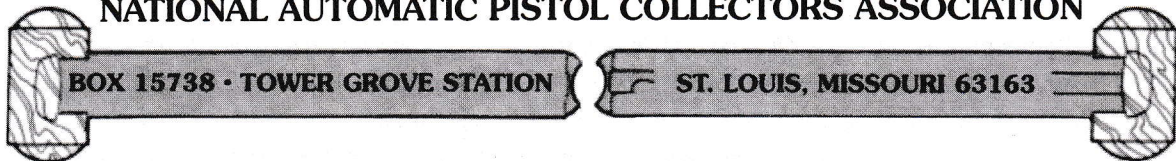


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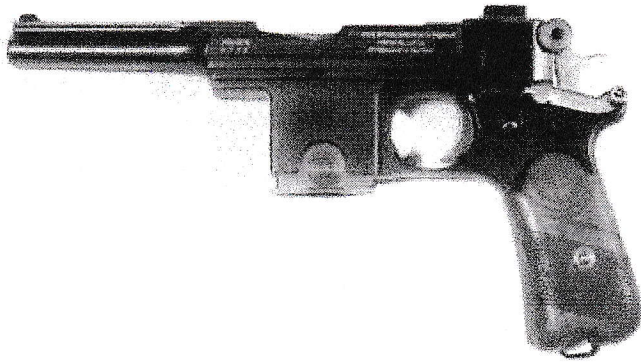
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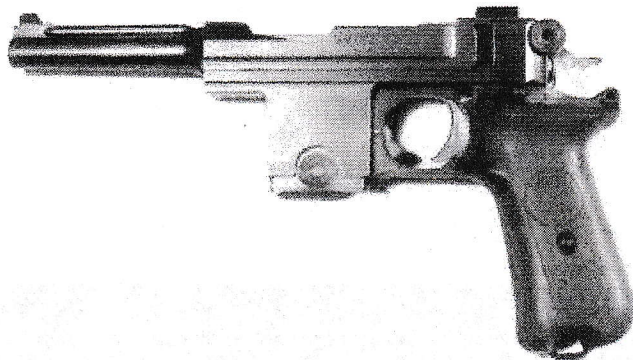
Danish Bergman Bayard M1910 & M1910/21

By: Cliff Carlisle

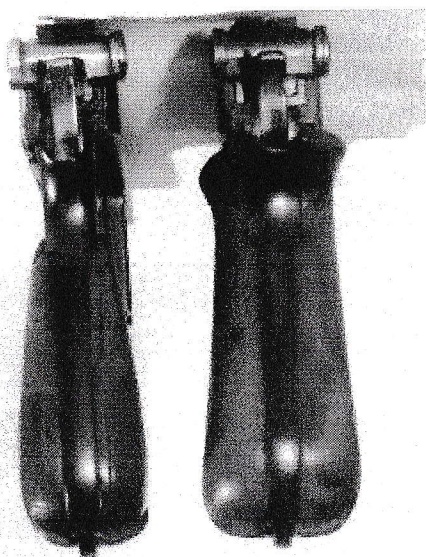
Theodor Bergman was an early designer of auto pistols. His first designs were from the 1890s. By 1903 he had designed and was having the Bergman Mars Model 1903 produced in Gaggenau, Germany. The Spanish Army purchased some of these in 9mm Largo (Long) (9X23) for service use. In 1907 Bergman sold the rights to manufacture the M1903 to Anciens Etablissement Pieper in Belgium. The remainder of the unfilled Spanish contract went with the rights to make the pistol. Spain had requested a change in the safety of the M1903. This change was incorporated in the pistols made by Pieper along with a change from 4 groove rifling to 6 groove & the new design was designated the Model 1908.



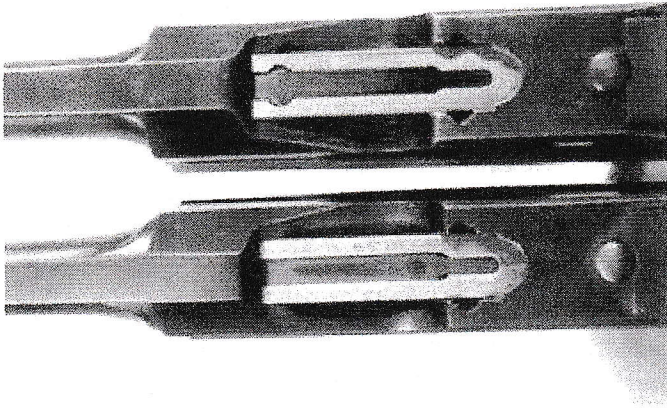
In 1909 Denmark decided to adopt an auto pistol to replace their Gasser revolvers. After a series of tests they adopted the Pieper made M1908 Bergman Bayard in 9X23 as their service pistol. Cut outs had been added to the magazine housing to make it easier to remove the magazine & concentric rings had been added to the magazine to provide a gripping surface to help remove it. Denmark designated this pistol the M1910. 4840 M1910 pistols were delivered by Pieper before the WW1 invasion of Belgium stopped its production.



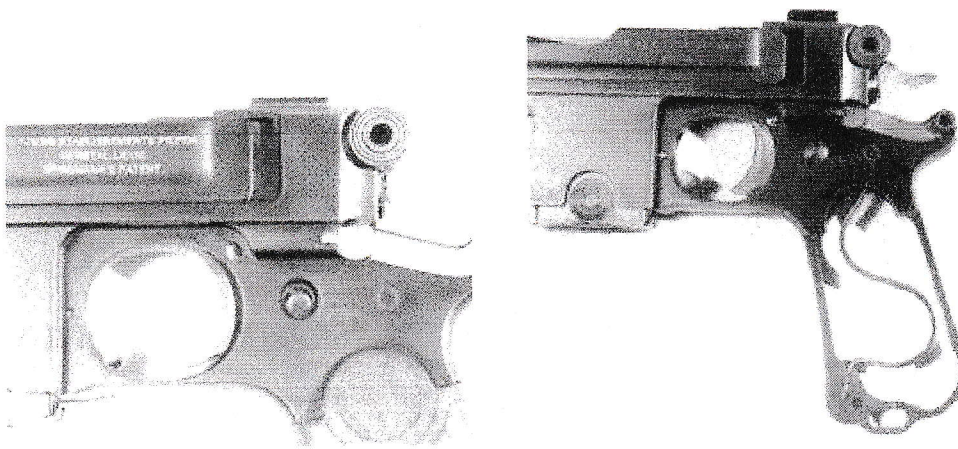
With the M1910 no longer being produced in Belgium Denmark found it's self without a source to buy its pistols from. Some design changes had been decided upon by the Danish military including different grips & the design for the removal of the side plate. With these changes incorporated it was adopted as the Model 1910/21. In 1922 the manufacture of the new design was started in Denmark. From 1922 to 1925 2204 M1910/21 pistols were produced at the Danish Army Arsenal in Copenhagen. Pistols made from 1922 into 1924 were stamped Haerens Tojhus (Army Manufacturing Arsenal). Those made later in 1924 & 1925 were stamped Haerens Rustkammer (Army Storage Arsenal). During the same period, the M1910 pistols in service were modified to the M1910/21 configuration and had the new designation stamped on the left side of the receiver. The grips were originally made from Trolite, a plastic material. This material had a breakage problem & a large percentage of the pistols were fitted with wooden grips.



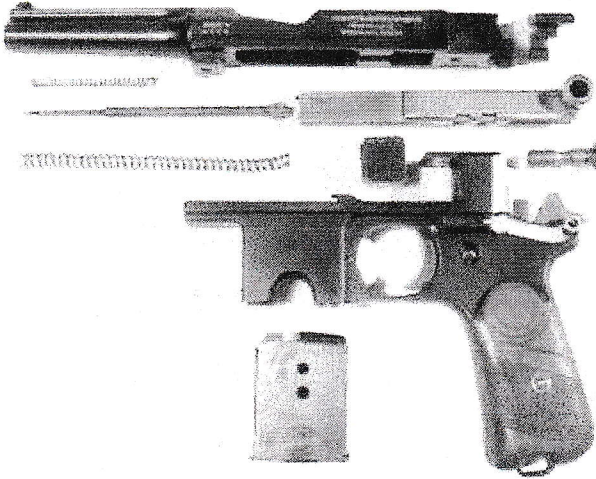
One of the changes between the M1910 & the M1910/21 was the change from the short, narrow grips to tall, wide ones. If you have a large hand the narrow grip is difficult to hold & control the pistol during firing. The 9X23mm Bergman Bayard cartridge is a powerful one. The grip on the M1910/21 fills the hand nicely & makes it much easier to fire.



The top pistol is the M1910/21 while the lower one is the M1910. Note that the extractor of the M1910/21 has been modified to strengthen it. The barrel, just ahead of the receiver, has been cut back farther. This may have been a weight saving change. Note the rectangular locking block at the far right in the photo. This block is cammed down to unlock the bolt from the receiver as the bolt goes to the rear & up to lock it again as the bolt returns to the battery position.



The M1910 on the left has the button to release the side plate. The M1910/21 on the right has the button changed to a special screw. Also note the unusual shaped main spring.



To disassemble either model follow these instructions. Remove the magazine. Make sure that there is no round in the chamber. The right hand cocking knob on the bolt has a pin going through it that serves as the firing pin retainer. Using a tool, push the firing pin in as far as it will go. While holding it in this position, pull the retaining pin out of the cocking knob. Release the pressure on the firing pin & remove it from the bolt. The rear sight on these pistols is also the mainspring retainer. Push the rear sight toward the muzzle and carefully lift it up out of the receiver. The recoil spring will probably try to come out with the sight. To avoid kinking the spring, carefully push it back into the slide. You can reinsert the firing pin into its recess & into the spring if needed. This will straighten out the spring & allow it to come out with the firing pin when it is removed. The bolt can now be removed to the rear from the receiver. Then the receiver can be pulled to the front and off the frame. The locking block can then be removed from the receiver. On the M1910 the side plate can also be removed by pushing on the round button behind the trigger. The M1910/21 has a screw in place of the button & requires a special tool to remove it.

FROM DON MAUS: I am still trying to understand the organization of the German police in the late Imperial and Weimar eras (1900-1936). I know that Polizeidirektionen were generally subordinate to Polizeipräsidenten but still don't fully understand their relationship. Weapon number data suggests that Präsidiien were larger than Direktionen and I have interpreted this as indicating that, in cities with a Präsidium, this constituted the police office for that city and that the city would not also have a Direktion. On the other hand, if a Präsidium consisted only of the Polizeipräsident and his immediate staff, the working police in that city might be organized in a Direktion. What this all boils down to is whether it was possible to have both a Präsidium and a Direktion in the same city. While it will not be definitive, the current organization of German police may be a good indicator. I will appreciate any insights or references members may provide.

FROM: ROSCOE BLUE

TO: JOHN PEARSON

Thanks for the interest in RZM PPK serial # 289132K.

The holster was manufactured by AKAH and the color is a beautiful light reddish brown. There are no unusual markings in the holster, just the standard PPK ink stamp. The paperwork was folded up in the holster.

As to contacting the vet.... I have a number of these rigs with paperwork and over the years I have tried contacting some of the individuals on the documents with little success.

This gun happened to be purchased from a hotel buy so I didn't get to meet the vet or his family. I may be able to persuade the dealer I got it from to give me the seller's information. I can tell you this; it was most likely from the vet or his family. One of two things usually turns this stuff up at the hotel buys....The family inherited it after the vet's death and doesn't care about it or the vet is going into a nursing/retirement home and can't keep it anymore.

I'll inquire about Lt. Freeman and if I can find him, I'll ask if he remembers who he got it from.

Radom Pistols that were tested in Argentina, ref. July 2006 issue of AutoMag, page 95, from Alex Gherovici.

I want to ask the member that offered to publish in these pages a picture of one of the VIS Mod. 35 pistols that were sent to Argentina for testing in the mid 1930's to do so. Not much is known about these tests and/or the pistols that were tested at that time. In addition to the above referenced picture(s), any additional information you can provide about this interesting but almost unknown subject will be much appreciated.

FROM LEO LAVALLEE: Well, as the saying goes, if you snooze you lose and if you did not attend this years meeting then you surely did lose. The two speakers were just outstanding and are bringing new knowledge to this ever changing hobby. It was great to see all the familiar faces and yes there were several new members in attendance, this is a positive. A great meeting thanks to Derek and Jim who I know put much time into making it happen. Looking forward to next year.

To Allan Burnham from John Hoffman: Per your request on HSC info, I offer the following from my collection. Serial # 863700 Grips plastic Agency: Navy

TO FRANK OWEN FROM JOHN BRUNNER: If John Dillinger was carrying a Colt .38 Super when he was shot, how come the FBI museum displays a Colt Pocket Hammerless .380 s/n 106616 with the information that this was the pistol he was carrying when he was shot? They ought to know.

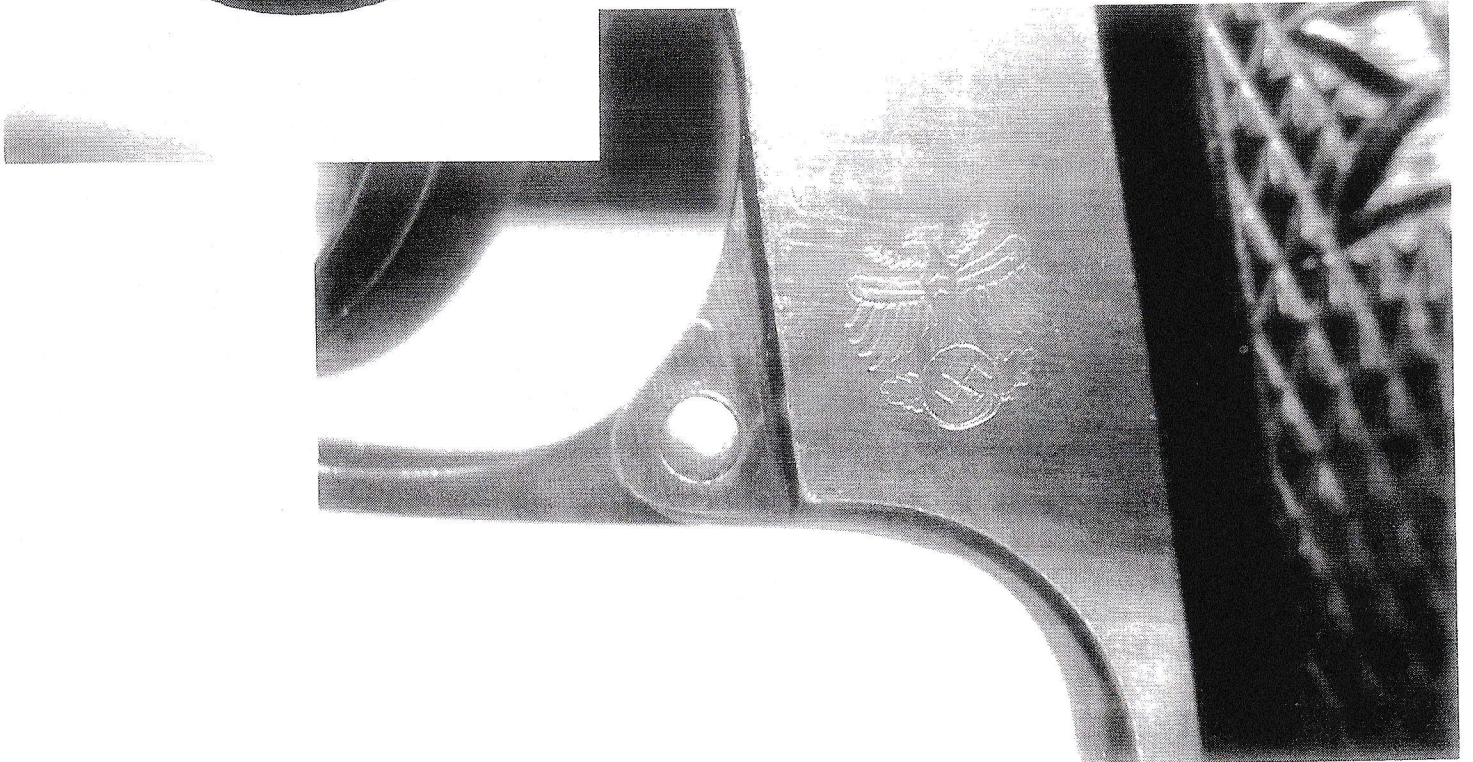
FROM ORV REICHERT: Please put a note into AUTOMAG that I have a new email address: Mr.P38@centurytel.net

FROM MICHAEL PARKER: In the September issue of AUTOMAG, Frank Owen asks if anyone has ever seen an Astra 400 or 600 with a cracked/broken slide or frame. I have a whole box full of cracked Astra 400 slides that came off guns received from the Spanish Army, though I have not personally seen a cracked frame. The impact of the slide against the frame in recoil sometimes generates a crack beginning at one of the sharp corners of the cutout where the hold-open engages. Repeated shooting then opens the crack and starts one on the other side of the slide as well, at the safety cutout. This will eventually cause the front half of the slide to bend upward, distorting the rails into a very shallow "V", increasing friction with the frame rails until the gun finally seizes up and won't cycle any more (at least it "fails safe".) Examples are found across a broad range of serial numbers and many guns showing extensive use are not cracked, so I don't think it's faulty heat treatment or poor design, except that the failure to radius the corners of these cutouts leave them particularly vulnerable to stress rising. While M400 recoil springs vary greatly in length and condition, I also discount that as a primary cause after fitting the longest and strongest one I could find into a like-new M400 and cracking the slide after about 2000 rounds of Spanish-issue Santa Barbara 1977 ammo. I would conclude, rather, that cracking is a result of using more powerful 9mm Largo loads than the gun was originally designed for. I don't know--but suspect-- that Spanish Army 9mm Largo ammunition procured after the locked-breech Star Super A was adopted in 1946 may be loaded significantly hotter. I have chronographed some, and it is the near-equivalent of .38 Super. The original round may have been loaded more on the order of the .38 ACP, but reliable information is lacking. I don't have enough experience with Astra 600s to judge whether they are prone to an analogous problem.

FROM CHOLLY STEEN: I noted a communication from Frank Owen in the September 2006 issue of AM. He was curious about the cracking of Lahti frames and receivers. You might mention to him that, from the information that I have out of Sweden, the frames never cracked but the receivers or barrel extensions did crack and the biggest problem with these was that the Swedish officers were shooting the hot machine gun ammo that they had for the Karl Gustov in the pistols and that is what was causing the receivers to crack. Supposedly they are perfectly fine if one confines their use to standard ammunition. This comes from two very knowledgeable people in the Swedish arms business.

FROM JOE LOPEZ: I wanted to share a recent find at a gun show in Texas. The pistol is a Walther PP and was offered for sale by a regular dealer of military firearms as a "Nazi Hunting Association" pistol. I did not recognize the stamped mark on the left side of the frame behind the trigger (a spread winged eagle over a swastika), but felt as though the mark showed the same age as the pistol. With fewer and fewer war time Walther PP's showing up at gun shows, I decided to buy the pistol and take my chances on both identification and verification of authenticity. Besides, I was heading to Chattanooga the next week for the NAPCA meeting. Thanks to NAPCA MEMBERS Harold Anderson and Hugh Brock, my pistol is now identified...the mark is a "Tirolean Eagle" (or Tyrolean Eagle, two spellings noted) which was the logo of a Triolean shooting club or clubs in Nazi occupied Austria. The internet provided general information to identify Tirol as one of nine provinces in Austria. Tirol borders Bavaria, Germany on the north and Italy on the south. Its largest city is Innsbruck. From the internet..."*On March 12, 1938, German troops marched into Austria and the country was incorporated into the German Reich. After the end of World War II in 1945, Austria was restored to its 1937 frontiers and occupied by the allies.*" The serial number of my Walther PP is 137xxx which places its manufacture most likely in 1939. The pistol was most probably a club gun for use by members, or perhaps a shooting prize or other award (any information from other members would be appreciated). Hugh Brock showed me a collection of various Nazi marked Tirol shooting badges and awards that were dated all the way into 1945. I've included a picture of the PP mark and a representative shooting badge. Gun collecting is still fun!!!!!!!!!!

FROM TOM KNOX: One of the shop groupies brought in a couple of Savages with some potential interest to the gang:
1907, .380, #24528, 95% with 'T1' handstamped on the frame, above the right grip.
1915, .32, #131502, 95% with British proofs. I was curious about this one, so sent for a factory letter. It was shipped on 9/9/15 to Alcock & Pierce, noted as a dealer in Britian. Interestingly, the letter states "an additional entry shows it was 'tested & proofed' before leaving the factory." I assume that means there were English inspectors AT Savage!?!?



FROM CHOLLY STEEN: I have been poking through some of the journals that you have sent and note that you have a letter from Bailey Brower regarding Portuguese Contract .32 autos. To add to his letter, these guns were imported sometime in the late 50s or early 60s, to the best of my knowledge, by Golden State Arms Company. They apparently did replace the grips, I don't know if the grips were bad, but at the time we did have some original Portuguese grips from the lot. I am getting ahead of myself. I guess the guns were in all different kinds of condition, they rebuilt them, and completed guns so long as they did. When I went to the Golden State auction, in I think it was '66, I bought all the remaining Savage stuff. In this pile, I guess there were perhaps 500-700 frames and scads of parts. As with everything else, we didn't get to do much with this. I don't really think we ever built any guns. Bailey did wind up with a number of the frames, as he came in and poked through all the frames. Who knows, I might even have some Portuguese grips laying around, if we ever get the stuff all sorted out. Just thought I would fill you in a little bit.

TO WALTHER DATA COLLECTORS FROM KARL SCHÄFER: With serial numbers 117 598 P (my own gun), 117 921 P, 172 403 P and 173 651 P I can report four more Walther pistols mod. PP Persian Contract as being part of Swiss and German collections. The two lower numbered pistols are Crown/N proofed and show four digits Farsi inventory numbers on left side of frame which correspond to the last four numbers of the pistol's serial number -1000. The two higher numbered pistols, however, have eagle/N proof marks and show with translated 13 403 and 14 651 five digits Farsi inventory numbers which also correspond to the last four digits of the serial numbers + 11000. May be interesting to know how collector guns go from hand to hand and can float around the world. Pistol nr. 117 921 P was made by Walther/Germany in 1938/39, than delivered to Persia from where it came back apparently together with all the famous Persian Parabellum pistols to England in the mid 1970s. Early in 1981 this pistol could be located in USA, after that in Hongkong/China, than in South Africa and is now part of a great Swiss Walther collection.

Jim Rankin described and pictured Persian Contract PP nr. 170 609 P as presentation gun in his book : Walther vol. II, Engraved, Presentation and Standard Models, on pages 45/46 as coming from of the Mel Lakich collection, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Although, magazines of Persian PPs are normally not numbered to the guns, I want to inform the present owner of the above mentioned pistol that a magazine marked with the identical serial number 170 609 P has recently shown up here in Germany.

FROM JOHN PEARSON: To some members this topic might seem a little macabre and I apologize if it makes anyone uncomfortable. Unfortunately, being gun collectors the topic of how guns were used to kill people is sometimes unavoidable.

While recently doing some research on Walther Model PP pistols in caliber .22, I came to realize that Walther produced a quantity of such pistols well into the wartime period. Specifically, I have discovered that there were large numbers of caliber .22 PP pistols produced in the following serial number ranges: 239-240xxxP, 247-248xxxP, 257xxxP, 260-261xxxP, 268xxxP, 302xxxP, 304xxxP and the final production group is 306xxxP. I know that those in the 30xxxxP range have a milled finish and I suspect that some earlier ones in this list also have a milled finish. As I looked at these facts, I wondered just why would Walther be producing thousands of caliber .22 Model PP pistols during the middle of the War. For one thing, we all know that the .22 pistol is not a "military caliber" and thus they could not have been ordered for military use. And no one has uncovered any information that the military or police were using caliber .22 pistols during the War for practice purposes. In fact, as I thought about it, I can not name another major pistol manufacturer in Germany who even produced a caliber .22 pistol during the wartime. So just why was Walther producing such quantities of these pistols. I may have stumbled upon the answer.

A thirty year old serial number data base reveals that two Walther Model PP pistols in caliber .22 were taken from the Dachau Concentration Camp at the end of the War. One of these pistols is an earlier Crown N product, and one is in the 261xxxP serial range that I have listed above. Could it be that Walther was ordered to produce such caliber .22 pistols and deliver them to concentration camps? If so, what was the intended use of such small caliber guns. One of the possibilities is that these caliber .22 pistols were being used to literally kill camp inmates. It has long been known that the caliber .22 cartridge does an excellent job of killing a person when shot at close range into the rear of the skull just behind the lower ear. The bullet has no problem entering the skull and yet does not cause significant "blow back" onto the shooter. In addition, the cartridges are much cheaper than any larger caliber pistol rounds. So it is possible that these Walther caliber .22 PP pistols were literally "termination pistols" used by the camp administrators. Do any of the members have any additional information with respect to the use or capture of Walther caliber .22 pistols from concentration camps? Does anyone have any other logical explanations for the manufacture of quantities of these pistols in the middle of the War?

TO FRANK OWEN FROM TOM GLASER: There's a reason you've never seen an FN 1900 in .380. It was never made in that caliber. The first FN made in that caliber was the M-1910, followed by the M-1922. These were the only two until the 10/71, also known as the FN 125. The BDA, aka FN 140, is, of course, made by Beretta. Part of the reason the M-1900 wasn't made in that caliber was that the caliber hadn't yet been created. The first pistol made in .380 ACP was the Colt M-1908 - so we are coming up on its centennial. I trust major celebrations are planned.... It was the FN M-1910, in .380 that was used to assassinate The Archduke Ferdinand and Sophie. For what it's worth, it was a .380 Beretta M-1934 that was used to assassinate Gandhi.

TO VIC GLOGOVAC: I have the officer marked M-1922, s/n 7031, and the NCO model, s/n 55280. Hope this helps. And I'm still looking for the .380's listed in the Forum....

THE GREATEST FIREARMS FRAUD SALE IN HISTORY

BY

LT.COL. ROBERT D. WHITTINGTON III, US ARMY(RET)

The purpose of this paper is to list some facts that may prevent a repeat of the following gun sale classic.

There are four major players in the drama, plus a few other behind the scenes actors, all of whom were members of the Texas Gun Collectors Association at the time the fraud occurred.

Having known about the TGCA since the mid-1950s, and been a life member since 1983, I can attest that the organization has exhibited some outstanding characteristics since it was founded in 1950. The original and most subsequent membership has consisted of native Texans with excessive wealth, noticeable arrogance, limited education, and a penchant for buying, selling, and collecting Colt revolvers.

As word of the TGCA, and its two annual meetings (gun shows) spread across the nation, the membership expanded to include Colt peddling sharks from the west, midwest, and northeast, all hellbent on obtaining Lone Star revenue, much of it from oil, natural gas, ranches, and big business peculiar to Texas and few Texans.

By the 1980s, the TGCA officer and board slate, and the general membership, included a host of carpetbaggers, a few northern criminals, and several big shot gun dealers of questionable reputation. The four yankee stars in this revelation first appeared on the TGCA membership rolls in the 1990s.

Central to this story is Dr. Joseph A. Murphy, not well known for why and how he became a multi-millionaire. As one gent informed this author, Murphy was a Marine Corps colonel on his way back from Vietnam, on board an aircraft, when he observed a stewardess fumbling with her old-style hose that had dropped out of place. The result of Murphy's observation was panty hose, on which the Doctor obtained a patent. Much later he developed a weakness for Colt firearms, with no limit on how much money he spent to obtain Colt revolvers that had once been the property of historical folk, in particular US Army officers.

The second actor to appear on the stage of this drama was an upstart who gained employment as the NRA (National Rifle Association) museum curator. From the go, Philip Schreier made it obvious that he belonged to the fourth category of Frederick The Great's officers—the ambitious and stupid. Schreier became obsessed with a Colt Whitneyville-Walker Revolver that was on loan to the NRA Museum. Serial number of the Colt Walker was #1010 and it carried a controversial myth that it was one of two Walker Pistols presented by Samuel Colt to US Army Captain Samuel H. Walker in 1847. Firearms novice Schreier then learned that the controversial serial number of the other Sam Walker presentation pistol was 1009. The US Army

term for the Colt Walker in 1847 was "Pistol" not "Revolver." Call it what you wish, but it was a "Wheel Gun," as labeled by some of today's "Auto Pistoleros!"

The NRA Museum Curator decided in or about the year 1993 that he would put together a magazine article to "prove" that Walker Pistols 1009 and 1010 "were indeed" the two Sam Walker-received presentation guns. Schreier contacted a number of gents who had previously owned the two controversial Colts since the 1960s. Philip also collected some contemporary documents that falsely indicated the Sam Walker provenance of the two pistols.

Schreier's article, the most outstanding piece of circumstantial sleaze on any pair of Colt revolvers, was published in the Number Three 1998 issue of NRA affiliated MAN AT ARMS magazine. Unknowingly, the NRA Museum buffoon and the MAA boy publisher came together to assist the greatest firearms fraud sale in history. As a capstone on his article, Ringmaster Schreier held a publicity dog and poney show in the NRA Headquarters, complete with descendents of Captain Sam Walker. The two Walker Pistols, 1009 and 1010, were declared "National Treasures," and ordained as "Indeed The Pair" presented to Captain Walker by Sam Colt.

The drama continued when the third major actor appeared on the stage—none other than Richard Ellis of Rock Island Auction Company fame. Again, the year was 1998, and Ellis came to possess BOTH of the controversial Colt Whitneyville-Walker Pistols, serial numbered 1009 and 1010. How that mysteriously happened is anybody's guess, but Ellis also came in possession of all the circumstantial documents associated with the two pistols, including Schreier's 1998 Number Three MAN AT ARMS article.

It is not well known that Ellis gained his basic and advanced firearms knowledge under the employment and tutorship of Robert Simpson of Galesburg, Illinois, who many of us know as the owner of Simpson Limited.

Murphy and Ellis had done business prior to the year 1998, the good Doctor having lavished at least 8 figures of dollars on Colt and other firearms at Ellis' well-advertised firearms auctions. Then Ellis and his conspirator decided to give Murphy the ultimate shaft on Walker Pistols 1009 and 1010. The two Colt Walker Pistols and two other well-embellished (engraved) Colts were offered in one lot in a Rock Island Auction.

The conspirator, the fourth actor in the drama and the fourth TGCA member, was none other than Michael Zomber. At auction time the bidding started on the four "pedigreed" Colts. Each time Murphy would up his bid, in tune with the auctioneer, Zomber would top Murphy's bid. When Doctor Murphy hit \$3,200,000.00, Zomber fell silent.

Murphy collected his four Colts, the false documentation on pistols 1009 and 1010, and returned to his home in Pennsylvania.

He subsequently displayed his prized possessions in exhibitions and gun shows about the nation, including the two annual TGCA shows in Texas. It was in the year 2002 that Murphy became aware of what happened in the 1998 Rock Island Auction. Ellis or Zomber, or both, had done too much tongue-wagging.

Entering the Federal Court House for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Doctor Murphy filed felony Mail and Wire Fraud charges against Richard Ellis and Michael Zomber.

Less than three months later, in February 2003, this author published a Lightning-Rod pamphlet entitled The Walker's-Walkers Controversy Is Solved. The key information in the pamphlet was primary source documentation by Thomas Claiborne, Jr., who was Captain Sam Walker's Executive Officer (second in command) in Mexico, 1847, when Walker received his two presentation pistols from Sam Colt. Claiborne specifically stated in his Papers (Claiborne Papers No. 152, in the University of North Carolina Wilson Library) that the two presentation Colt Walker Pistols were UNNUMBERED. Yes, that is correct, unnumbered!! Ironically, one of the first persons to order copies of the pamphlet, other than Doctor Murphy, was none other than Michael Zomber-too late to escape the verdict!

Both Ellis and Zomber were arraigned in the Philadelphia Federal Court in 2003. Ellis pleaded Guilty and Zomber was convicted by Jury in December 2003. Subsequently, the Board of Directors of the Texas Gun Collectors Association had a telephone conference and voted to BOOT both FELONS out of the organization. Schreier has since crawled back in his hole and dropped his membership in the TGCA. Dr. Murphy remains a TGCA member as of this writing. He and a few other Colt collecting novices still believe that Walker Pistols 1009 and 1010 were "indeed the pair" that Sam Colt presented to Captain Walker in 1847! CAVEAT EMPTOR, especially if the firearm you are buying has VIP association!!

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United States Attorney's Office District of Connecticut Press Release

December 19, 2005 MAN WHO RENEGED ON AGREEMENT INVOLVING THE SALE OF ANTIQUE COLT FIREARM IS SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON

Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that ROBERT L. WILSON, age 66, of San Francisco, California, formerly a resident of Hadlyme, Connecticut, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Janet Bond Arterton in New Haven to 12 months and one day of imprisonment followed by three years of supervised release. Judge Arterton also ordered WILSON to pay to his victim restitution in the amount of \$375,000. On September 8, 2005, WILSON waived his right to indictment and pleaded guilty today to one count of wire fraud.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, WILSON contracted with *Antiques and Arts Trading Consultants* ("AATC") in December 1999 to sell an antique Colt pistol for an unnamed client of AATC. The selling price of the pistol was to be \$500,000 cash from which WILSON would receive a 15 percent commission. WILSON enlisted the services of another person who located a buyer and arranged for the sale of the pistol.

WILSON agreed to accept in trade other antique firearms from the buyer as partial payment for the pistol. On January 15, 2000, the buyer delivered the trade items to the person who had assisted WILSON in arranging the sale. On that date, the buyer also paid WILSON \$75,000, which was WILSON's commission on the sale. From February 15, 2000, through July 13, 2000, the buyer paid \$195,000, which was the remainder of the purchase price. Although WILSON was then to have remitted the trade items, or their cash equivalent, and the \$195,000 to AATC, he did not. Instead, WILSON disposed of the trade items to pay one of his creditors and used the money he received for his own benefit.

"This crime resulted in a substantial financial loss to the victim, and a period of incarceration is appropriate," U.S. Attorney O'Connor stated.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Calvin B. Kurimai.

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TO JIM CATE FROM RENE DUQUESNE : Re : 11th Armored Division at Suhl / Zella Mehlis I have an April 1945 after action report map signed by the G2 from the 11th Armored Division (a Major Douglas signing for LtC Slayden). This indicates for the period 3 to 6 april 45 :

Combat Command R to Zella Mehlis

Combat Command A to Suhl

Combat Command B to Oberhof

For april 5 is reported the capture of : ... " 3 arms factories plus 700 Volksturm weapons and 1 000 000 rounds of ammunitions..., 500 carbines, 2500 machine pistols, 45 000 pistols, 5000 parts for pistols...", without indication of manufacturer. According to the periodic report n° 97 dated april 6, 1945, indicates for the Zella Mehlis war plants :

KARL WHALTER WAFFENFABRIK : plant A located n°4 Göthe St Paul, plant B n° 15 Kleinbahnhofstrasse, plant D n° 61 Strasse der SA, plant E at Suhlstrasse. Plant C located in another town namely WASUNGEN GERMANY.

TO CHARLES WAGNER : Re magazine safety retension by the Germans for the Hi Power : maybe this was simply an matter of routine, something in the way of Colt insisting to keep the screw in firing pin shield for the M1911, while it just did complicated the manufacture.

TO KARL SCHAEFER : Re the LP08 holster for the Spahis. The Red color leather is explained by the fact this is the traditional leather color of these units. Incidentally, general Koenig is born in my town of Caen ; the house does no more exist by the way, only a commemorative plate.

TO JOHN BILL : I have no peculiar explanation about Muissolini using a belgian Lepage pistol, but it should be noted that the Cagoule, the french clandestine extreme right movement from the 30s was proficiently paid and equipped by the Italians. Among the seized weapons figured several hundreds of Le Page pistols.

TO TOM KNOX : Re : CZ 27 n° 240000. Tom, do not forget that after 1938, Bohemia was a german protectorate. Freidland is possibly a german name given to a Czech city. By the way, Friedland, where Napoleon defeated the Russian, is now Pravdinsk, in Lituania.

FROM ROGER TREMBLAY: It's time for food for the gristmill! Here is all the data I could find on a Thomas .45 I acquired, as NIB, #1626. If anyone can provide any additional serial info on the Thomas, general trivia, etc., it would be greatly appreciated. 458 Brandy Hill Rd., Thompson, Ct. 06277 860-928-1263

TO JIM SHAFFER: A giant than you for the Star Olympic magazine!

Crown City

Crown City Arms has been supplying all sorts of parts for 45 Government Model pistols for some years, including stainless-steel frames and slides, aluminum-alloy frames, and parts kits to assemble your own gun. As owner Terry Hudson told me a few days ago, "It seemed almost foolish not to assemble and sell complete guns since we carry all the parts." As a result, Crown City Arms is now offering fully assembled and tested fired GM-type pistols of pre-1970 Colt configuration in at least 8 variations, including calibers 9mm Parabellum and 38 Super, as well as the traditional 45 ACP. A mix of lengths and frame materials includes the full-length gun on both steel and aluminum frames, the Commander length likewise, and stainless guns in both lengths. I'd also guess that if one asked he could have any other mix of carbon steel, stainless and aluminum. The basic price is just under \$200, which is less than I've seen ex-military M1911-A1 guns sell for in recent times. Crown City Arms is at Box 1126, Cortland, NY 13045. •

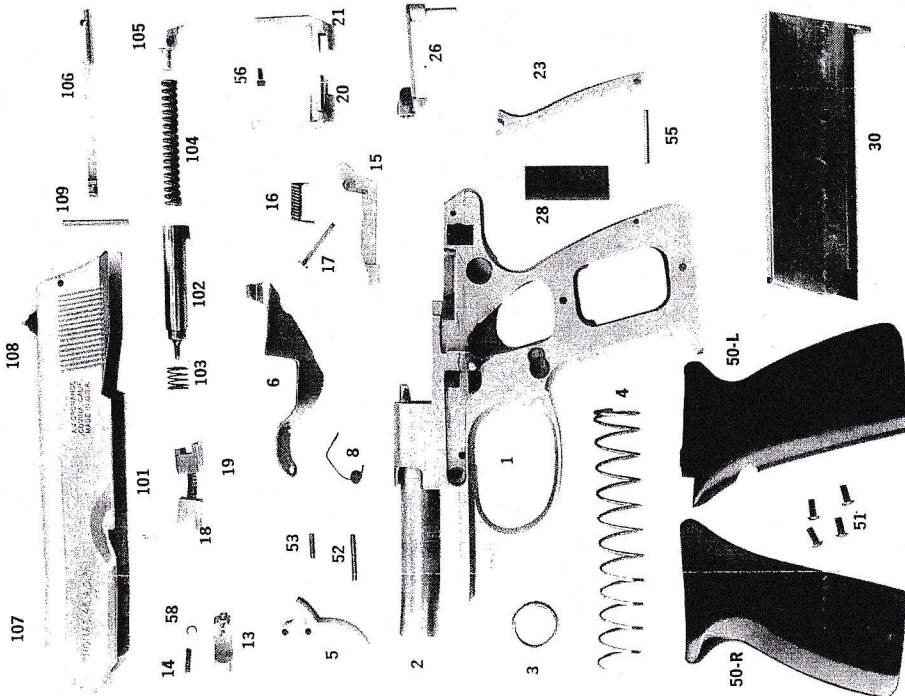
**Requiem:
Thomas D. A. 45,
Indian Arms 380**

One of the things that is routinely done in preparing this report is to contact the manufacturers and importers and check on the status of production, especially about the newer pieces or those made by smaller factories. In extensive attempts, by mail and by telephone, I could make no contact with anyone who was connected with the Thomas double action 45 auto. I can only assume that it no longer exists, and those of you who have one now own an interesting collector piece.

I did reach the people at Indian Arms, and learned that their nice little stainless steel modification of the Walter PPK is no longer in production. The factory has about 50 guns on hand, and when these are sold, it's the end. That seems a good place to end this report.

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**PARTS LIST
TOMATIC PISTOL CALIBER .45 ACP**



THOMAS

**SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOL
CALIBER .45 ACP**



**OPERATOR'S MANUAL
MAINTENANCE
SPECIFICATION
PARTS LIST**

Alexander James Ordnance Inc.

1066 EAST EDNA PLACE
COVINA, CALIFORNIA 91724

Alexander/James Ordnance: This small company makes and markets a single model of an unusual double-action-only autoloader design in 45 ACP caliber, the Thomas. Designed to be as small as possible for optimum concealment, the gun is 6 1/2" long, 4 1/4" high and weighs 32 ozs. Of all-steel construction, it's rather heavy for a hide-out gun.

The Thomas is truly unique. It is striker-fired and may be shot *only* double-action. Its most unusual aspect is that the breach is *manually* locked, and then only when the gun is grasped for firing.

Pulling the pivoted trigger forces back, then releases, a striker and spring housed in the rear of the slide. At all other times the striker is at rest, in a safe position, the gun not being cocked except at the time of firing. There is no manual safety, the firing mechanism always being "safe" except when the trigger is intentionally pulled.

The slide is held in battery by a stiff recoil spring encircling the barrel; the breach is *not* mechanically locked at rest. When the gun is grasped for firing a lever in the backstrap, pivoted at the butt, is naturally depressed - and this moves a V-shaped locking member into position, locking the slide to the frame. Recoil forces disengage the lock member after the bullet has left the muzzle, and normal self-loading follows. The lever functions secondarily as a grip safety, inasmuch as the trigger is blocked until the lock is engaged.

The Thomas' manual locking system is a new approach to autoloader design. Its small size, for the caliber, makes it attractive to law officers. It's smaller than any other 45 auto, though heavier than some. Price is in the \$250-275 class, not bad these days.

The S.E. NAPCA Convention at the Chattanooga Hotel during August 17, 18 and 19.

Our first three day show was quite a success. The photo at right shows only a small portion of our displays inside the very spacious display / sales area.

This year we had a good cross-section of different guns that our members have interests in. Naturally the vast majority of the items seen at the show were automatic pistols...old and new; past and present day production.



Joe Pirollo is seen here guarding a fine collection and display of Derek Seltzer's H&K pistols / accessories. Joe is a new member ('05) and we were glad to have several new members with us this year.

One of the best, and most interesting, displays this year was Bob Cutler's magnificent assortment of over/under shotguns used by the Luftwaffe to train prospective new pilots how to lead the moving targets they were shooting at. Naturally Bob had a few pistols laying around to sell or trade.

We all had a great time enjoying the fellowship and fun together again this year. Why not join us in 2007?



NAPCA Report 2006

Being an overseas NAPCA member since 1997 this was the first time for me to attend one of the shows. I followed an invitation by Jim Cate asking me if I had an interest in doing a presentation about a certain topic at the Chattanooga meeting. The decision was quickly made to give a presentation about the P.38 parts production under German supervision in Belgium at the FN-plant.

Attending the show for three days including set-up day gave me the chance to meet "old" friends as well as to get into contact with new collectors which I had not met before. The strong and increasing interest in P.38 pistols of many present collectors motivated and encouraged me again to get the book project done together with the authors Alex Krutzek and Orv Reichert.

The show was more than successful to me in getting nice collectibles for my collection from my friend Keith Cumberland. Another gentleman, Jim Kemp, made my year in offering me a more than rare and long sought after P.38 holster. A special thanks to him as well as his wife.

Also my dear collector friend and serious researcher on holsters and guns, John R. James, gave me a private audience for almost 10 hours at his home. We went thru many unusual holsters and I was allowed to take pics of some tough to find holsters. A special thanks to him regarding his patience and also his support for the holster section of our P.38 book.

The list of other important people to meet is long and I only want to name a few without forgetting the many others which are not printed here. Nice to meet Derek Seltzer, Freddy Greer, Jim Petty, Leo Lavalley, Bob Cutler, Julia Cumberland, Joop van de Kant, Bob Burden, Hugh Brock, etc., etcand last, but not least, Jim Cate.

Despite the highly priced airfare from Germany it was worth for me to attend the show and if any other European member should think about doing the same I can only say. "Get it done! It is a more than a positive experience."

Excellent organization. Thanks to Derek, Jim and Freddy again!

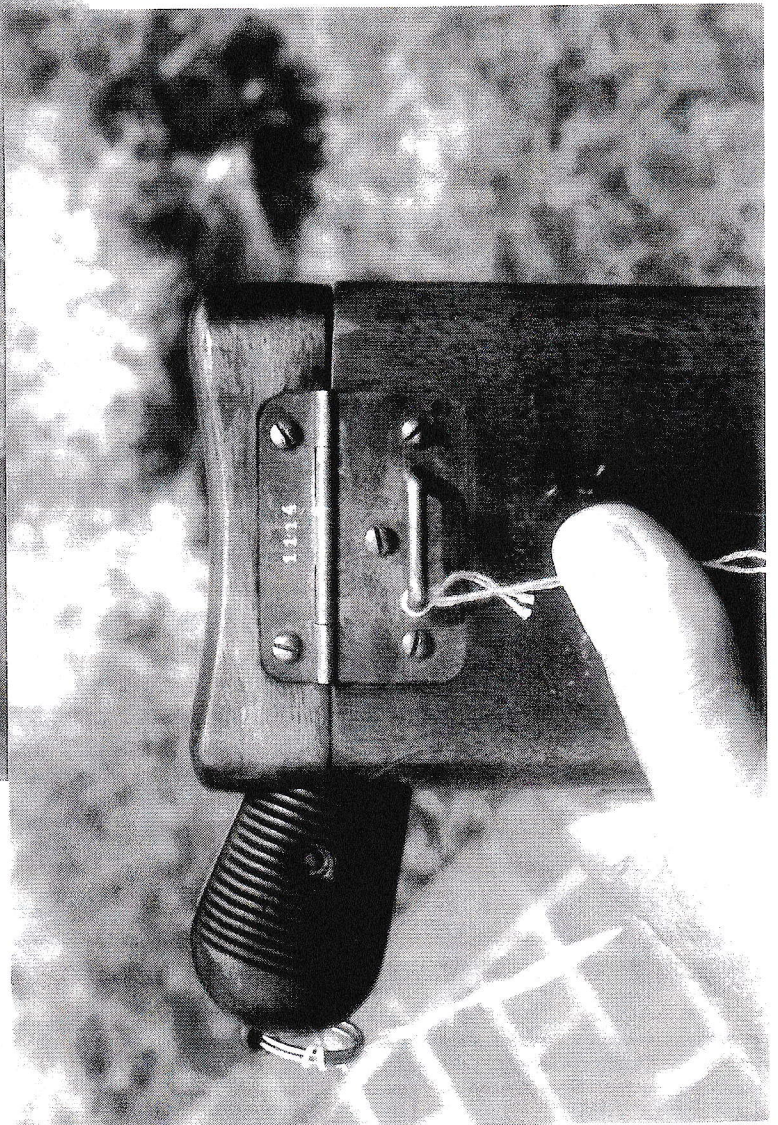
Dietrich "DJ" Jonke

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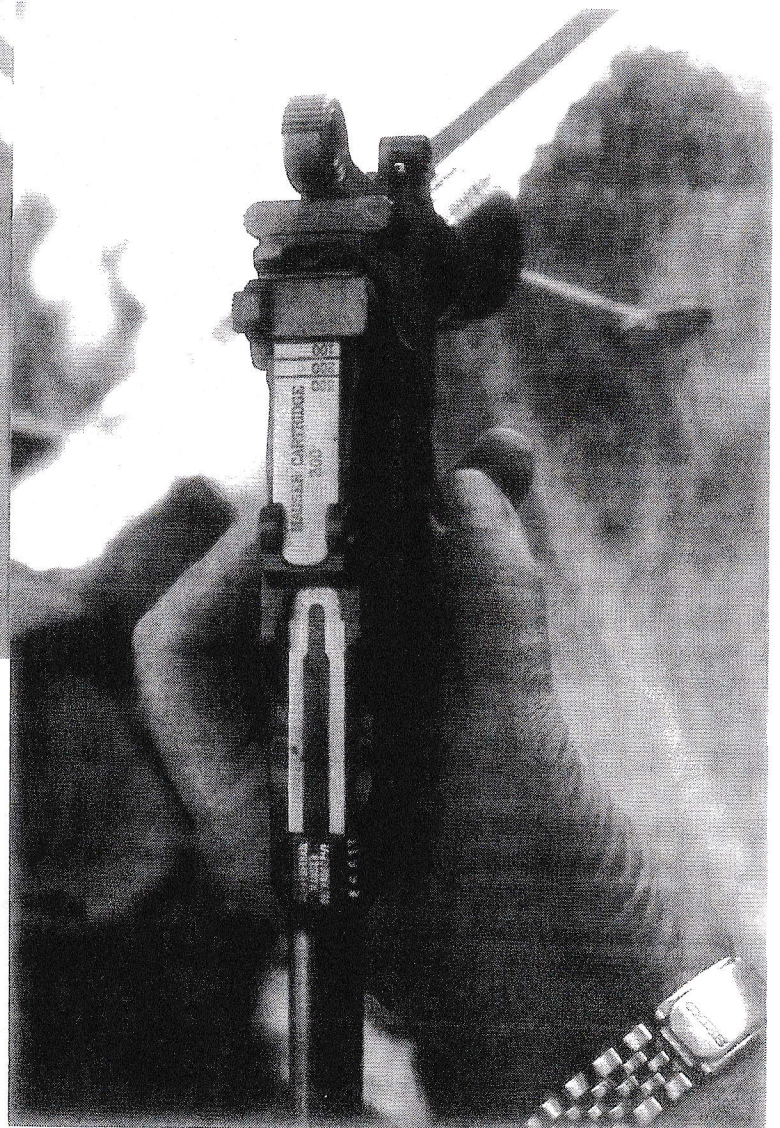
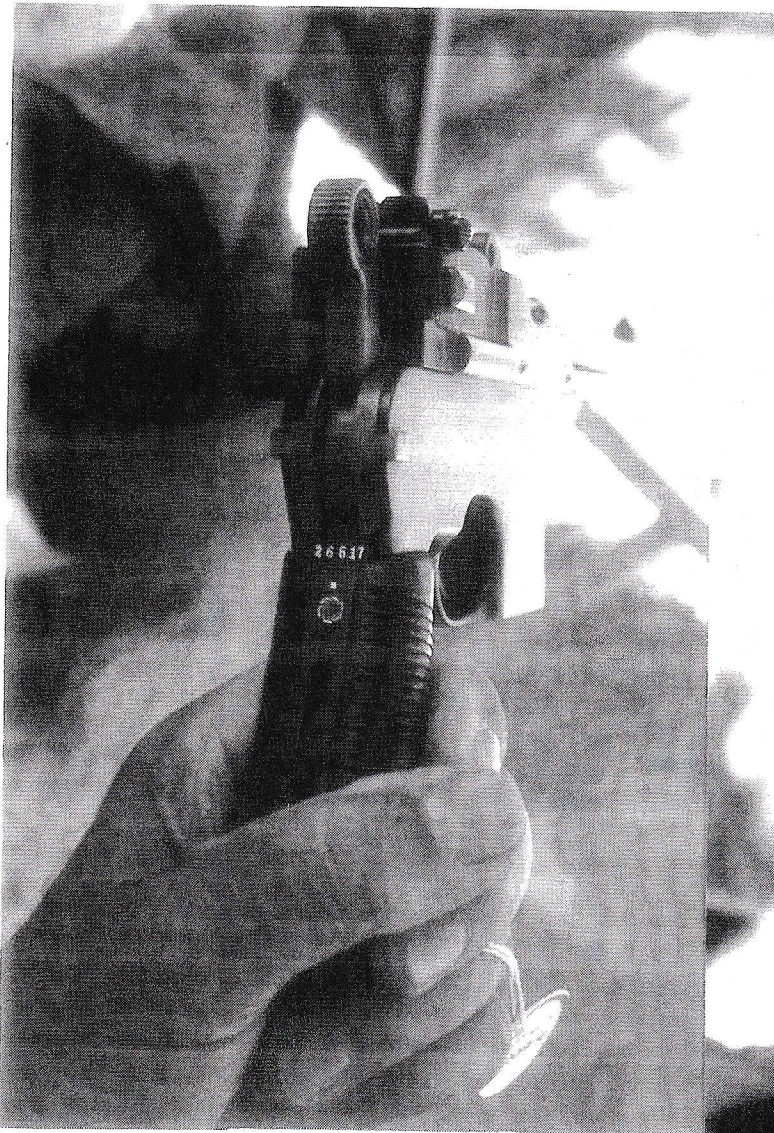
From: the S.E. NAPCA Convention Committee

Many thanks for your support! We especially thank Joop van de Kant of Belgium and Dietrich Jonke of Germany for their excellent presentations after the banquet. We look forward to seeing all of you next year. If you didn't make it to the convention this year, please try to join us next year.

FROM KEN NICHOLS: More on C96 stocks. I found an early stock (late cone hammer #3599) with some 'so-called' trench art. I first thought this was of WWI vintage, but it may be WWII because of the swastika. Anyone seen such art before? Also shown is an early cone hammer stock. Notice the four digit serial is on the hinge. Later cone stocks will have the serial on the iron. Eventually, Mauser opted to place only the last three digits on the attaching iron.



FROM KEN NICHOLS: Siamese contract C96 pistols. Notice the Siamesese round crest, along with serial number, stamped on the rear back-strap. Am not sure of the numbers produced in this contract run. Joe Schroeder will know - hope he will comment. This particular piece, #26617, has an unusual rear sight calibrated 100 to 300 meters.



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(WMAC arsenal refinished model in Very Good cond. . . \$10.00 more . . . Refinished & fitted with new bbl. for only \$59.95)



FROM BRAD STIMSON: In sorting some old gun magazines the other day, I came across this ad for Lugers. For those of us in the business for many years, the prices are nothing new. However, for some of the relatively new collectors, the prices advertised might be of interest should you want to include it in one of the issues. The magazine was dated February 1964....wish I could still buy them at those prices!

ATTENTION: ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS!

WANTED

Wanted...Parts for a German MP28 (Schmeisser). Also, any de-activated military guns (barrels plugged, etc) with registration paperwork. Cash paid. Phil Newton, Chickamauga Ordnance (423) 421-7421 anytime"

*P24(?) hardshell HOLSTER HK marked (HEINRICH KRIEGHOFF) (WHITTINGTON III p.209).

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Please contact : CAILLEAU, Stephane, 9, CLOS ABBE FROIDURE, 1180, BRUSSEL, BELGIUM.

E-mail = fa237356@skynet.be

I have an account in a U.S. BANK and some very nice American NAPCA collector friends; so don't be afraid, if you can help !

LUGER, DWM or ERFURT, 4" bbl., or ARTILLERY, 1914 CHAMBER DATE. Must have at least 98% original blue and 90% straw. Must have at least one ORIGINAL MATCHING MAGAZINE. Rig OK. Please, no Waffenamt USA reworks. Fred Scharer, Box 50808, Mendota Hts, MN, 55150, 651-260-3811.

WWII German issue holster for the Hungarian P. Mod. 37, vg+, any pattern. Bill Palmer janpalspoodles@ns.sympatico.ca

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Please call to see what I have left. Harry F. Klein (727)
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Walther PPK, 1966 manufacture, 99%, Box, Manual, Extra Clip, Cleaning rod, no target, \$1275;

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