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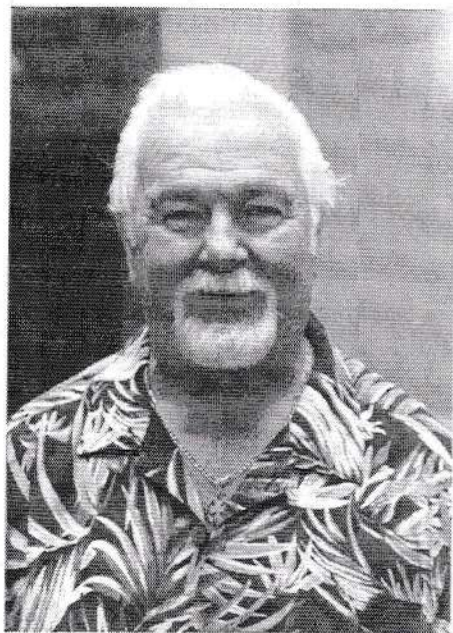
FROM JOE WOTKA: For a number of years now, some dealers have been advertising pistols marked with German police acceptance marks as SS/Police. I guess this labeling has expanded and now some collectors are taking exception to the practice. I notice that Randy Bessler's latest list includes pocket Mausers and Walthers identified as "German Police (SS) Issue". Such labeling has been cited as perhaps deceptive and designed to encourage sales. Well, I can only agree with the dealers using these labels. Beginning in 1936, the Ordnungspolizei was controlled as a Main Office under RFSS Himmler. True, the ORPO had its own procurement and marking system. But, it was all controlled by the SS. So, the German police were a part of the SS. Guns sold as such are quite accurate. And, as the war progressed, the combat police units were renamed as SS units, like the SS-Polizei Regiment 19 or others. Combat police units in Italy were also called SS units, like the SS-Polizei Regiment Bozen. So, I see nothing wrong with the nomenclature.

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Convention organizers Jim Cate, Derek Selzer, Fred Greer, Jim Kemp and Shane McMahon.



Speaker, Leo Lavallee



Leo Lavallee and Joe Pirolo with the Imperial Navy Lugers.

14th Year S. E. NAPCA Convention A Great Success

The convention was held at the upscale Chattanooga Hotel In Chattanooga, Tennessee, from August 23 through August 26. For the second year the convention itself took place Thursday, Friday and Saturday closing with the after banquet discussions and allowing Sunday for a pack up and travel day. A few members were only able to devote Thursday and Friday to the show and they missed the banquet and the banquet pictures.

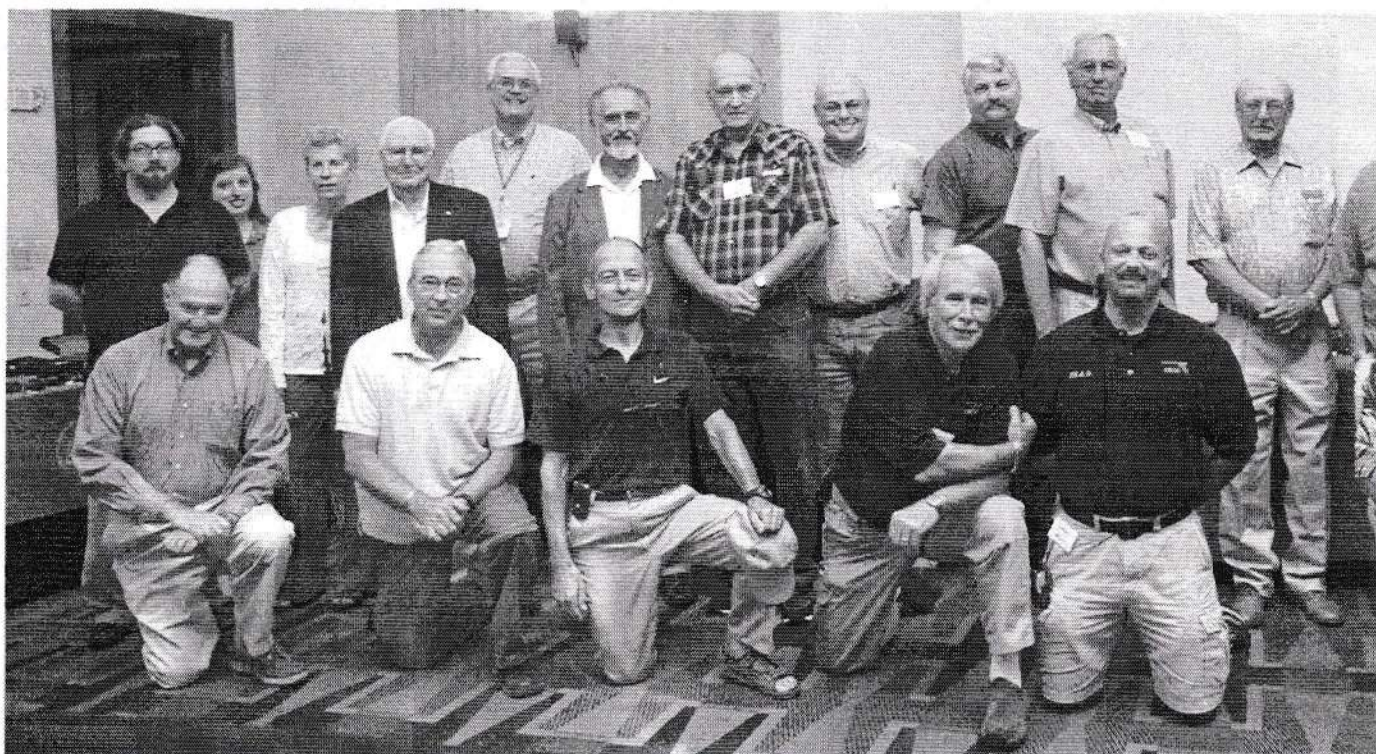
The convention was organized by Jim Kate, Fred Greer, Jim Kemp, Shane McMahon and Derek Seltzer. The banquet speaker was Leo Lavallee, an expert on the Imperial Navy Luger.

Mr. Lavallee showed excellent slides of each of the guns featured in the program and invited all members present to come to his table after his talk to check out the fine pieces and discuss their significance.

As usual Norma Cate led the ladies on a tour of Chattanooga with a bit of southern shopping and a wonderful lunch at the English Rose Tea Room.

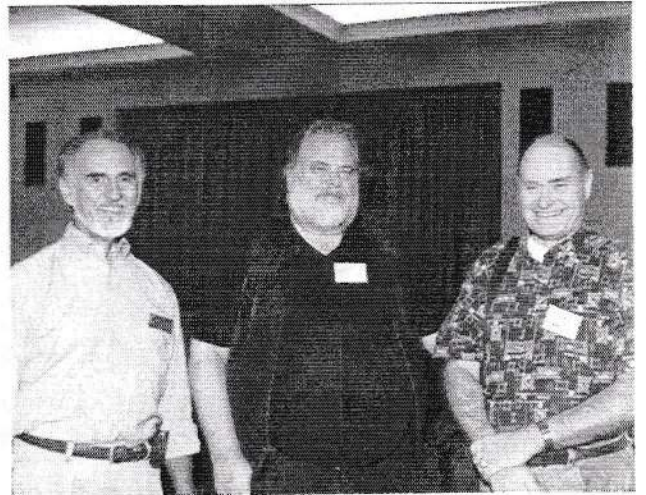
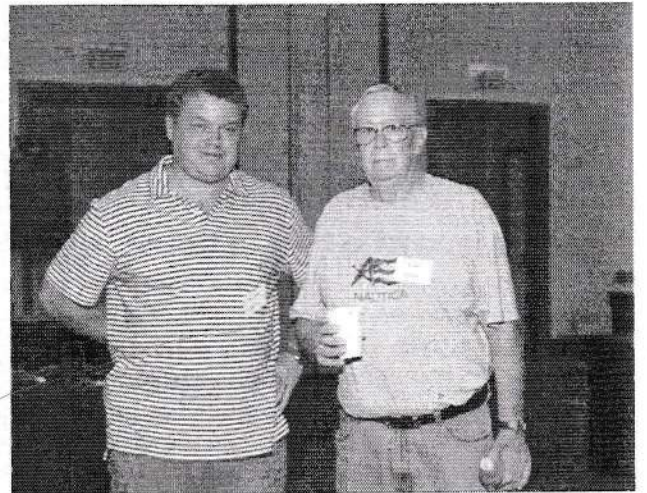


Peggy Benson, Norma Cate, Beth Newton, Lisa Pirolo, Laurel Anderson and Teri Kemp



The convention attracted eight “First Timers” and members from twenty-two states and one foreign country (Belgium).





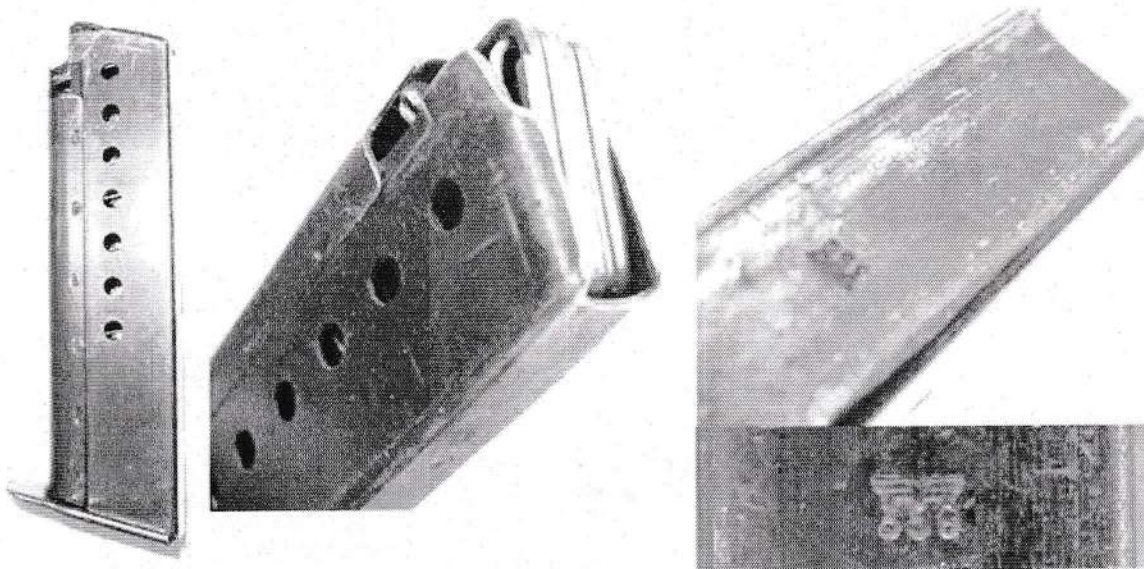
P.38 Magazine with an Unusual Seam

Here is a P.38 magazine with the seam of the body overlapped in the opposite direction from normal. It appears to be wartime production with a 359 waffenamt marking in the usual location on the spine. The only other marking is a hand scratched "6" on the floor plate. There are 6 rectangular welds along the seam. The late war style ribbed follower may be a clue to when it was made.

I was told this magazine and the 1942 dated hardshell holster that was with it came from the estate of a Canadian veteran who served in Italy. The pistol was turned into the police for destruction.

Has anyone seen another like this one?

Marc Mandro



TO LEN ANTARIS FROM HARRY KLEIN: On May 16, 2007, I wrote a two-page letter, with photos, which I mailed to Tom Knox asking that it be forwarded to you. The reason I'm checking is that I haven't had any response so am beginning to wonder if it made it through. Please let me know if you received the information I sent - contact information in the FOR SALE section. (E/N: Harry, I honestly don't remember if I received your letter or not, but I do know that if it arrived, I certainly would have forwarded it along. After that, one never knows what the Post Office might do.)

TO THE MEMBERSHIP FROM BURT ZWIBEL:

Regarding Eric Sundgren's excellent article on the Schnell, I would add the following:

The select-fire 1932 Mauser was definitely issued to both select SS troops and Luftwaffe anti-aircraft personnel, as attested to by numerous period photos published elsewhere.

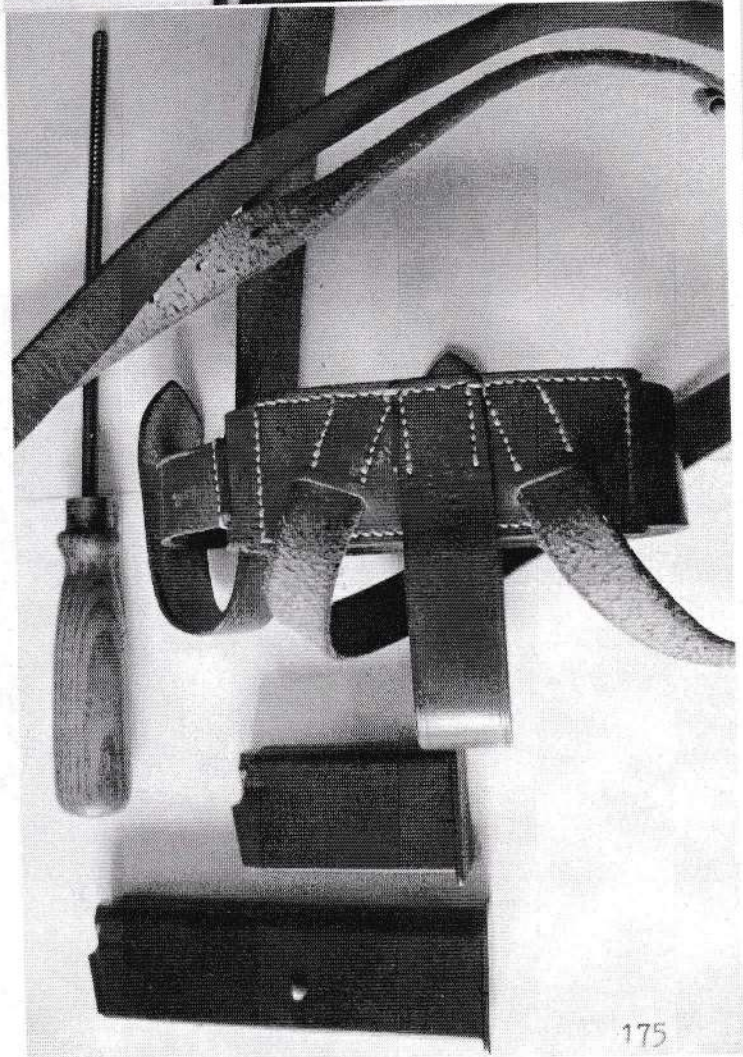
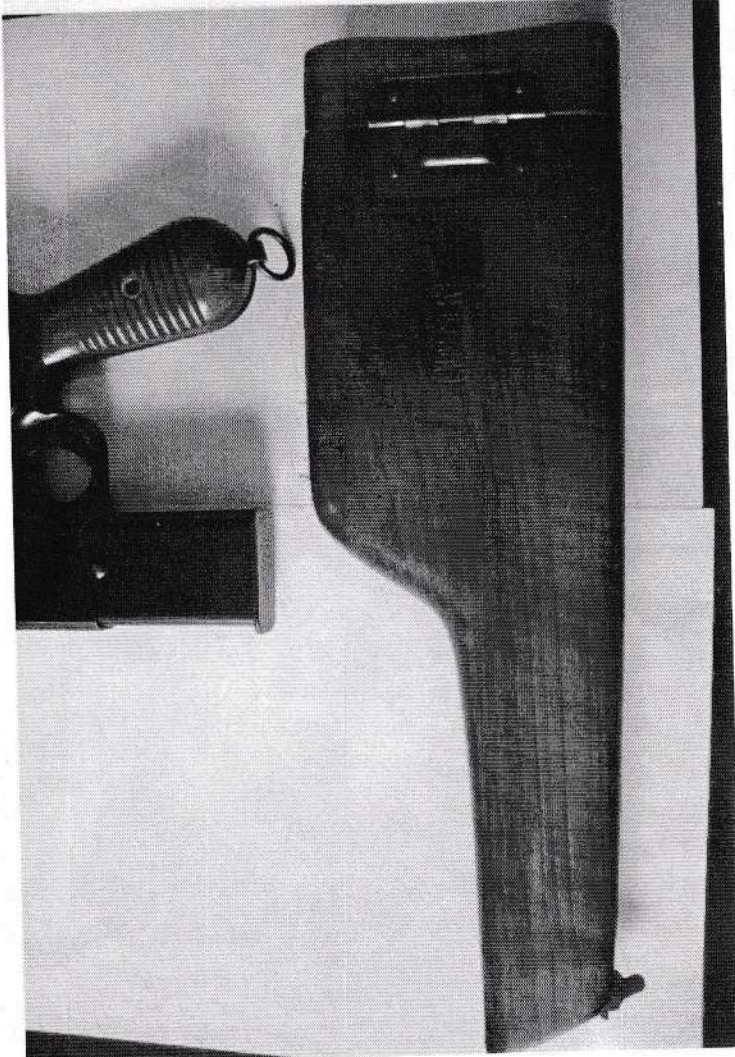
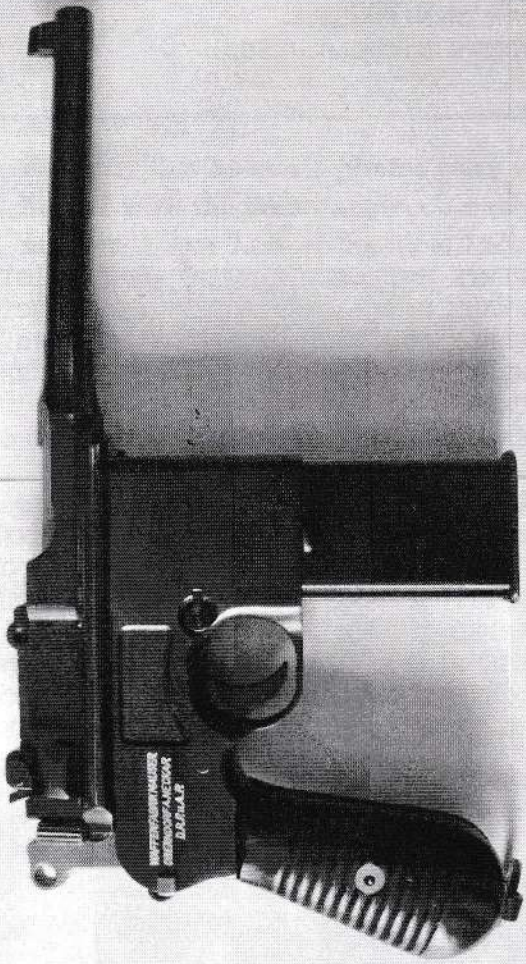
Many of these select-fire pistols, both Spanish and German, were sold to the Chinese Nationalist troops, who fired them holding the weapon turned over 90 degrees, so the burst would go horizontally. Evidently more effective than a vertical string, but your buddy ten feet aside you probably got some hot brass going his way.

The German issue guns were late production items, and had the ordnance acceptance eagle stamped into the left barrel extension flat. No WaA markings.

Attached are some photos of my NFA registered example, in its original, minty condition, as liberated by an enterprising GI from an SS depot at war's end. Serial range is 93xxx. Leather harness is marked Waffenfabrik Schork Munchen.

After collecting for over 40 years, I finally have "The Ultimate Broom". We do not possess these relics, but merely have custody for a short period of time.





For: NICHOLS, KENNETH

Wed Aug 22, 2007 1:19 pm

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From: KENNETH NICHOLS

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MORE ON SWEDE CONTRACT P38 (M39)

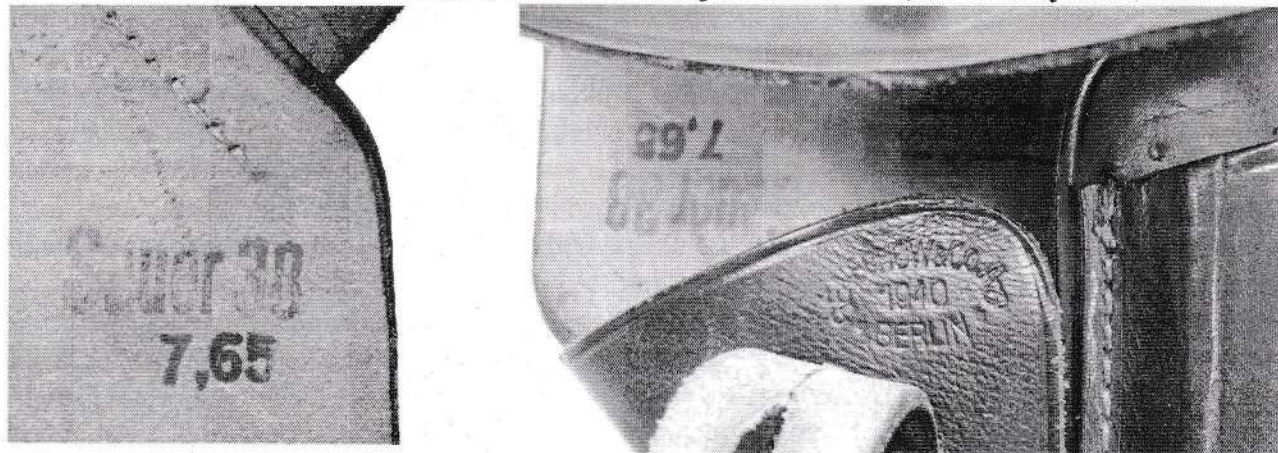
I RECENTLY ACQUIRED A VERY NICE SWEDE RIG, #1159, COMPLETE WITH MATCHING MAG AND ORIGINAL BROWN HOLSTER. MOST NEW P38 COLLECTORS ARE FAIRLY UNAWARE OF THE M39 AND THE DISTINCT DIFFERENCES WITH THE STANDARD WARTIME PIECES. THESE EARLY CONTRACT PIECES, SOME 1000, WERE PRODUCE JUST FOR THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, AND NO MORE WERE CONTRACTED, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE COMING WAR CLIMATE. THE FINISH IS BEAUTIFUL, CHECKERED GRIPS (UNNUMBERED) AND CHECKERED TAKE DOWN LEVER HEAD. OTHER IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES ARE: (1) SERIAL NUMBERS ON BBL, BLOCK, RIGHT SIDE OF FRAME (H) PRECEEDING THE SERIAL, ON THE UNDERSIDE OF THE SLIDE, AND FINALLY, ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE BODY OF THE MAGAZINE. THE MAGAZINE FLOORPLATE IS FLAT, WITHOUT THE SAFETY TAB CUTOUT. OF COURSE, THE MAG DOES NOT HAVE ANY "359" PROOFS. THE ORIGINAL BROWN HOLSTERS WILL ALL HAVE THE HOLD DOWN STRAP POINTING "UPWARD", IN THE POLICE FASHION. ALL HOLSTERS I HAVE ENCOUNTERED ARE MINT CONDITION, NONE HAVING ANY MANUFACTURERS NAME OR CODE/YEAR. SOME MAY HAVE THE SWEDISH CROWN STAMPED ON THE LID, AND/OR REGIMENTAL/COMPANY MARKINGS. WARREN BUXTON THINKS THESE PISTOL RIGS WERE ISSUED CLEANING RODS INITIALLY MADE FOR THE BROWNING M1909 PISTOL, WHICH FITS NICELY INTO THE INSIDE OF THE HOLSTER. I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE SUCH HOLSTERS HAVING CROWNS OR UNIT MARKINGS. THANKS, KEN NICHOLS...318-212-4252.



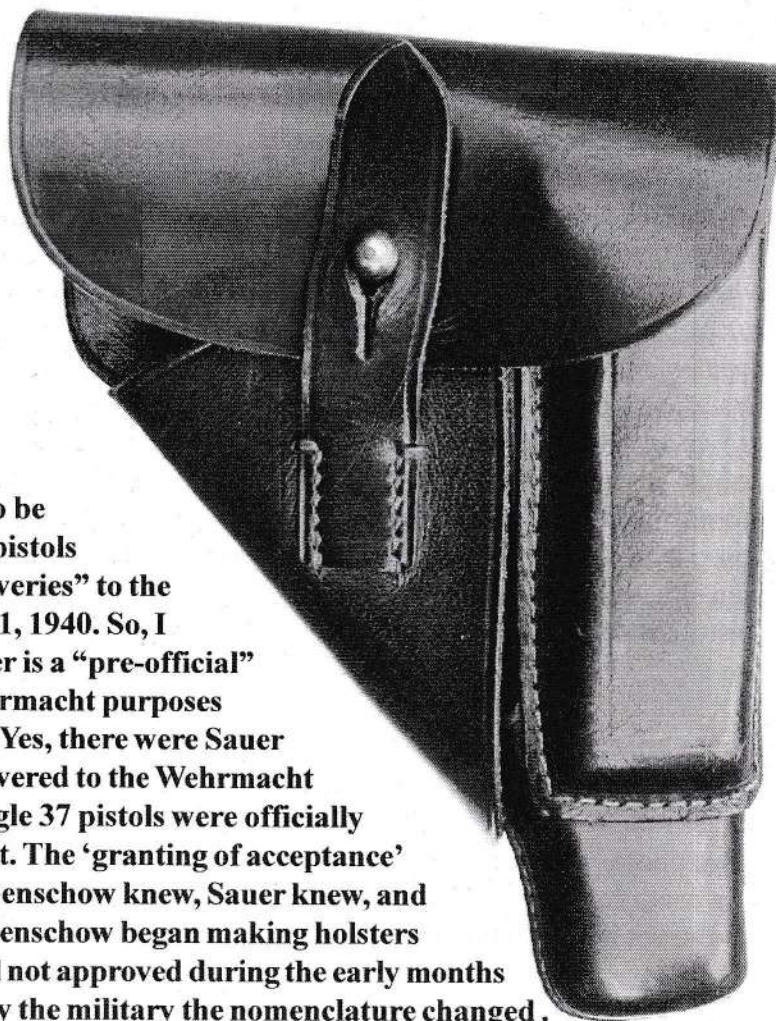
A New Marking ?

by Jim Cate

Recently this holster's photos were sent to me from Germany by Martin Krause. It is a dated holster with the manufacturer's name, location and date shown. All I have ever seen before are marked 'Sauer 7,65' or 'Sauer H 7,65,' but none with just 'Sauer 38 7,65.' So why is this different?



In Volume II of the Sauer book Martin and I show copies of the actual documents that reference "indirect deliveries to the Wehrmacht" before March 1940 when the nomenclature of the pistol changed from Model 38 to Model H. There is no Wehrmacht acceptance on this holster, but yet it is dated and made like a military holster. Commercial holsters don't have dates on them usually!



Martin and I believe this to be one of the holsters for the pistols sent with the "indirect deliveries" to the Wehrmacht before March 1, 1940. So, I think we can say this holster is a "pre-official" example dedicated for Wehrmacht purposes but not officially accepted. Yes, there were Sauer pistols being indirectly delivered to the Wehrmacht even before the Double Eagle 37 pistols were officially accepted by the Wehrmacht. The 'granting of acceptance' was just a matter of time. Genschow knew, Sauer knew, and the Wehrmacht knew. So Genschow began making holsters for the Wehrmacht, but still not approved during the early months of 1940. After acceptance by the military the nomenclature changed .

FROM JOHN PEARSON: In the October 2006 issue of Auto Mag I presented comments on the use of Walther Model PP .22 caliber pistols within the German concentration camps. I referenced pistols documented as having been taken out of the Dachau Camp at the end of the War by U.S. Soldiers, and concluded by asking if any members had additional information on the subject. Some weeks later I received a phone call from a non-member who heard about the article, and he told me that he knew of such a gun and provided me with the phone number of the actual owner of the pistol. When contacted, the owner told me that he had owned the gun for years and had bought it from the U.S. veteran who brought it home. The pistol was a Crown N model PP, caliber .22, in the 9 hundred thousand serial range. He said that when he bought the pistol the vet told him that it had come from a German Concentration camp, but since the gun was in caliber .22 he gave very little credence to that claim. After all, as he said to me, "who ever heard of the Nazis carrying caliber .22 pistols". He also mentioned that the vet had given him a couple of photos, one as he recalled showing the inside of a death camp, but he had long ago put the photos away and had only a vague recollection of what they pictured. He was completely unaware of my article and the connection I had already established between similar pistols and the concentration camps.

After some weeks of discussions the owner of the pistol agreed to sell it to me. When it arrived I have to admit that I was pretty disappointed. The gun showed hard use and lots of wear, but there was only a trace of pitting and it did have the very rare Walther optional extended checkered wooden grips (such grips were only offered on the PP pistol in caliber .22, and they added almost 25% to the price of the pistol, thus they were rarely ordered). Note - one of the documented Dachau guns is also fitted with the extended checkered wooden grips. The grips were all there, being the single screw variation, but they were literally covered in what I assumed to be old linseed oil. It took me hours using lacquer thinner to get the stuff out of the checkering, but when finished the grips actually looked pretty good. The gun showed lots of use, with even much of the blue worn off the face of the trigger, evidence that the pistol had really been fired a lot. The slide had the 90 degree safety feature but the actual safety lever was a 60 degree version (this arrangement will work fine, with the lever not needing to be fully moved to the lower position to function). I assume that the original safety lever had broken at some point. The barrel appeared to be original but had no remaining blue and the Crown N proof was just barely visible on the right side (the barrel showed lots of cleaning on the outside). The bore was fine (.22 bullets take almost no toll on a steel barrel, even when not cleaned often). The crown of the barrel showed pitting and someone had even filed it flat (probably to remove much of the pitting). The front face of the slide, all around the muzzle area, was totally devoid of blue, and I must say that I have never seen this before and I attributed this blue loss to having been caused by a caustic substance, most likely blood. Both sides of the forward area of the slide also showed significant blue loss and the grip straps were both worn to maybe 30% blue. In summary, this pistol had lead a really hard life and my guess is it probably has had more than 40,000 rounds fired thru it.

I called the owner to ask about the vet's history, but he remembered nothing since he had bought the gun years ago, and he only bought it because it had the checkered wooden grips - the vet story meant nothing to him. He said he would look for the photos and let me know if he found them. Months later I received two photos in the mail - one of a U.S. soldier aiming a pistol in an open field, and the second photo of a death camp oven. I called him again but he had no information to add - he did not know if that was the vet in the photo, and he did not know the name of the camp (the oven photo).

I then made an enlargement of the camp oven photo and sent it into Auto Mag where it was published in the June 2007 issue. I asked if any members could help identify the camp from the ovens in the photo, since I know nothing about that topic. A few weeks after the June 2007 issue was out I received in the mail a large packet of information from another NAPCA member, who it turns out has a very extensive library and knowledge on both the SS and the camps. He provided me with clear photos of the ovens in each camp (no two are alike) and from those photos he proved that my oven photo was from K.L. Buchenwald, in the Weimar area of Germany. So now I had what I considered the final piece of the puzzle. Buchenwald was one of the larger camps and had been liberated by U.S. soldiers, thus it fit with the story that the G.I. had taken the pistol from a liberated camp, in this case Buchenwald. Keep in mind that many of the major camps were overrun by Russian troops, not American troops, thus any pistols from those camps would have almost no chance of ever ending up in the United States. Also, the extreme use and wear patterns that the pistol exhibits is completely consistent with having been used to kill large numbers of people at point blank range!

To be honest, I have very conflicting thoughts whenever I look at this PP pistol. I have always sought out the finest condition guns I could find, and it never entered my mind that any of those guns had ever been used to kill anyone. Now I own a PP pistol which has probably killed thousands of camp inmates. I suppose some would want to destroy such a gun, but in truth the gun did not commit the atrocities, it was the people using the gun. This pistol is thus an anomaly within my collection and yet I consider it one of the most historical artifacts that I own.

I have been made aware of a couple of other "death camp" PP .22 pistols, but as of now they lack sufficient documentation to conclude anything definitive. The problem is that the soldiers using those pistols would never acknowledge it, and the inmates who the guns were used on are not able to talk, so it is really difficult to validate such guns. So I again call upon the members to provide any information that they might have on this topic. Just like the SS Walther pistols that my previous research identified, I am sure there are a number of these "death camp" PP .22 caliber pistols out there, and in fact I would not be surprised if some are currently owned by other members. Also, in particular I would like to discover who ordered and used the roughly one thousand late War milled finish PP .22 pistols that we know were produced. Clearly, for Walther to interrupt their normal wartime production line to produce .22 caliber PP pistols, it had to be a special order of very high priority. In my opinion the logical explanation for those guns, produced at a time when the War was going badly for Germany, was for use within the death camps. But to date I have not learned about the connection of the capture of any of those milled finish PP .22 pistols with Concentration Camp use. I am also continuing to research this topic in published material and have found references to the common use of a "neck shot", but nothing so far that states it was done specifically with Walther caliber .22 pistols.

Walther PPK police pigskin holster

By Dietrich P. Jonke

During my search for collectibles I was able to acquire an interesting one for a Walther PPK police pistol, which I would like to present here. The shown pistol was not part of the deal but was used to presentation purposes only.

The holster is made of pigskin and dyed black (see Fig. 1 to 3) Pigskin can be described as being inferior regarding ruggedness, durability and tightness to moisture compared to cow hide leather which was the standard material for military and police field gear and therefore the majority of accoutrements were made of cowhide. The lifecycle time of a pigskin made article can be described as much shorter in case of regularly and/or heavy field use. To increase stability the surface of the leather was often mechanically textured by a pressing operation where a certain structure was applied into the leather outer skin. Textures observed are for example pebble grain but also others do exist. Pigskin was used as an alternative material to cowhide that became more and more scarce during the war when increased demand plus losses from the battlefields severely aggravated the manufacturing situation. Please have in mind that plastics like we have in use today did not exist during this time. Therefore leather was an important raw material. This was also the time frame when most experiments with the so-called "Ersatz-Materials" were launched. So pigskin made articles mostly date back to 1941 and 1942 origin (see Luger holsters of manufacturers like "bdq.", "erg", "DLU", "E.G. Leuner, Bautzen" etc.) but also in later years this material was further used as a substitute (see P.38 holster "bla 1944" etc.).

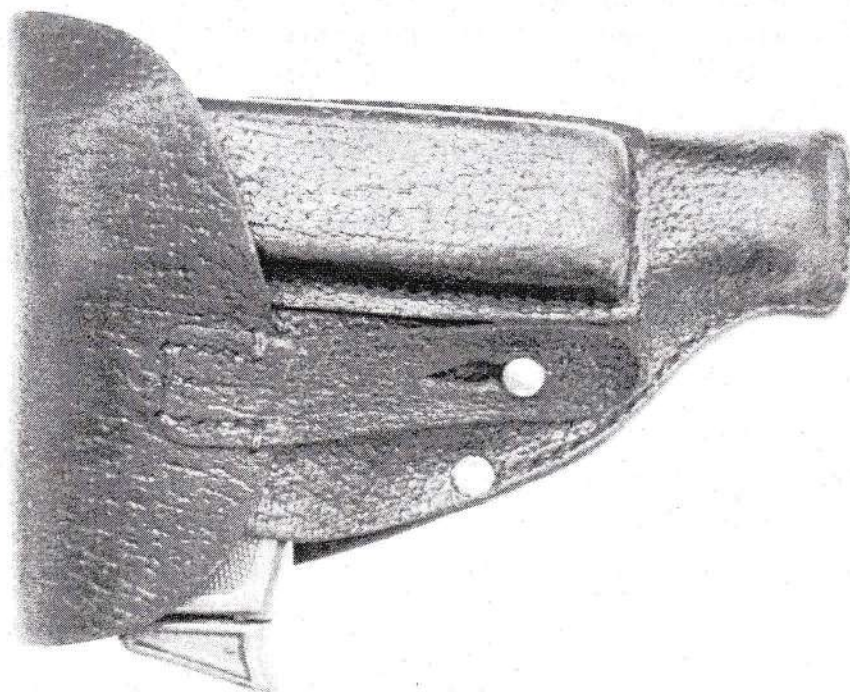


Fig. 1 holster front



Fig. 2 holster rear



Fig. 3 holster with Walther PPK pistol

Opening the flap reveals the hallmark of the manufacturer "Kern & Kläger Cie., Berlin, 1941". This stamp is hard to read, due to the structured surface of the pigskin leather (see Fig.4). Inside the flap is the police acceptance mark eagle swastika/B struck into the leather (see Fig. 5). What make the holster more interesting to the collector are the name of the former owner "*Kiesel Friedrich*" as well as the city of "*Strassburg*" where the owner was serving his duty as a police employee (see Fig. 5). Strassburg is part of Alsace which is located in nowadays France but was under German occupation during WWII. Furthermore the flap carries important information about the type of pistol carried in this holster. It was a Walther "*PPk 322668 k*". Looking into Jan Still's book "Axis Pistols" we can find serial data for police accepted Walther PPK pistols on page ??? So the probability that this pistol was one of the police eagle/C marked guns is very high thereby confirming that it was once a truly police rig during

the war. Holsters of this type are hard to find since the majority were made for Sauer Behördenmodell, Sauer 38H, Mauser 1914, Mauser 1934 and Mauser HSc.



Fig. 4 Hallmark „Kern & Kläger Cie. Berlin 1941“



Fig. 5 Police acceptance marking eagle swastika / B



Fig. 6 Inscription (P.P.K. 322 668 k, Kiesel Friedrich, Straßburg)

The Walther PPK presented here is one the police accepted eagle/C (full swastika) pistols (see Fig.7 to 9). According to Dieter Marshall's data base the manufacturing date is 1941. So this gun perfectly fits in the 1941 made Kern & Kläger holster.

Thanks to my dear friend John R. James for going thru the manuscript as well to Dieter Marshall assisting me with his data base on manufacturing dates.



Fig. 7 Walther PPK made in 1941



Fig. 8 Walther PPK right side serial number 310 040 k

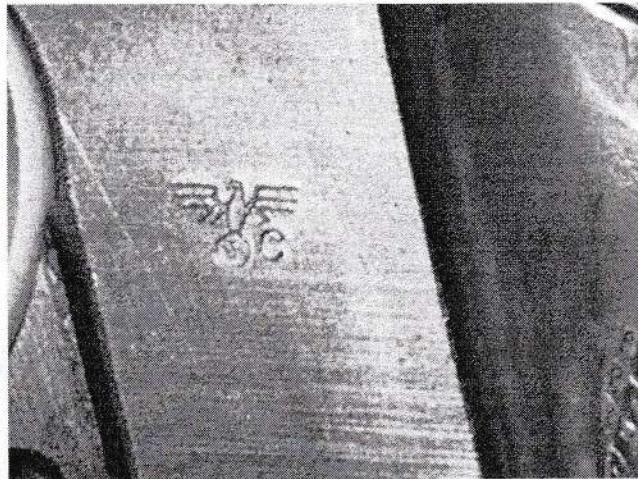


Fig. 9 Police acceptance eagle/C full swastika

FROM DEREK SELTZER: Jim and I met with the hotel folks yesterday and sure it seems like a long time to August 2008 but this is what we must do to plan for a successful meeting many times before we see each other again in August. One of the problems we encountered as you all know is the lack of up front commitment from our members as to the numbers showing up for the meeting in advance. One third of all the members who showed up did not let us know until a paltry two weeks or less before the meeting which is not acceptable. I am putting a first shot across the bow so to speak and asking that you advise us in the next month of your initial intentions for 2008. IF we cannot get enough support we may decide on economic issues along not to have a meeting in 2008. We need your cooperation as this is YOUR meeting. We are also undecided at this point whether a 2 day or 3 day meeting will be had and again it will be based on future meetings and proposals we have with the hotel staff and our ammo that we bring to the table as well in the numbers of attendees. Any questions or concerns please advise either Jim Cate or myself. Since I only have a limited number of email addresses I also would appreciate it if you would see who you know who is a NAPCA member and not on this list and send them a copy as well. As we mentioned at the banquet IF we cannot get sufficient support from our members to attend their meeting then all of our efforts to the end result are wasted. MAKE THIS HAPPEN.

FROM DEREK SELTZER: Recently a friend of mine in Israel advised me that if I had any WW2 related papers referring to the Holocaust that the Yad Vashem Museum would put them in the permanent display in Jerusalem. I sent the Museum the papers I had and know that whenever I visit the Museum or any family or friends go they will be able to see these pieces long after I am gone. That being said many of the members with long time collections have been heard wondering what will become of my collection. Of course when it comes to pistols and holsters someone will buy them but not at the prices we would have asked while alive, paper and cloth is another thing. If any of you want to donate pieces like this here is the info. The Museum will send you a nice letter with the Archive number for reference.

Yad Vashem Museum
PO 3477
Jerusalem, Israel 91034
Attn- Valerie Ben-Or
Registrar of Achives
www.yadvashem.org.il holocaust.resources@yadvashem.org.il

It gave me a personal good feeling to be able to do this not only for my family but for all to see. Who knows maybe the Little Man with the Beard from Iran will get there one day too.

Maybe by now someone has indeed found some primary source documentation concerning this interesting little mark and the variations of it and would share their findings with the rest of us.

TO THE MEMBERSHIP FROM WARREN H. BUXTON: A fellow P.38 collector has acquired a P.38 that he is wondering about and so am I. It is a cyq, serial 4369e. There is nothing unusual about the gun except it has an eagle over WaA63 Waffenamts inspector mark stamped on it. The mark appears on the left side of the frame beside the serial number, on the right front of the trigger guard and on the front of the barrel, and these locations are shown in the images included with this discussion. It does not appear on the slide or any of the small parts. Note that the barrel's serial number is in the standard configuration of 4369 over e and that the "e" is stamped over the eagle over WaA63 mark.

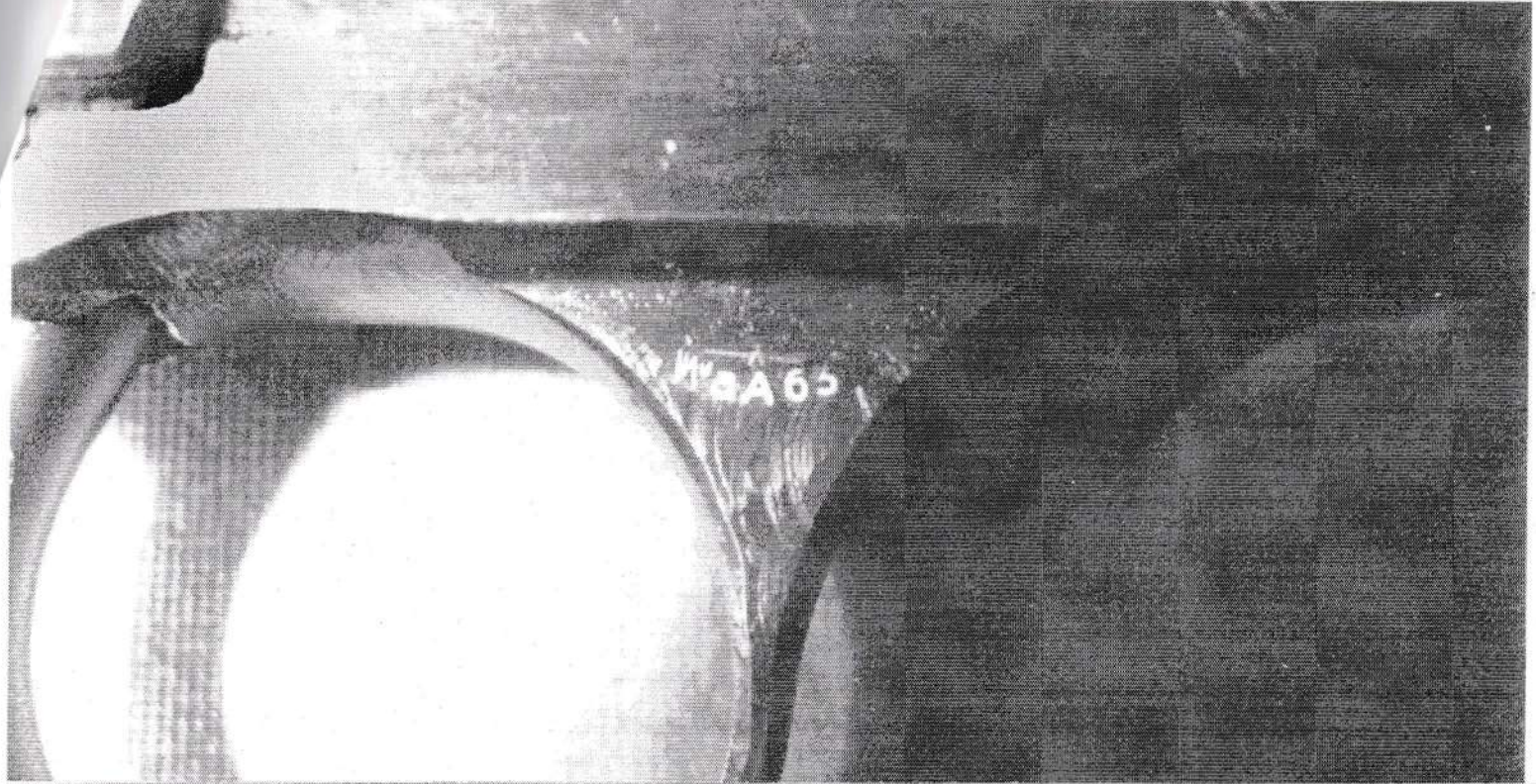
I have not been able to personally examine this gun but its owner says it does not appear to have been tampered with in any way. According to him, he acquired it at a recent gun show at a non-premium price, although it has been the subject of a discussion on one of the P.38 internet forums. At the moment I'm not sure whether its present owner put it on the forum or whether it was someone else and I don't know what the consensus of the forum members was about it.

I've never seen a P.38 marked like this, so has anyone see another P.38 with this mark or know anything about the mark itself? I think it was a mark associated with Luger production before about 1940 but was not used after that, but am not sure of that information. It certainly has no known connection with any P.38 production.

With anything like this, especially nowadays, the first thought that comes to mind "Is this a fake?" and I'm quite suspicious of the appearance of any unknown Waffenamts mark on any P.38. However, simply because this is an unknown does not mean it is automatically a fake. The fact that the barrel mark appears under the barrel's serial number is what makes me wonder. At least from the photos sent to me, the front of that barrel and its serial number appear okay but authenticity can be difficult to determine from photos alone. If it wasn't for the relationship between that barrel serial number and mark I would dismiss this gun as simply an unknown with the high possibility of it being a fake.

Some of the NAPCA fellows have been paying close attention to which Waffenamts marks have been faked with new dies within the past years and how the fakes differ from the original, so is this eagle over WaA63 one of the known fakes and does this mark appear to be from the fake die?

FROM PROF JIRI VOJTA TO JEAN CLAUDE KEMPF: I am very puzzled by your suggestion that the Czech CZ 27 pistols were issued to Czech military schools. On March 15, 1939 at 6AM Czechoslovakia and the Czechoslovak army ceased to exist. How could there have been Czech military schools after the Czech army was abolished? Being a born Czech, I doubt that "U" should stand for school. In the Czech language, school is "skola". Furthermore, the CZ 27 was never issued to the Czechoslovak army but was designed and developed as a police pistol.



90 guns per 100 people in U.S.

Canada down list with 30 guns per 100 people

The Vancouver PROVINCE News Services

Published: Wednesday, August 29, 2007

GENEVA -- Most of the world's small arms are held by civilians, with rapid and unchecked urbanization a key driver behind their proliferation, a Swiss academic study said yesterday.

Of the 875 million small arms -- rifles, shotguns and handguns -- in circulation, some 650 million, or 75 per cent, are held by civilians, according to the study by the Geneva-based Graduate Institute of International Studies.

The U.S. tops the list with 270 million small arms, which translates into roughly 90 firearms per every 100 people, making it the most heavily armed society in the world, the study said. About 4.5 million of the eight million new guns manufactured worldwide each year are purchased in the U. S.

"There is roughly one firearm for every seven people worldwide. Without the U.S., though, this drops to about one firearm per 10 people," the study said.

India has the world's second-largest civilian gun arsenal, with an estimated 46 million firearms outside law enforcement and the military, though this represents just four guns per 100 people there. China, ranked third with 40 million privately held guns, had three firearms per 100 people.

Germany, France, Pakistan, Mexico, Brazil and Russia were next in the ranking of countries' overall civilian gun arsenals.

On a per-capita basis, Yemen had the second most heavily armed citizenry behind the U.S., with 61 guns per 100 people, followed by Finland with 56, Switzerland with 46, Iraq with 39 and Serbia with 38.

France, Canada, Sweden, Austria and Germany were next, each with about 30 guns per 100 people, while many poorer countries often associated with violence ranked much lower. Nigeria, for instance, had just one gun per 100 people.

The study also found that civilians are acquiring greater numbers of increasingly powerful guns, and that this trend is likely to continue for the foreseeable future.

"The connection between per capita wealth and gun ownership is strong enough to suggest that as long as gun ownership laws are not changed, greater national wealth leads to greater gun ownership," the report said.

However, an equal problem is the growing poverty, violence and insecurity sparked by rampant urbanization in poor countries, where the drugs trade, availability of weapons and the opportunities for criminal gain make for a dangerous combination.

"Whereas urbanization used to be associated with industrialization and economic growth, this link has been broken," said survey program director Keith Krause.

For example, Brazil's firearm homicide rate is greater than some war-torn countries, with the number of victims tripling to 21 per 100,000 from seven in the period 1982-2002.

Post-conflict societies also remain at risk from gun violence as many weapons still remain in circulation among the civilian population and societies often lack a robust regulatory and security framework, the report noted.

The report relied on government data, surveys and media reports to estimate the size of world arsenals. Of the total, 225 million are held by law enforcement and military forces. Five years ago, the survey estimated there were a total of just 640 million firearms globally.

"Civilian holdings of weapons worldwide are much larger than we previously believed," Krause said.

Only about 12 per cent of civilian weapons are thought to be registered with authorities.

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FROM SHELLY FISCHMAN: I recently purchased a very nice 1912 DWM (s/n 2316) with a retro fitted hold open and unrelieved sear. There is a unit mark: 4.A.F.III.1.M.12. Noll's book had a listing only for the 4th Foot Artillery Regiment's III battalion (mine is from their munitions column). Collector George Anderson informed me of the following: "In 1914 F.A. regiment 4, battalions I & II along with the "draught horse section" provided the heavy artillery component of the 4th Army Corps (Magdeburg) 7th & 8th Divisions. Nowhere in the pre war organization can I find the III Bn. In "the Handbook of the German Army 1914" it states that Foot Artillery Regiment consisted of only two battalions. Then it goes on to treat the subject of Heavy Mortars (210cm) which formed a battalion. These heavy units were far less mobile than the howitzers and were used primarily in the siege role and assigned on the Army level." The gun came with an Austrian Roth Steyr or Steyr-Hahn or maybe even a Rast-Gasser holster (I'll need to test this out) with no mag pouch. It was ink-marked on the retro fitted belt loop: "Wm. Hogan/Germany 1944/ Russian holster."



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