter being for the PPK magazine.

TO MARK CASTEL: I read with interest your article on P.38 grip production and I have a few comments and questions. At the beginning you state that Mauser and Walther P.38s "used the same outside grip manufacturers", but at the end you list Carl Walther as one of the makers of bakelite grips for the P.38 pistol. Please explain. Years ago I was told that the CeWe marking stood for Chemie Werke, a separate company. You state that the CeWe mark was a registered trademark of Carl Walther, so apparently it did not stand for Chemie Werke or was this a department within the Walther Company?

At the bottom of page 127 you state that commercial black checkered Walther grips around the 3000 serial number no longer have the "dished" indent (around the lanyard loop) but instead a rectangular one the same as military grips. I refer you to Buxton Vol III pages 160, 161 and 162 for such grips, but they are not a redesign but rather the rectangular area was milled out from the standard grip. I own the gun on page 162 (Model HP serial number 2959) and clearly a milling machine was used to modify the grip on this gun to "enlarge" the lanyard area of the grip. I once owned Zero Series pistol number 06726 and the left checkered grip was chocolate brown, not the normal black - yes, it was serial numbered to the gun just like the right black grip.

According to my research on Mauser P.38 production, sometime in the August/September 1944 timeframe the finish was changed from all blue to the mixed blue and phosphate finish (what we have come to call dual tone finish). From guns that I have recorded, the very first of these guns were still being fitted with the brownish woodchip grips. Shortly after the introduction of the dual tone finish, the Mauser P.38 pistols started to be fitted with the soft black ribbed grips. In the Police range these would first appear in the 4300 range. In the military production, these black grips would first appear in the b and c block of dual tone 1944 Mauser P.38 pistols (might be byf 44, AC/43 or AC/44 marked slides). Thus I do not agree that the soft black ribbed grips began in the "v" block of 1944 Mauser P.38 production. Black grips would appear on guns before the "b" block only if they were replacements installed in the field during the War, or were Post-War replacements.

TO DON HALLOCK: Who woke you up - and is it true that you dream about Banner Lugers? There was confusion in some of your serial numbers for the Swedish Kal. 7.65 Banners. I believe that the highest recorded is 7721w, not 7998w?? It is my personal opinion that Mauser did not reserve the remainder of the "w" block for Swedish orders, but rather they suspended the use of the "w" block for Banner production because on the assembly line they were at the same time producing Code 42 1939 dated military Luger pistols in the very same "w" serial range. This was probably the first time that Mauser encountered this problem of making both Banner Police guns and their military guns in the same serial letter block. I feel that after this suspension of the use of the "w" block for their Banner production, they indeed did go back and "use up" the unused portion of the "w" block for some unusual 1941 and 1942 commercial/contract Lugers. I have no explanation for the unusual "Banner Military" Lugers at the start of the "x" serial block.

From Lew Kester; I have acquired a CZ 27, as shown on the top of page 60 of Jan Still's AXIS PISTOLS. It is numbered "U"3100. It is proofed the same as the one in the book, and appears to be unfired. The only information I have on it is what is written in AXIS PISTOLS. Does anyone have any additional information on these pistols?

\*Has anyone seen a Finnish marked artillery luger? Also, were the Finnish Lahtis issued with Luger shoulder stock?

To Vic Glogovac: In your request for information on Yugoslav M1922 markings and serial numbers. I own three standard Bojho marked examples. Serial numbers 16, which has had the crest ground off, number 25948, and 41689 which are pretty standard examples with the usual crest and acceptance mark at the back of the slide. I have an officer marked example number 239822 that is very standard. I also have a Yugoslavic crested contract that has a slightly larger crest (18.5 mm tall versus 15 mm on the Bojho) that has APKABHA IIOJINIINJA HNIII on the slide. I have been told translates to Government Police Nic.

In my observations of Yugoslavic marked 1922's, I have noted serial numbers from 16 to 68615 with standard or Bojho markings indicating that there was more than 60 thousand that everybody likes to claim. However, they could have been 60 thousand in the first contract as the higher numbered ones (66,028 – 67,703) that I have physically observed have an additional crown over K and crown over B on the left side of the trigger guard. I've also noted that the first 60 thousand will generally have a different serial number on the underside of the slide. However, it will consistently be the serial number plus 200,300 above the frame serial number. Hope this helps with your research.

To Membership: The last issue on homeless Luger mags has me wondering. Dutch marked FN 1922's had numbered mags. I have spare mags marked 5284 and 53892 that I can provide to the owner of those pistols if you can prove to me that you have the gun. I am also looking for mags numbered 1620, 9070, and 21587. Call me (Kevin Null) at (937) 462-7280

To: The Membership  
From: Joe Faughnan

Re: C-96 Broomhandle

Recently picked up a very nice wooden stock for my .30 cal, military proofed C-96. The pistol was made, based upon its serial number, in 1916. This stock is in very good condition, with the exception of a missing opening spring located on the inside of the cap. Stock iron is numbered, 871. Does anyone have an opening spring for this stock? Also need a lanyard ring for the pistol.

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203-933-4897



TO JOHN PEARSON FROM TOM KNOX: Indeed, it is a bit disconcerting that our membership is shrinking, as indeed it is. In our prime years, we were regularly touching the 1200 mark. Then, along came the "Day of the Forum". In case you haven't looked, there are forums out there that cover general German pistols, Mausers, Walthers, Steyrs, Lugers and on and on. AND ALL OF THESE FORUMS ARE FREE! I get at least one person a month wanting to join the NAPCA forum, but when they find out it is a membership situation, they never write back. If one looks on the various forums, one can pick out lots of fellows who USED TO BE members. I guess the answer is simple. AM tries to be all things to all collectors - we try to publish articles that cover a wide variety of subjects. To me, this is an ideal situation as I am interested in ALL types of pistols, and everything I can learn about whatever subject, makes me a better collector. I buy EVERY book that comes out on pistols, regardless of subject, because that too makes me a better collector. This is NOT the universal feeling. Many out there do not want to wade through material on items not in their collecting specialty - on the forums they get specifically what they want. Many out there do not want to wait thirty days for their next 'dose' - on the forums they get it instantaneously. Many out there do not care about the class and camaraderie that NAPCA represents - on the forums they can hide behind cute little names both extracting information and sniping at other collectors in complete anonymity. I don't know what this means for our future - we'll just have to see.

**Jim Cate, John Pearson, Tom Heller and all other Mauser Luger experts.**

I am doing some research on the 41-byf Lugers. Especially, those pistols that are found with the - n - letter suffix. My computer records indicate that many - n - block 41-byf pistols have been reported to me and are now recorded in the computer data base. Unfortunately, I have never actually observed or held even one - n - block 41-byf Lugers during my years as a P 08 collector.

My friend Frank Manders, who is very perceptive as far as Lugers and Luger magazines might be concerned, insists "there was no 41-byf Lugers with the letter - n - suffix during the entire - n - production block of 1941. According to Frank, the early - n - of 1941 was made up of 1940-42 pistols, the remainder of the - n - block is totally occupied by the newly created 41-42 Luger". In my opinion, there was a portion of the - n - block dedicated to the new 41-byf Lugers. His contention being that most collectors confused the - m or p - for an - n - when reporting the data on the Luger. I have found that the - p - is occasionally confused for an - r - . Anyway, as a result of this ongoing discussion, I have wagered a dinner with all the trimmings. My argument being the - n - block contained a quantity of 41-byf Lugers. Please check your 41-byf Lugers and give me a little help.

If you have one of these pistols or pictures or any - n - block 41-byf, I would really appreciate the information. If you own a - n - block 41-byf, some pictures of the pistol and especially the frame serial number and letter suffix would be fantastic.  
Thanks Don Hallock,

**LUGER COLLECTORS – DON HALLOCK:** If anyone happens to have a Kriegsmarine conversion kit number 1084a with property number N.250. I have the matching magazine.

**41-byf Lugers:** I am hunting for any 41-byf Lugers with an – n – letter suffix. The idea is to try to estimate how many 41-byf Lugers were mixed with the 41-42 Lugers in the – n – block after February of 1941. As we all know, the 1940-42 pistols and parts ran into the February of 1941 production due to the code change from 41 to byf. In my opinion the 41-42 was not a scheduled production pistol; it just seemed to happen when the 1940 parts were assembled with the new 41 two digit date receivers. Notice the early 41-42 pistols do not have a P 08 on the left frame panel. This is evidence of Mauser using 1940 frames and 42 code toggle trains with the new two digits 41 date receiver. Shortly after serial number 3200n + or – a few, the 1940 frames were exhausted and the new frames with the P 08 mark on the left frame panel appeared. The byf toggle wasn't available as yet, so Mauser continued to assemble these pistols with the 42 code toggle train. The question being, how many 41-byf Lugers are found during this – n – block production period? I need some help guys!!!

**1940-42 Luger magazines:** This is a quiz...How many of you can tell me exactly what magazine would be correct for any 1940-42 Luger pistol serial number prior to the – f – block of the 1940 production. Come on guys, let's hear what you would expect to see if you found any 1940-42 Luger with two matching magazines with no suffix a, b, c, d, e, or f suffix. For example, what's most correct for serial number 303, 4767, 7991, 2569a, 7469a, 1572b, 576c and 835d. The material is entirely too lengthy to send to AM so those with an interest will have to get the information from me. Remember I need the information on your "orphan" Luger magazines for the next magazine list. A fellow collector may have the pistol that matches one of those magazines you have stashed away.

**K-Date Luger magazines:** Last month I sent to AM a few pages of K-Date magazine information. This is information that became obvious to me after recording Luger magazine numbers for many years. I know there are a lot of K-Date pistols out there with matching magazines and a lot of loose K-date magazines laying around in your collections. I would like to improve these few pages of information with a lot more K-Date Luger and magazine serial number information. If you help me assemble the data, you will be helping all collectors. If everyone is aware of the changes in magazine configuration during the K-Date production period we can possibly prevent buying a K-Date with a funny magazine. Publishing this information to AM members will help to slow down the members of WaAUSA whose sole purpose is to enhance magazines for big bucks at your expense. If you don't think this is a problem, ask my friend Mr. KK. For example, can you describe the correct K-Date magazine for the following K-S/42 serial numbers? 455, 1390, 2450, 3500, 6700, 8100 or 345a? With your help we can improve my data and provide the information to everyone.  
[drh@oz.net](mailto:drh@oz.net) or AM Thanks

**41-42 Lugers beyond the – o – suffix letter:** The data that I have recorded through the years would indicate there were something over 14,000 41-42 Lugers assembled by Mauser during the n, o and later production blocks of early 1941. I am interested in any serial number data on 41-42 Lugers that you might have with a letter suffix of n, o and beyond.

**Luger Collecting:** During the "big show" I was a kid back in Minnesota. When the war ended and the vets were coming home I owned a "shoe shine stand" in one of the local pool halls. During the war, we went to the movie on Tuesday night for a nickel. Before the movie and the previews we were presented with a continuing serial, we couldn't wait until the following Tuesday to see what was going to happen next. Most of the - once a week serials - were war related and the Luger was always available. I decided at that time one of these things had to be mine. Too make a long story short, after the war one vet owed me a couple bucks for shoe shines "on the cuff". With a little method in my madness, I refused any more shoe shines until he paid up or he gave me his Luger until he paid me what he owed. He gave me his 41-byf and I became a happy camper. At the time I must have been all of thirteen years old. This was before kids were shooting up the schools and drive by assassinations for the fun of it. That Luger is long gone but, that's another great story for another day.

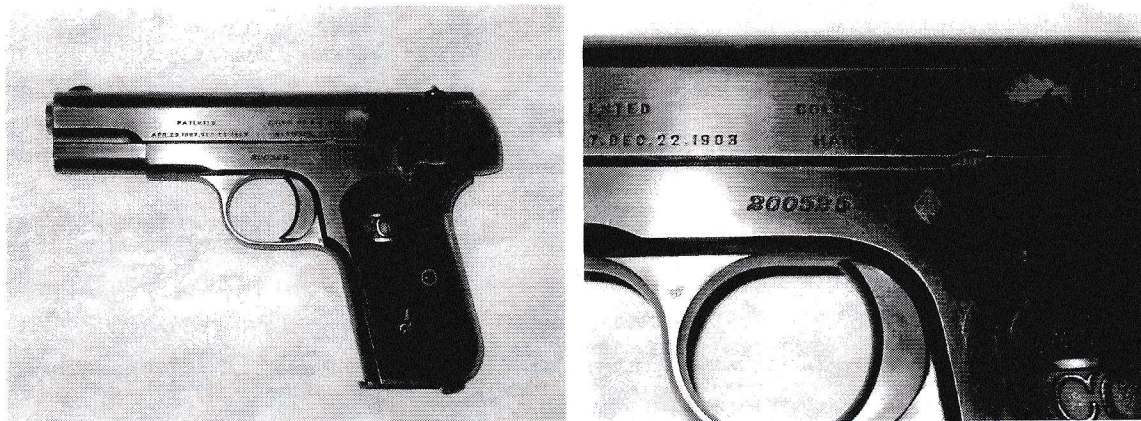
TO: The Membership and Colt Collectors.  
FROM: Dean Gizzi

RE: WW1 Belgian contract Colt 1903 Pistol.

First, I would like to thank Anthony Vanderlinden for his help with all my email questions. Without his help, this pistol may have slipped through my fingers!

I don't want to steal Anthony's information and post it here as my own, so I will provide just a little overview. I hope Anthony will find a few moments to add to this post.

During WW1 when Belgian forces were no longer able to receive FN pistols due to the occupation of the FN factory by German forces, they turned to Colt. Colt Model 1903 .32 caliber pistols were ordered to arm Belgian troops. These pistols were the fine Colt commercial blue with black synthetic grips. After the war, these pistols remained in service with Belgian forces probably up until to the WW2 German occupation. These Belgian contract Colts can be identified by a capital "A" in a Diamond located on the left side of the frame behind the serial number. This marking was added after the pistol was finished. According to Anthony, most of the pistols were refinished and the grips replaced with wooden ones. This pistol is in original finish with the original style grips! This pistol is a fine addition to my collection and I hope you find it as interesting as I do. Any other ones out there?



Pistol showing minor wear and the Belgian "A" Diamond proof just to the right of the serial number.

**Tom Knox and other Kriegsmarine Luger experts.**

Do you have any idea when the first - N - or - O - property numbers were placed on the Navy property? I have recorded many items with these property numbers and have assumed a guess of 1933. I would appreciate any of your ideas and opinions. Thanks Don Hallock

**To Dave Smith and Savage collectors from Steve Rettke and Bailey Brower:**

Regarding your discussion about Portuguese Savage contract pistols in the March 2006 edition of Auto Mag, we have a documented example. Enclosed is a factory letter for Savage pistol #166491 which is a Model 1907, .32 caliber, military version. This gun is pictured in Donald M. Simmons article, Gun Digest, 35<sup>th</sup> Edition, 1981, page 71.

Portugal contracted for 1,150 pistols and this gun was part of the main shipment to the Portuguese Director of Naval War Material ("Direccao Material Guerra de Marinha") on December 23, 1916. It is felt that this Director acted as an arsenal to distribute the guns to the Army and Navy. In the 1960's, Garden State Firearms in California reimported surplus Savage pistols from France and Portugal. It was felt that the Portuguese Coat of Arms grips were less desirable and would reduce the sale ability. These were removed and replaced with the "Savage Quality" grips, which this gun has. We estimate less than a handful of guns have the Portuguese Coat of Arms grips and have personally observed only 6 guns with these grips. This gun is presently a duplicate in the collection.

FROM STEVE CUTHERTSON: Here's a photograph of a .455 Commercial RHA Webley Automatic that didn't make it into my text. The serial is 93501 (1913). The pistol was supplied by W&S to the War Office for testing. It later was sold into private hands and ended up with the late Herb Woodend who allowed me to handle and photograph it. Only a dozen or so commercial pistols of this type were manufactured, and this is only the second one I have handled. I was amazed at the information and photographs I received of unusual Webley and H&R automatics after the publication of my text. Maybe its time for a revision.



To Tom Knox from Juerg Siegenthaler

Re: Importe de Belgique

I own a 1930 Bayard, .380, SN 40513 marked on the left slide: IMPORTE DE BELGIQUE. Finish is 100% dull blue.

To: McKinney, Siegenthaler, Kyriakakis, Lindsley, Hunter and Others

From: Wm. L. Morris

Ref. Intertwined BS on Ortgies pistols

I recently purchased a book from Joe Schroeder at the Louisville, KY show, titled *Handbook of Military Rifle Marks 1866-1950, Third Edition* by Richard A. Hoffman and Noel P. Schott.

On page 27 of this book, the intertwined BS marking is noted as follows: "Initials of the 'Bahnschuss', or Railway Police, on the receiver ring of a Gew 98 Weimar issue." The marking appears identical to that found on the slide of Ortgies 7.65m/m pistols around the 200,000 serial range. I understand most of the BS marked Ortgies are in well used condition, which could indicate some type of "official" usage. Any comments, anybody?

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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your letter and interest with regard to your Savage semi-automatic pistol.

The Savage factory records revealed that your Savage pistol with S/N 166491, was manufactured as a Model 1907 military version, in caliber .32 ACP. It was accepted from Savage's, Utica, NY factory on December 6, 1916. The date of shipment is recorded as December 23, 1916.

Your pistol was part of a large order of military style semi-automatics sent to the Portuguese Government. In the record book, the consignee is stamped "Direccao Material Guerra de Marinha". This agency served to purchase the Savage pistols for their government with supposed use by officers of both their Army and Navy.

These pistols were made unique from the commercial version by the addition of a lanyard loop and special grips that were marked with the crest of the Portuguese republic.

I hope this information is of help and interest to you.

Sincerely,

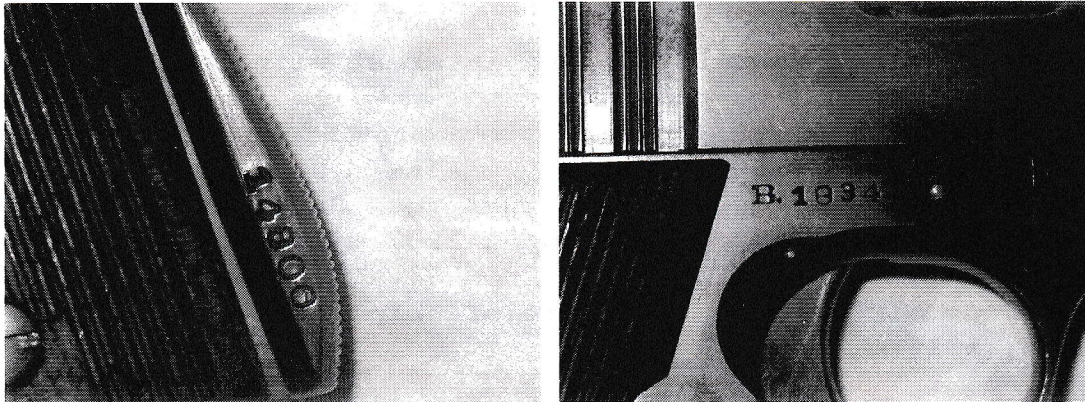
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TO: Membership  
FROM: Dean Gizzi

RE: "Veteran" Ballister-Molina

The British WW2 contract Ballister-Molina's are easy to spot. They have a "B" prefix contract number on the right side of the frame. The serial number of the pistol is on the left lower portion of the arched back strap.



The grips are grooved. The fit and finish of these contract pistols is excellent. I have read that these pistols were purchased for the SOE and a few are still in Europe.

Most that we see here in the US are marked with the British post 1954 commercial proofs. According to Robert Maze's *Howdah to High Power*, few commercial pistols were proved while in British service and the proofs were added when the pistols were sold surplus. This British contract Ballister-Molina pistol appears to be a true veteran. It is original finish and has no British commercial proofs. It shows slight holster wear.

Serial number 14306 and contract serial number B1834. A big thanks to the NAPCA member who helped me "procure" this pistol, it is a fine addition to any WW2 "purist" handgun collection!

Note the lack of commercial proofs.



FROM EUGENE COPPOLA: Although I have been a member for a very short period of time, I have already reaped benefits. In the September issue, I placed a want as. Roger Tremblay came to my aid to help me locate and acquire that particular pistol. I want to thank Tom Knox, the association and Roger - keep up the good work. (EN: And THAT is what NAPCA is all about!)

TO RON SMITH FROM GENE MEDLIN: First, I am happy to find another collector who is interested in the small Mausers. If you contact me (check the directory), perhaps we can exchange information. As to your specific question on the square toe 1914 mags with banner, I checked my ten M1914s. One of the ten has the square toe with banner - an early postwar commercial, #2878xx. Looks like your idea that it is an uncommon configuration may be correct. Of course, we need a lot more reports before any real conclusion can be made.

TO DON HALLOCK FROM TOM KNOX: If memory serves (it has been a while since this was my active field), and I'm sure John James will be the first to correct me, I believe I owned 1919 dated P08 holsters with both the M/anchor and a property number. In addition, I did have one complete 1914 Mauser rig, with both matched mags and matched holster (by property number). The holster was dated 1926. John may remember more.

- Most recent addition is a French LaBasque .32. It would seem that the LeBasque, like the Union and Unique, were made on both sides of the French-Spanish border. Serial is 1075 ( Jean Huon shows #3547 in his book). My French isn't all that great, but in looking at his text, I can't quite figure out where these were made, or by whom. The LeBasque is, basically, a Unique M17 although the grip is not as vertical, rather it cants to the rear a bit. If anyone has ANY information on these pistols, please let me know.
- TO JUERG SIEGENTHALER: many thanks for the report on the French commercial 1930 Bayard, but should you not have just sent it to me as your annual offering to your fearless leader?

TO HERMAN KAFURA FROM WALT WHITEMAN: I have a Luger type Z army mag with the concentric circle loading button. Five circles, center included, #3217 Ns, E/63, indicating it is for a late 1937 P08.

- TO VIC GLOGOVAC: I have a Yugoslav 1922, original and all matched. Standard "Army State" markings, #61262.
- TO ORV REICHERT: Purchased a P38, ac43, original and all matched. Serial #217f. It has the standard extra extractor cut and a humped frame. Do you consider this a bit early for the hump frame? What does your data base show?

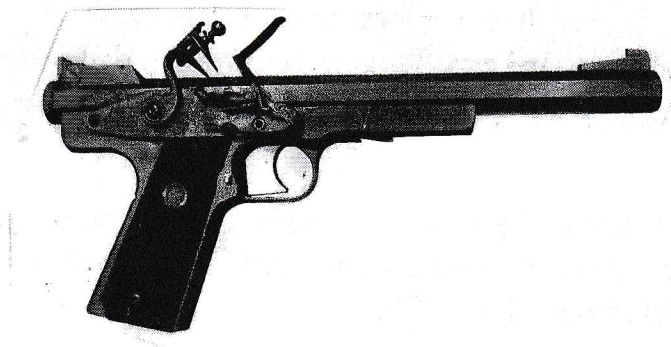
TO VIC GLOGOVAC FROM JOE LOPEZ: I have owned three Yugoslav M1922's and will share the serial numbers and markings with you. Email me at: jalrio@consolidated.net. (10/17/06)

FROM DICK McEVOY: I have two 1<sup>st</sup> issue guns, which may be of interest to Leo Lavallee, Tom Armstrong and other naval collectors. I've included the #s of their non-matching mags because they are relatively close to my gun serials, much closer than what is usually found in mis-matches. The implication is that, at one time, my guns and the guns represented by these mags, shared a common batch issue. As shown by the large serial gaps in known '06 navies, these surviving mags represent the ghosts of their original guns, now lost. This reasoning is speculative, but there is nothing else to go by given the fragmentary surviving records and apparently near random 'system' of unit markings re serial numbers (see Costanzo '77 and Armstrong, AUTO MAG, September '03). Furthermore, the question of how these magazines survived, but their guns didn't, will remain unanswered.

- 1) DWM, #438, 1<sup>st</sup> issue altered with c/M mag #518. Matched serials, 97%. No strap marks, but inside the left grip panel is engraved: H. vGlitsch.
- 2) DWM, #4662, 1<sup>st</sup> issue unaltered, with c/M mag #4714. Matched serials, 98%. Back-strap marked II W. D. over 12 (2<sup>nd</sup> Werft or Dockyard Division, Property #12. This was at Wilhelmshaven, the North Sea Base home of the High Seas Fleet. The markings are interesting in that both Costanzo and Still list no known examples, but those were published some years ago. Still also list #4667, a GOUV< KIAU China Navy Station, only five serials from mine. This is coincidental as there is virtually no correlation between markings and serials recorded...WHAT FUN! Any other II W.D.'s out there? Would also appreciate comments from the membership - if I don't hear from anyone, I'll go back to collecting engraved Glocks (it's an acquired taste)...

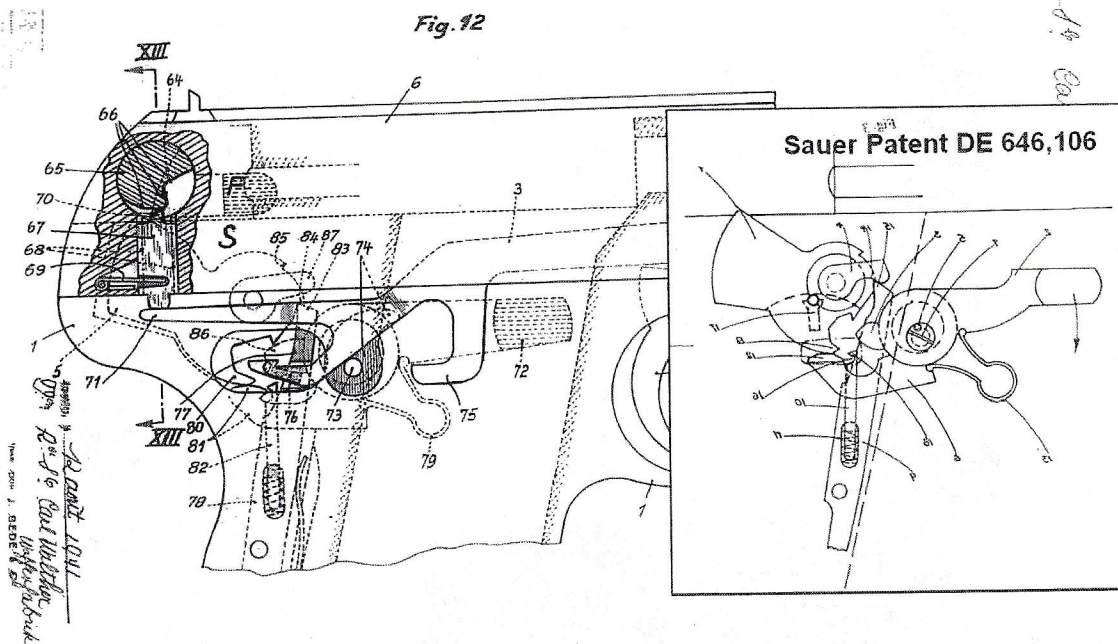
TO JOE WOTKA AND DON MAUS: I have a police marked 1913 DWM, #9808, with sear safety, no stock lug or mag well spur, bottom front strap marked S.P. over L horizontally. Finish is about 98%, all numbers match except the mag. What do these markings mean? Schupo, Potsdam, Landjagerei?

- I have the following orphan Luger mags: #6529 navy base, no c/M; #2570a, wd base; #4556a, wd base; #7999m, wd base; #3940v, alloy base, E/63; #5130, fxo, E/37 (804-257-5996 - call if interested)
- Anyone have droop E/63 #333...or something close?
- Have a near new 1914 Mauser, #1000525, police marked 'L' with crown/D proof. Mag marked '1' is square front, split tail type. When was it made? I don't have Pender's book or an early Blue Book reference.
- FAILED PROTOTYPE DEPARTMENT: Trials inconclusive as it rained!

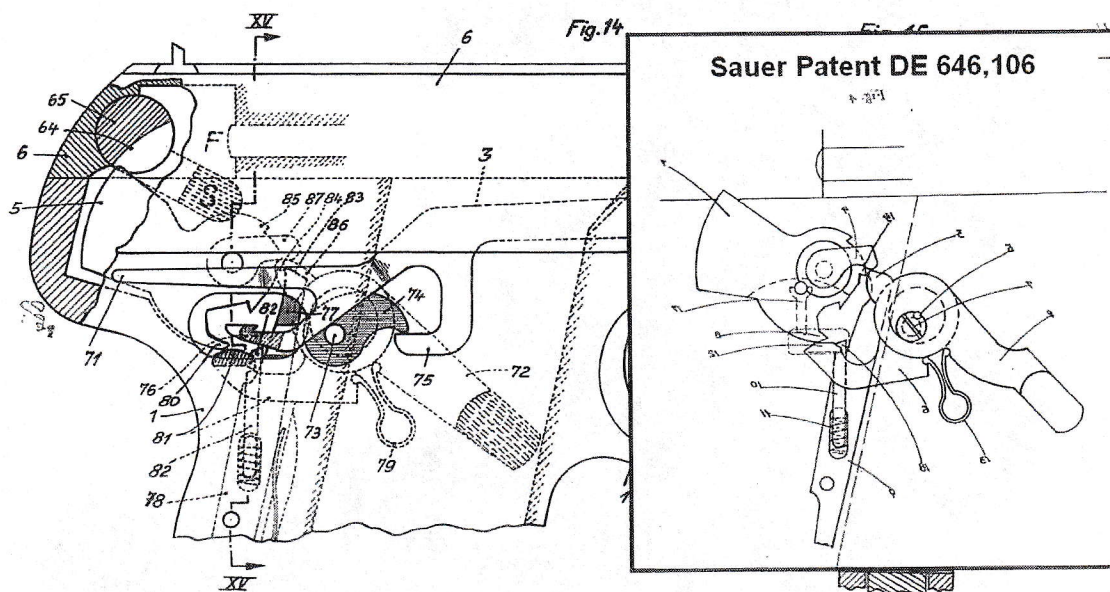




Here, for the first time, is documented proof that Walther was in the process of possibly developing a cocking-decocking system that was similar to Sauer's Model 38 (H) system. It could have been used on any size or caliber pistol. The pistol in the engineering drawing on the left is the Walther design, and the drawing in the box is the already patented Sauer design.



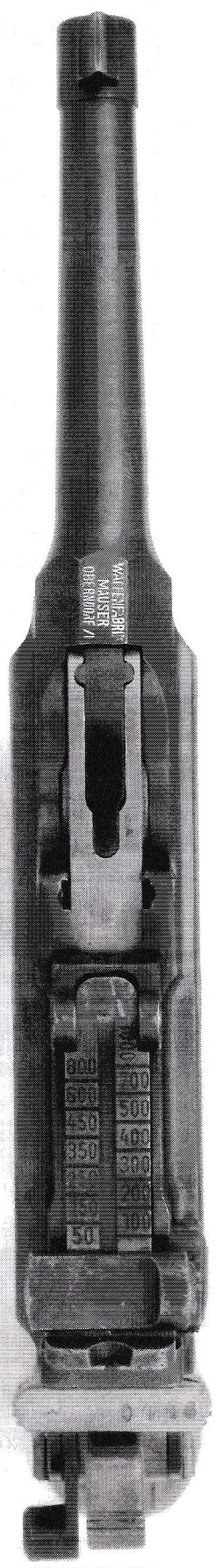
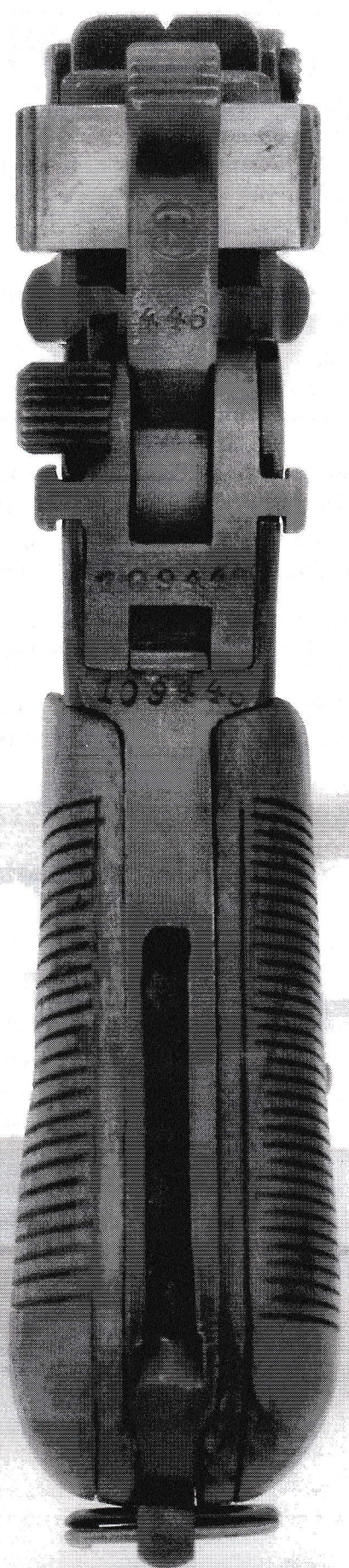
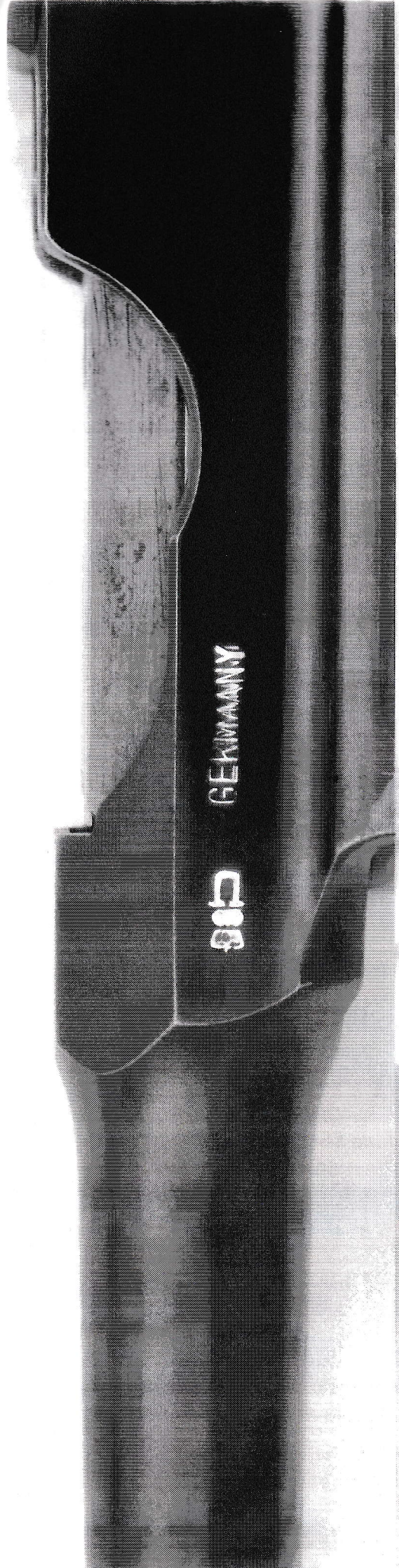
Both drawings above show the lever in the “up” position with the hammers cocked. The bottom drawings show the levers down and the hammers are in the process of being released into a resting or double-action position.



Where this drawing was done is unknown, but it is dated in French, not German, as being 12 August, 1941. Maybe it was done at the FN facilities in Belgium where the French language is quite common. No doubt there were patent infringements. However, Walther could do no wrong at this point in time, and the Party probably would have settled the entire “problem” should Walther ever decided to produce a pistol with this particular system. Martin Krause drawings & collection



FROM RICK ENGEL: Here are some pictures of my "1920 Commercial". No, it's not a Luger. It started life as a Red 9 in WWI, then to comply with the Versailles Treaty (no 9mm with a long barrel), they put a new barrel extension in 7,63mm, dressed down some non-matching but still Red 9 grips, refinished it and shipped it out. I have no other explanation. One can still see the shadow of the '9' in the left grip.



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