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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS AND OLD FRIENDS

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Edward F. Fowler, Jr. - Massachusetts

Hans H. Kimm - Florida

Arlando Ray - Italy

Allan E. Stipp - Pennsylvania

FROM TOM KNOX: Because of the lag time between putting the paper together, sending it off and getting it back from the printer and then actually getting it out to all of you. Current news isn't always current. Shortly after placing my plea for input on the front of the February issue, the Post Office announced another increase in rates, effective on May the 20<sup>th</sup> of this year (I suspect we can now plan on an annual increase). I haven't been able to get the new rates covering our 'large envelope', but I'm sure it will be another five/ten cents. As a result of my comments in February, I got lots of input posted on the forum, by direct email and phone calls as well as notes sent in with renewals (many of which are reproduced within this issue). I have not kept a stroke count of opinions, but it would seem that most of the members want everything to stay the same, and are willing to pay the additional five bucks. I'm not saying that other alternatives won't be looked at in the future, especially if these increases do become annual, just that for now we will keep things the same. If you've already sent in your dues, don't worry about the difference UNLESS I need it at the end of the Volume.

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FROM AL KASERMAN: I read your dilemma about the increase in postage rates. I hate to see you have to restrict the size of the mailings because of increased cost of postage. I understand if you have to restrict the size of the mailings because you are not getting enough to fill it. That has to be your decision. I do not think \$5 extra would be a major problem. That is about the cost of two cups of coffee at some gun shows. I am enclosing my check for \$55. I do not often have information to send in, but I do look forward to reading the mailings every month. I know a lot of hard work goes into editing and mediating all the information.

FROM JEFF BROWN: In response to the postage issue - increase dues \$5 ASAP. AUTO MAG is great the way it is - postage cost increases are just part of the landscape.

FROM BILL WHEELER: I'm not sure when my membership expires, but here's a five year renewal the new "55 rate. Hope this is the type of support you are looking for.

FROM FRANKLIN OWENS: Mailing cost - I vote we down size the size of AUTO MAG to conform to dimensions set by the Post Office. Why should we pay more for their inefficiency? Some really great magazines have been greatly diminished after cutting back on pages. I don't believe we have anything scared about size dimensions. It's content that matters - less pages lead to less content. In fact less size could lead to more pages! By the way, what do most show stores and the Post Office have in common? Millions of loafers on hand on any given day! Why not do a book, the best of AUTO MAG? Raise money as well as put the association before gun collectors, many of whom have never heard of us, thus probably increasing membership/dues/finances!

The 2008 NAPCA CONVENTION will be held at the Marriott Convention Center Hotel in downtown Chattanooga, Tennessee on August 1, 2 and 3. Please call 1-800-841-1674 and ask for the National Automatic Pistol Collectors Association rate, or you can book online at [marriott.com/chadt](http://marriott.com/chadt), and under group code enter NAPNAPA. For a virtual hotel tour go to:

<http://photowebusa.com/marriott/chattanooga>

FROM DICK KEOGH: I enclose a DONATION (\$100) to help out in the current cash crunch. I support raising the dues to offset rising postage costs, rather than cutting back the magazine size. I do hope you will use the enclosed for postage, instead of for a dozen lavish lunches at the finest diners in St. Louis!!!!

FROM JUDD MOTT: With reference to the postage increase, my vote would be for keep AUTO MAG in the same form as is and increase the dues by \$5. I hope we don't lose members for five bucks.

FROM BRAD STIMSON: With regard to you comments in Issue 11 concerning postage rate, mailing and potential corrective alternatives to our present system I would offer the following. In spite of the "information highway" to use an old term, that most people now have in their homes via the internet I still refuse to hook up to it. I enjoy receiving and reading AUTO MAG (hard copy) in spite of the reduction in information that it has contained for some time (our fault as members). I appreciate the desire if not the need for many people to have instant access to the web and the information it contains but my present home computer system which is quite up to date is a stand-alone system for my personal use and will not be connected to any outside source. I've reached an age (my wife says I'm old and grumpy - maybe I am) where I do, within reason, as I wish and not what other folks wish I would do. For this reason and on a purely personal basis, I would be quite willing to see out membership fee increased by the amount you mention in order to alleviate the mailing problem. This may not be your final choice but whatever it is, as a member I'll support it.

FROM DAVID LICHT: Relative to your question on raising dues, I would vote for an increase. I believe another postal rate increase is scheduled for the spring or early summer (5/20/08). You should try to get ahead of the rising price of operations.

FROM HEINZ AHLERS: I am voting with my pen to increase the dues. Thanks for the hard work.

FROM JOHN ECKERT: NAPCA MAY BE "OUR" ORGANIZATION, BUT IT WOULDN'T BE MUCH WITHOUT YOU. Any of the cost cutting measures looks fine to me - whatever makes the most sense to you. I hope to live long enough to submit something to AUTO MAG. At this point I remain, in the words of Al Capp, "an expert on nothing with opinions on everything". Maybe one of those will be printable some day.





In regard to how Navy P.04's were found to be in Army use, evidence of joint Army – Navy operations have come to light. In "German Flame thrower Pioneers" by Thomas Victor (Schiffer Publishing, Ltd.) documents that these flame thrower assault troops were assigned to the Marinekorps Flandern's attack on Nieuport in July of 1917. This town on the Belgian coast was 22 miles north of Ypres<sup>1</sup>, the northern lynchpin of the front extending south to Switzerland. The tactics of this small operation, using two companies of Guard Reserve Pionier Regiment with other specially trained Sturmabteilung using infiltrations tactics, led to large scale operations at Riga two months later and subsequently to "Michael," the massive spring offensive of March, 1918. Both battles also used "Hurricane" bombardment of H.E. and gas shell.

Nieuport's inter-service troop mixing may have led to some unofficial swapping, a time honored tradition among military. It's tempting to think some P.04's may have changed hands. However as issued '04's belonged to the Reichsmarine, not the individual, this scenario is unlikely. But again the usual caveat of anything can happen in wartime applies. Think of "M.A.S.H." or Tony Curtis type officers "creative" acquisitions!

While a sprinkling of '04's may have occurred among army troops in this manner, the likely hood is the guns were issued to the army by the Reichsmarine under orders of Gen. Ludendorff who by this time became a virtual dictator of the wars conduct. The 44 divisions returning from Russia after its collapse in November, '17, some 250,000-400,000 troops, needed re-equipping. These troops were later used in "Michael" to force a decision in the war before American troops actively participated in the conflict. Coupled with growing unrest and near-starvation in Germany<sup>3</sup>, Ludendorff realized the Americans represented the end. What ever the Reichsmarine's contribution was, it was a drop in a bottomless bucket.

Regarding naval construction mentioned in the previous article, Ludendorff's shift from capital ships to U-boats in 1917 resulted in 96 boats launched that year and 72 completed in 1918<sup>2</sup>. According to Tirpitz allocation this required 1,152 and 864 pistols respectively assuming 12 guns per boat. If the 1917 estimate of 15,000 P.04's produced is correct then U-boat needs were a small percentage indeed. Then there's Leo Lavalley's unique 1918 marked Navy indicating some undocumented production that year. The plot thickens! All these '04's. Many sank but what became of the rest?

<sup>1</sup> After three years of continuous fighting the region around Ypres became a charnel pit of blood and mud. It was said you could smell the battlefield 10 miles away.

<sup>2</sup> Taken from John C. Taylor's "German Warships of World War I", Doubleday, 1970. Mr. Taylor was a member of the World Ship Society, London and had full access to German archives.

<sup>3</sup> Crop failure in the harvest of '17 plus the ever tightening blockade reduced Germany to a nation of paupers by 1918. Church bells and lead water pipes were melted down for metal. We who collect their guns now should realize the sacrifice it took to produce them. There was no "stab in the back". By any definition they were beaten and on the verge of internal collapse. While Michael ultimately failed, the Prussian eagle began to die in 1917.





FROM JOHN CRISEL: I just received my forwarded February Auto Mag which you asked for comments on the mailing alternatives. I would vote to have the Auto Mag folded in a first class envelope.

FROM JOHN CORNISH: Either solution sounds reasonable. You know how much you receive to print and have a better handle on things but if you raise the dues, I'm still in. Thanks for all your work.

FROM AL HOFFMEYER: Re - cost of issues.

1. Bite the bullet and raise dues.
2. Slim down. (Front & back could be cut in half)
2. Make print a bit smaller
4. Charge for ad's
5. Eliminate stuff NOT about Firearms
6. Page 257/258 could have been cut in half or more
7. Pages 244-5-6 could have been all on 1 page.
8. A LOT of "FAT" can be cut out.
9. Tell members to be BRIEF OR pay for their lengthy esteem.

FROM DON MAUS: I forgot to add that I too am willing to go the extra \$5 but would encourage offering electronic delivery to members who will accept it. This should reduce mailing costs considerably.

FROM WILSON BARTON: I received Issue 11 of Auto Mag concerning the increased cost of mailing and the potential solutions. My thought would be that we do what ever is easiest for you.

Personally, the organization and its publication has been a great asset to me in my growth as a collector and general overall enthusiast. It has afforded me an amazing amount of knowledge (if I can just retain some of it). It never ceases to impress me how the members are willing to share information without making us neophytes feel stupid. I have been able to make a bunch of really great friends I wouldn't have gotten to know otherwise. Also, I've added a bunch of "fun new" toys through the sale ads. That being said, my bottom line to all of this is that an extra \$5.00 per year is no great sacrifice for the wealth of information and help NAPCA has afforded me over the past number of years. Again, do what ever makes your life easiest. I sent renewal at the end of February and if I need to send an additional check, just let me know.



FROM DEREK SELTZER: Less pages, folded and leave dues alone. Next step is to put one edition out every other month.

FROM JIM CATE: My opinion: fold it and put it in a smaller envelope and leave the dues alone for now.

FROM BRUCE BYDAL: I vote for the \$5 dues increase method, but whatever you decide to do it will be just Fine with me! Keep up the good work!

FROM WALTER KELSO: Wouldn't mind if dues to AUTO MAG increased \$5 per year. Information received is worth it!

FROM DICK McEVOY: I'd prefer to keep it unchanged and increase the membership cost. This may be unrealistic given the reluctance of many senior members to contribute. What a waste of all that accumulated knowledge. Meanwhile, I've enclosed a \$300 check to help defray mailing costs. Consider it an unofficial Life Membership. I'll still pay annual dues however. Thanks again for all of your efforts.

FROM DAVID FRANCHI: I vote for folding the issue in half and sending it without the envelope. Would save on buying the envelope. This would be more work for you to fold them all and staple them, so \$5 per member more is okay.

FROM FREDERICK SCHARER: I'm putting my money where my mouth is and voting for increasing the dues by \$5 and leaving everything the way it is now.

FROM ROGER TREMBLAY: You are right - it's our organization - please publish the number of responses and our actual membership as a wake-up call! What I think will work (not necessarily what I approve): Option #1 - my choice; Option #2 - no real advantage; Option #3 - people are amazing - \$5 more for dues - NO WAY - \$5 for a drink - OKAY. Let's request one article per member, per year. It does not have to be research or new ground. It could be your latest purchase, your observations or story - it's press, it's entertaining and it keeps everyone active and of course the operative word is "request".



FROM ED RUESING: Concerning the need to constrain postage costs, my preference would be to see AUTO MAG retain its present format and length, then be folded in half and stuffed in a smaller envelope before mailing. I would also be willing to pay \$5 more in dues, if needed. If you are short on content, consider reprinting interesting articles and correspondence from early issues which I and, I am confident, many current members have not seen.

**TO KEN NICHOLS FROM KARL SCHAEFER :** Your P 38 holster shown in the January issue 2008 on page 237 is definitively of postwar production. Holsters of this wellmade type can be found with or without a small oval stamp of the maker firm of Hans Römer, Neu-Ulm, but all having on their backsides either five or six digit numbers "x"d out. My holster shows a six digit number which is, however, still readable as 138069. According to Walther Ulm factory records, a postwar P 38 with serialnumber 138 069 was delivered on Oct. 6, 1961 to the West German police of Schleswig-Holstein at Kiel in northern Germany, taken back by the factory on Febr. 26, 1971 and sold again on April 22, 1971 to Interarms/USA.

**TO A. VANDERLINDEN, BILL DROLLINGER AND OTHERS :** Recently acquired a Belgian HP, serialnumber E00150. The pistol carries Belgian proofs and full Herstal FN address, has a fixed sight, no stock lug and shows the importer marking WFW of Waffen Frankonia Würzburg. What do I have here ?

FROM RYAN LIEBHABER: Does anyone have any information on a French "Union" pistol shown on page 203 of Zhuk? It is a Colt-Browning copy in either 7.63mm or 9mm and has tangent sights and a stock slot. It may have been produced by Star in Spain and re-sold by the French Union company. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

FROM JOHN JAMES: I know that prewar Germany was selling Smith & Wesson's in the late twenties if not the early to mid-thirties as well. We also know what models were being listed for sale at that time sooooo.....my question to all you S&W experts out there is , does any one know of or have possession of a AKAH or GECO marked S&W revolver .....or any kind !?!

FROM DON MAUS: In researching German police markings, I have run across a number of markings on various types of pistols and edged weapons that I believe are from the Gendarmeries of several of the smaller German states. Unfortunately, there are few examples of these and very little documentary evidence. I would appreciate knowing about examples of any of the following markings and the pistols they are on (weapon numbers omitted).

G.M.S.G.

M.S.G.

M.G.

G.O.G.

O.G.K.

G.K.

Thanks for your help.



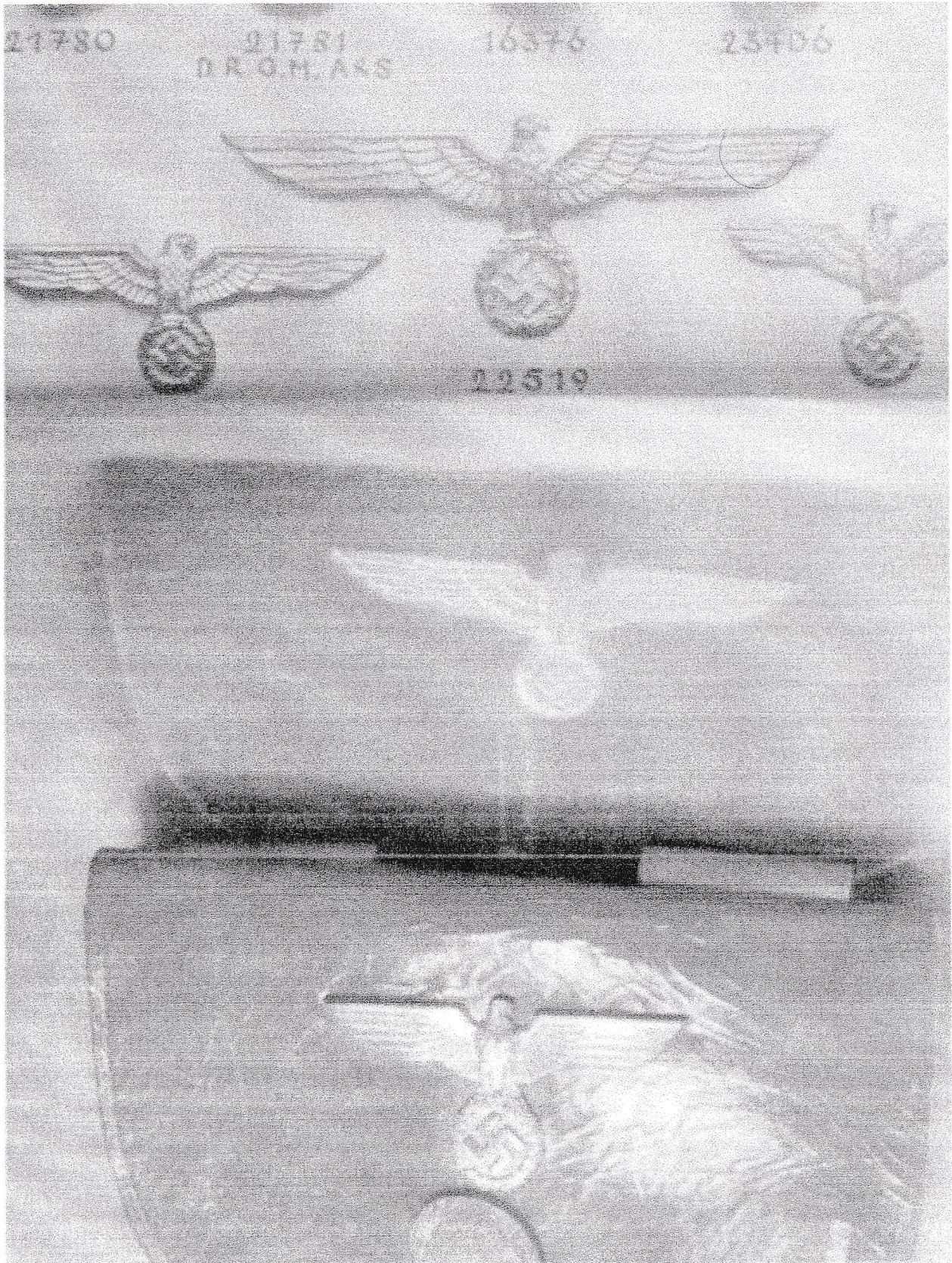
From Joe Wotka to Jim Otash: You wrote in the February 2008 of issue of Auto Mag about a holster in your collection for forty years. The photo you provided shows what you describe as a break-away trigger flap pinch toe holster dated 1934 with a III Reich eagle on the top flap. You wrote that you were told that it was a party leader holster for the PPK. Your photo is reproduced here. You do not mention the holster or eagle color nor whether a PPK will fit in the holster.



I can only comment on the eagle applied to your holster Jim. I do not think it is related to the NSDAP and therefore the holster would not be a PL holster for the PPK. I took a picture to compare your holster eagle with a later PL holster with applied eagle and the gold cap eagle offered by the firm of Assmann for use with the German navy. You will note the similarity between your holster eagle and the



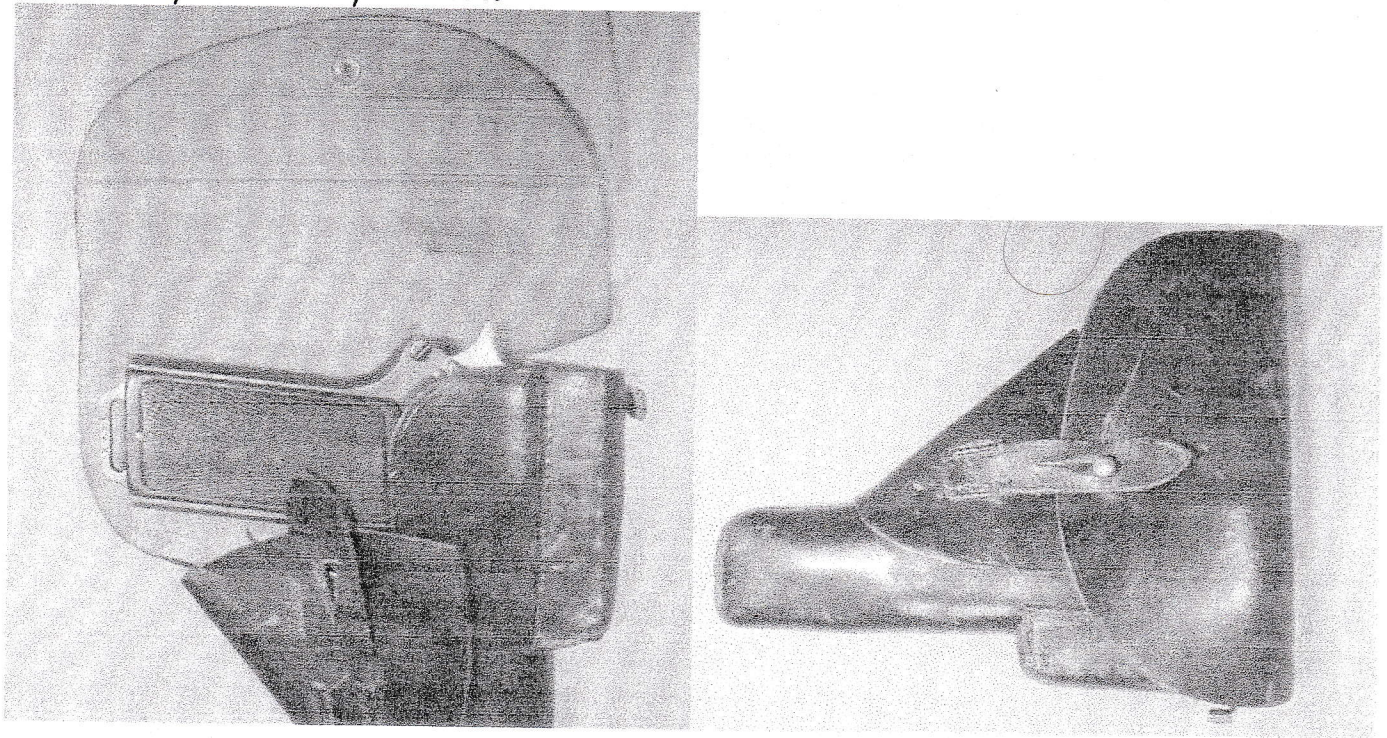
navy eagle. The wings of both are shaped differently from the PL eagle also made by Assmann. That fact coupled with the early holster date and the downward strap of the top flap leads me to conclude that your holster is not for the PL PPK. The eagle could have been applied by a returning vet for decoration as often occurred.



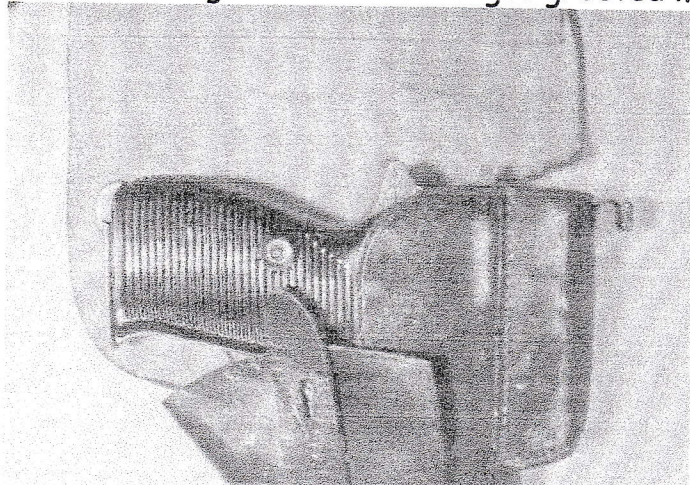


From Joe Wotka to Tom Kyriakakis: You provided an interesting discussion in the January 2008 issue of Auto Mag of the large Anuschat style holster heretofore thought to be of III Reich origin for the Steyr-Hahn. You wrote that you had purchased it at a local show and identified it in Whittington's Volume III on page 243. Bob opined that the holster with short wide "mag pouch" was for the Nazi Police Steyr 1912 and two loaded stripper clips.

I have a similar holster and I always thought the Steyr was the pistol for the holster. Now you tried a Steyr in this holster and you wrote that the gun would not seat fully, nor would the flap close. Well in mine, a Steyr fits and the flap closes. I think that perhaps you had not pushed the gun in fully or there was something at the bottom of the holster. Whatever. You can see mine with a Steyr in it ready to close.



The flap closes fully over the inserted Steyr and of course the pouch takes two loaded stripper clips. I had left the stripper clips in last time I had the holster out so I removed them. A nasty dose of verdigris on the cartridges greeted me. This would not have been popular with the

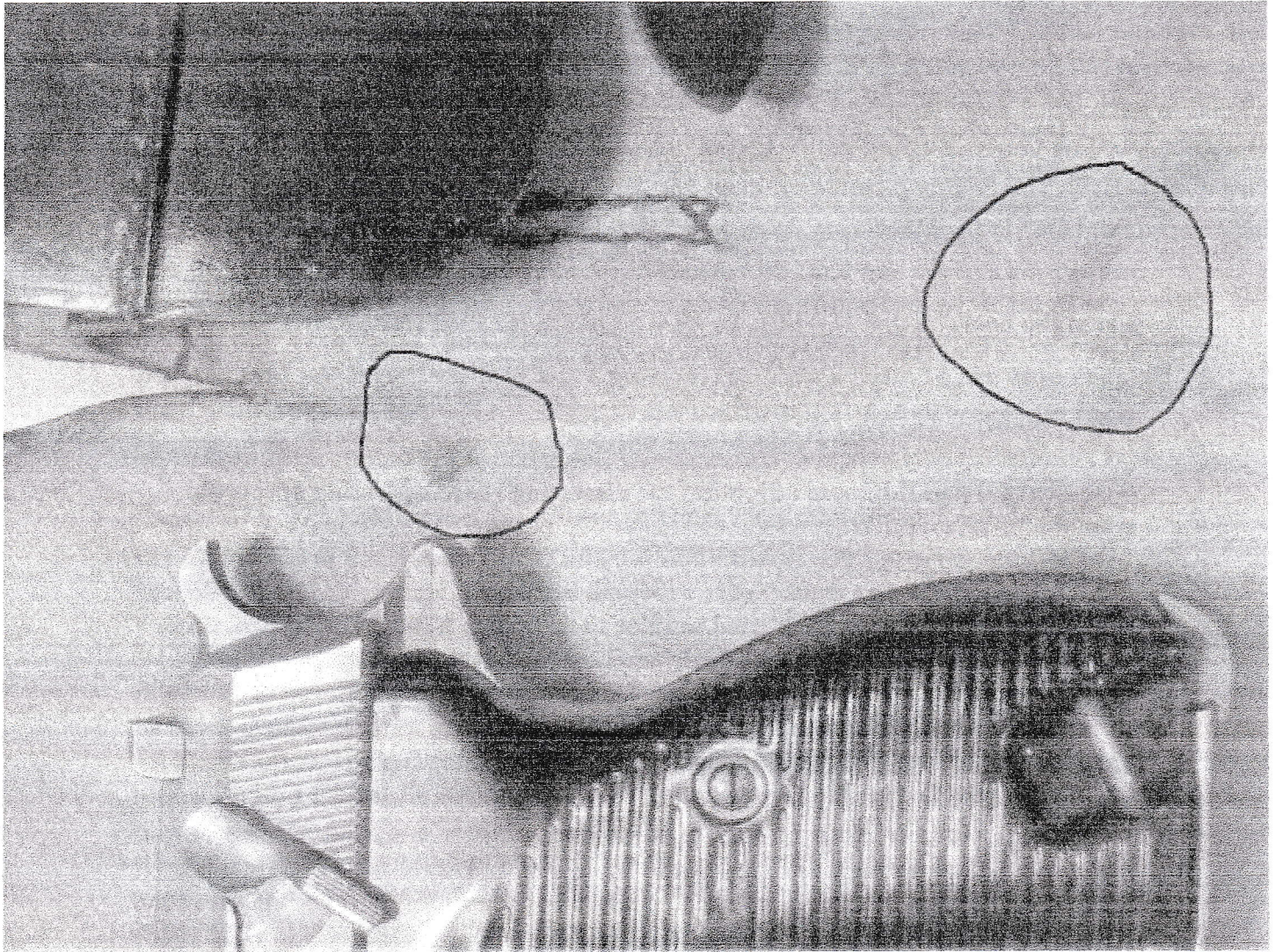


troops I thought Tom could not get his Steyr to fit in the supposed Steyr holster, he tried a P38 for fit and found it was perfect. I read this and decided to try a P38 in the holster as Tom had done. Bingo. Perfect fit.

And upon withdrawing the P38 from the "Steyr" holster, I was realized that the rub marks I thought were from the Steyr couldn't have been made by them. Obvious marks on the leather indicated in this photo are visible and are



directly attributable to the lanyard loop and the rear frame curving to a point below the hammer. These could not have been made by any part of the Steyr. Looking closely, the marks inside are from the P38 rear sight, not the Steyr's.



So Tom, I must join your camp. I am convinced my holster of that style carried a P38. And, the pouch therefore carried the package of ammo as you suggest. Though over the years, the pouch of mine has shrunk a bit and inserting a military box of 16 9mm rounds proved to be a damaging effort for the box.

Now perhaps this design holster was a "generic" design for both the Steyr and P38. I thought about that and really must dismiss the idea. This holster is a larger version of similar PPK and PP designs with the magazine pouch on the leading edge of the holster. They are thought to be later war production. Would a holster be designed that late for a Steyr Hahn? The holster bears no markings whatsoever. A 9mm Steyr or P38 were both considered "war issue" and not available for ordinary civilian purchase. So this model holster would have to have been for non-



military yet official usage. I cannot believe that a newly produced holster would be designed for a rehabbed WWI pistol used by the police more often than not in what was Austria. Moreover, there seemed to be an ample supply of recent production (late 1930s) holsters for the Steyr-Hahn. And after experiencing the verdigris on the stripper clips, I would not think it a good idea in this holster. Now I cannot deny that the Austrians did favor a stripper clip compartment pouch on their holster for the Steyr Hahn and police issue Steyr 1913/34. But two stripper clips in this holster's pouch is a tight fit. And verdigris did form quickly. I think the ammo pack would be a logical idea. Later in the war, extra magazines perhaps were not that available with what ever contract P38 holsters accompanied. Production of extra mags went to the military. But you still could carry extra ammo, albeit packaged and not readily available in a fire-fight. Still, the P38 is a better match for this holster in my view. Thanks for bringing this idea forward Tom.

**From the book, AUSCHWITZ, [A DOCTORS'S EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT],  
BY DR. MIKLOS NYISZLI**

**Pages: 66-67**

**I counted seventy screams, clicks, thuds. The scene of the bloody tragedy that just been enacted was the room adjoining the dissecting room .(shooting of seventy women)**

**As my eyes grew more accustomed to the dim light I discovered to my horror that not all the victims were dead. Some were still breathing, moving their arms or legs slowly; with glazed eyes, they tried to raise their bloody heads. I lifted two, three heads of those still alive, and suddenly realized that, besides death by gas and chloroform injections there was a third way of killing here: a bullet in the back of the neck. The wound revealed that a six-millimeter bullet had been used....and it had been a soft lead bullet... There was nothing surprising in the fact that these small-caliber bullets did not cause instantaneous death in all cases.**

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**The pyre was a ditch 50 yards long, six yards wide and three yards deep , a welter of burning bodies. SS soldiers, stationed at five yard intervals along the path-way side of the ditch, awaited their victims. They were holding small caliber arms--six millimeters--used in the KZ for administering a bullet in the back of the neck.**

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**Scarcely half an hour later Oberschaarfuhrer Mussfeld appeared with two Sonderkommando men. They took the two prisoners into the furnace room and had them undress. Then the Ober's revolver cracked twice.**

**To Ken Nichols:**

**Other observed military P.38 softshell holsters made with the up strap:**

**Brown unmarked made in 1941 both in all leather and ersatz**

**bla 1944, gxy1943, 1944, joa 1943**



**To John Pearson and the membership from Jim Petty:**

**From the German book:, "THE GOOD OLD DAYS"**

**Ernst Klee, Willi Dressen, and Volker Riess, editors**

**Pages: 252-253, Statement of Hans Stark, registrar of new arrivals at Auschwitz concentration camp.**

**The reception department was involved with executions in so far as it had to take the newly arrived transports earmarked for execution to be shot instead of registering them. I was entrusted with this task. After receiving telephoned instructions from Grabner(Maxmilian Grabner, head of the Political department in Auschwitz), I had to take such new arrivals to the small crematorium near by, where they were shot in a special room by Rapportfuhrer Palitsch.**

**A small calibre rifle was used for these executions that was always kept in the Blockfuhrer's hut, which was also where we were accommodated. If there were several new arrivals to shoot I would take them all to the small crematorium. On the way I would tell them that they were going off to have a bath. In the ante-room of the execution room I would ask them to get undressed and then went into the shooting room with the first one. Palitsch was always already there with the rifle.**

**Pages: 271- 272, Statement by Ruldolph Hoss, Commander at Auschwitz concentration camp. About sometimes prisoners did realize what was going to happen to them.**

**I particularly remember one example: a transport from Belsen had arrived and after about two-thirds were in the gas chamber - they were mostly men - a revolt broke out among the last third who were still in the undressing room. Three or four SS-Unterruhrer came into the room with their weapons in order to get them to hurry up and undress.... As they came in the lightning cables were torn out and they were attacked, one was stabbed to death and all their weapons were seized from them. It was now completely dark in the room and there was a wild shoot-out between the guards posted at the entrance and the prisoners inside. When I reached the scene I ordered the doors to be shut and the gassing of the first two-thirds to be completed and then I went into the undressing room with some guards and some hand torches and forced the prisoners into a corner. They were then led out one by one and shot on my orders with a small-calibre weapon in a room next to the crematorium.**

To Tom Knox from Juerg Siegenthaler

Re: Postage rates

My preference is option 3, to raise cost by US\$ 5.--. If a majority is against the price hike, then I would prefer folding and use a smaller envelope. In no way should the number of pages be reduced, as this would be the end of Automag.

To Tom Knox from Juerg Siegenthaler

Re: German proof on Spanish pistols

I own two Victorias model 1911, one in 6,35 mm and one in 7,65 mm, both with German proof crown/N like your Vesta. I suspect that guns imported to Germany from countries without proof requirement like Spain had to be proofed.



# Again,

## The German „SCHNEIDER“ Pistol.

by

**KARL SCHÄFER**

As already published in AUTO MAG issue June 1991 on pages 58/59, the author had found contemporary original documents in the files of the Austrian State Archive, War Archive Section, Vienna/Austria, stating that the Austro-Hungarian Board of Ordnance had tested a German made “SCHNEIDER” selfloading pistol, cal. 7,65 mm, in 1916.

The pistol to include a spare magazine had been submitted by the inventor and manufacturer Konrad Schreiber jr. of Würzburg, Domstr. 32/34, through his official agent Fritz Schmitt, Berlin, for test purposes together with a letter, dated Aug. 22, 1916, in which it has been especially mentioned that this pistol has been already tested by the Prussian Rifle Proving Commission at Spandau-Ruhleben, too, and had been judged by same as being excellent in work quality, efficiency and accuracy. Furthermore, the above letter informed the Austrian War Office that production lines for the pistol are installed to initiate deliveries within a short period of time.

According to a company flyer attached to the letter, the “SCHNEIDER “ pistol had the following listed characteristics :

- a) Patent application filed;
- b) Design of a very simple nature with lesser working parts than other automatic pistols found on the market;
- c) Fixed barrel;
- d) To be stripped without any tools with two hand grasps;
- e) Reliable safety.

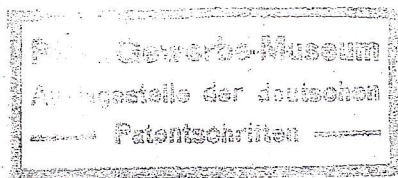
The official Austrian test report dated Oct. 29, 1916, stated that the gun had been tested at the shooting grounds of the Vienna Arsenal and declared the pistol’s mechanism as being “neither fit for military purposes, nor for war services” for the following reasons :

1. It cannot be seen if the pistol is loaded or not;
2. The gun had too many malfunctions during the test, even in slow fire modus, and cocking was found too hard;
3. Too significant blowback;
4. Caliber is too small for a military used gun.

Based on the above test findings and shooting results, the pistol was returned to sender on Nov. 2, 1916.

Neither the above mentioned article in AUTO MAG nor a nearly identical request for information about this unknown pistol published in the German arms magazine DWJ in 1992 by the author, nor detailed researches over years in the archives of the German Patent Office revealed any more traces of this gun. Now, after nearly 20 years, and by chance during researches on trade mark registrations, the author was able to locate the attached German patent papers of DRP nr. 301 359, applied by Konrad Schreiber jr. of Würzburg and granted on Jan. 14, 1915 for a “Verschlußverbindung für Rückstoßladepistolen” (Lock-Connection for Blowback-Pistols). Based on the above, can anyone provide more information on this forgotten design ?





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Konrad Schreiber jr. in Würzburg.

Verschlußverbindung für Rückstoßladepistolen.

Patentiert im Deutschen Reiche vom 14. Januar 1915 ab.

Die vorliegende Erfindung hat eine Verbesserung jener Verschlußverbindungen für Rückstoßladepistolen zum Gegenstand, bei welchen das Verschlußstück auf dem Widerlager für die Schlagbolzenfeder geführt ist. Gegenüber diesen Schußwaffen bezweckt die vorliegende Erfindung nicht nur eine einfachere Bauart und damit eine billigere Herstellungsweise, sondern auch eine größere Sicherheit gegen unbeabsichtigtes Lösen des Verschlusses und eine leichtere Handhabung zu erzielen.

Dies wird dadurch erreicht, das an dem hinteren Ende des mit seinem Lauf den Schlitten des Verschlußstückes erfassenden Pistolengehäuses ein bekannter, das Widerlager für die Schlagbolzenfeder tragender Hebel angelenkt ist, der jedoch nach der Erfindung seinerseits mittels zylindrischen Kopfes in die Schlagbolzenführung des Verschlußstückes eingreift, so daß dadurch letzteres am hinteren Ende auf dem Gehäuse leicht abnehmbar gehalten bzw. geführt ist.

Auf der Zeichnung ist eine solche Verschlußverbindung in den Fig. 1 bis 4 in einer Ausführungsform dargestellt, und zwar zeigt die Fig. 1 eine Seitenansicht, während die Fig. 2 einen Längsschnitt durch das Verschlußstück mit Schlitten und teilweise geschnittenem Gehäuse erkennen läßt, und die Fig. 3 einen Horizontalschnitt nach Linie A-B, und Fig. 4 einen Vertikalschnitt nach Linie C-D der Fig. 2 veranschaulichen.

Auf dem Pistolengehäuse *a* ist das Verschlußstück *b* mit Schlitten *c* in bekannter Weise einerseits dadurch geführt, daß der Lauf *d* des Gehäuses *a* durch eine runde Öffnung *e* der

vorderen Stirnfläche des Schlittens hindurchtritt, während die Führung des Verschlußstückes *b* am hinteren Ende in bekannter Weise durch das Widerlager *g* für die Schlagbolzenfeder erfolgt, das an einem am Pistolengehäuse drehbar gelagerten Hebel *f* sitzt. Der letztere ist hierbei so gelagert, daß er leicht nach hinten ausgeschwungen werden kann und dabei das Verschlußstück *b* freigibt. In der Verbindungslage wird der Hebel *f* durch den außen die bekannte Handhabe *i* tragenden Sicherungsbolzen *j* gehalten, wobei sich der Hebel *f* mittels eines hakenartigen Armes *k* gegen den ein Ausweichen des Hebels *f* nach rückwärts verhindernden Sicherungsbolzen *j* anlegt, während er gleichzeitig durch einen im Gehäuse *a* vorgesehenen Quersteg *l* in seinen Bewegungen nach vorn begrenzt ist, so daß er in der Verbindungslage verbleibt, bis man zum Zwecke der Zerlegung der Pistole den Sicherungsbolzen *j* herauszieht. In der Verbindungslage greift der Hebel *f* mit einem zylindrischen Kopf *g*, gegen welchen sich die Schlagbolzenfeder stützt, in die Führung *h* des Schlagbolzens *o* und dient so zur Führung des hinteren Endes des Verschlußstückes. Der Sicherungsbolzen *j* wird einerseits durch das seinen flachen Kopf teilweise übergreifende Verschlußstück *b* in seinem Lager gehalten. Um den Sicherungsbolzen *j* leicht herausnehmen zu können, besitzt die ihn übergreifende Randleiste des Verschlußstückes *b* eine entsprechende Ausnehmung *m*, die aber gegenüber dem Sicherungsbolzen *j* etwas nach vorn versetzt ist, so daß letzterer erst dann herausgezogen werden kann, wenn das Verschluß-



stück *b* um diese Strecke nach hinten verschoben worden ist. Der Patronenauszieher *p* greift etwas in das Patronenlager des Laufes *d* ein, es muß daher beim Auseinandernehmen der Pistole das Verschußstück *b* mit Schlitten *c* etwas nach hinten gezogen werden, worauf, nachdem der Hebel *f* mit dem Widerlager *g* nach zuvor erfolgter Herausnahme des Sicherungsbolzens *j* nach rückwärts gelegt ist, auch das Verschußstück *b* mit Schlitten *c* abgehoben werden kann. Das Verschußstück *b* mit Schlitten *c* wird beim Schießen durch den Rückschlag nach hinten und dann sofort wieder durch die auf dem Lauf *d* gelagerte Spannfeder *q* nach vorn geschnellt, während der gleichzeitig mit nach hinten bewegte Schlagbolzen *o* von dem Abzugstollen *r* gehalten wird, der nur bei entsprechender Stellung, und zwar nach der in Fig. 1 in auszugezogenen Linien angegebenen Lage des Sicherungsbolzens *j*, gelöst werden kann, da sich in diesem Falle der Abzugstollen *r* in eine Ausnehmung *s* des Bolzens *j* drückt, was dagegen bei der nach hinten gedrehten, strichpunktirt

gezeichneten Lage des Sicherungsbolzens *j* nicht möglich ist, und daher in dieser Stellung der Sicherung *j* die Pistole gesichert bleibt. Die sonstigen Einrichtungen sind in bekannter Weise angeordnet. Die Handhabung einer derartigen Pistole ist sehr einfach. Zudem ist durch die eigenartige Anordnung des Widerlager für die Schlagbolzenfeder tragenden Hebels eine sehr einfache und rasche Zerlegung möglich, was für die Reinigung solcher Pistolen von großem Vorteil ist.

#### PATENT-ANSPRUCH:

Verschußverbindung für Rückstoßladepistolen, deren Schlagbolzenfeder sich gegen einen im hinteren Ende des Gehäuses angeordneten, umlegbaren Hebel stützt, dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß dieser Hebel (*f*) mittels eines zylindrischen Kopfes (*g*), gegen welchen sich die Schlagbolzenfeder legt, in die Schlagbolzenführung (*h*) eingreift und so das Verschußstück am hinteren Ende führt.

Hierzu 1 Blatt Zeichnungen.



Fig. 1.

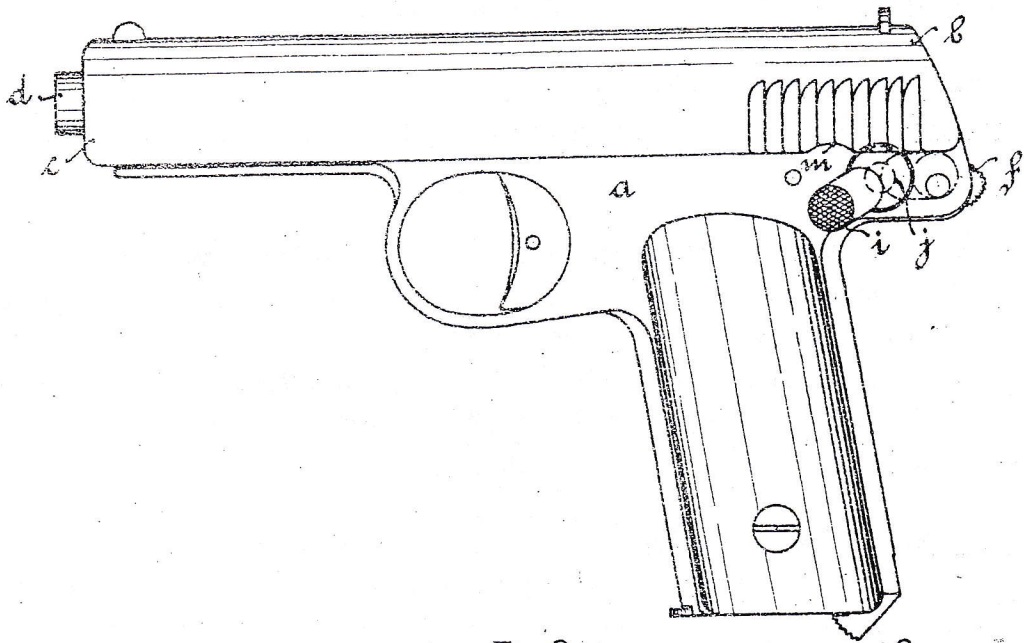


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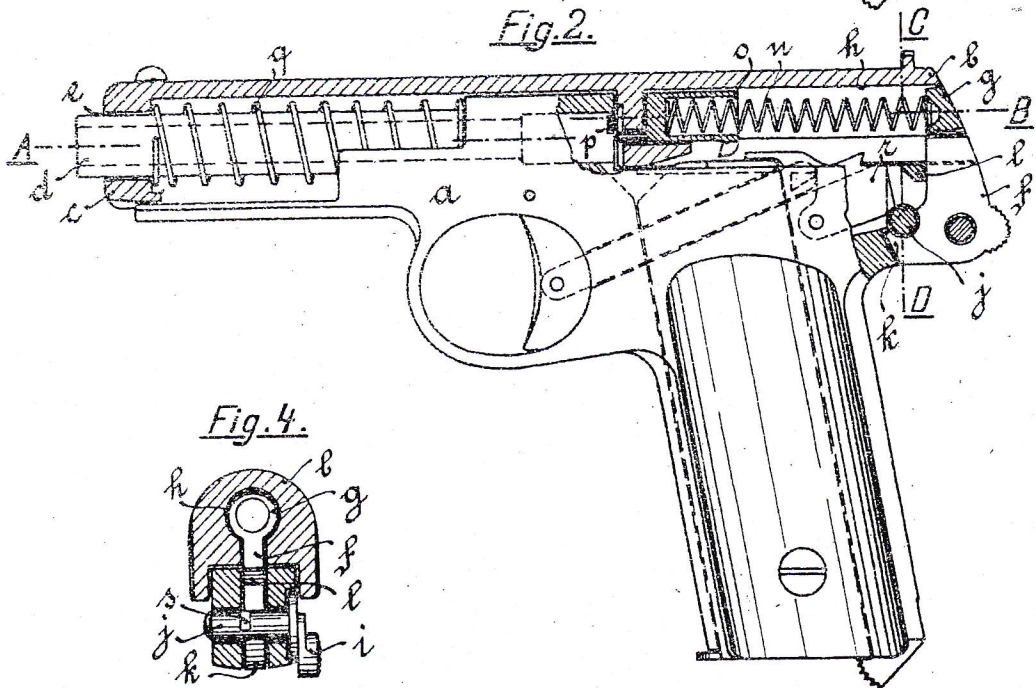
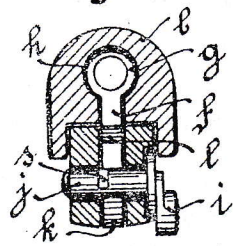
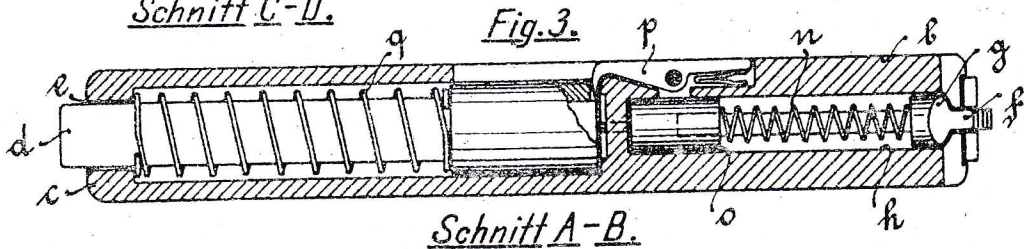


Fig. 4.



Schnitt C-D.

Fig. 3.



Schnitt A-B.



MIKE MORRIS: Re WWI Naval Lugers - Dick, read with interest your article in AM. I have a 1916 dated Navy with, what I am told, are Belgian proofs on the barrel, chamber, breechblock and toggle (script 'L' in an ordnance bomb). Does this fall within the parameters of your article since you mentioned Flanders?

FRED SCHARER: Re Jim Otash's request to be part of the Luger magazine matching service. I, too, would like to know more about it. Would you be able to publish info on this subject in an upcoming issue?

FROM ROGER TREMBLAY: Would appreciate any information on Mauser HSc pistols marked NSDAP MARINESTRUM. Jan shows a photo of one in AXIS PISTOLS, captioned VERY RARE. How many are known? Are they legit?

- My latest purchase is a Star Model F target, nickel plate with white plastic grips, #446151, 180mm barrel, made in 1954. YES! I would buy a box for a similar gun, blue or nickel.

FROM WAYNE WARREN: During WWII, my Father served in the U.S. Air Corp in Europe. On several different occasions he spoke to me about seeing Russians in German uniforms as POWs. I have an 1893 production M91 Mosin Nagant rifle along with a 1920s era Cossach saber with M91 bayonet mounted on the scabbard. The rifle has a duffel bag cut under the band next to the rear sight. These items were brought back from France by a local vet. Your TT33 could have very easily served with a Russian unit in German uniform and not be a German capture. Unfortunately, nobody knows for sure...and the gun isn't talking!

FROM FRANKLIN OWENS TO DICK McEVOY: I don't have the fourteen volumes of THROUGH ENEMY EYES, but I do have many of the newsreels they were taken from, and they are great! Stalingrad - there is no defense except the Germans held 9/10 of the place and had destroyed the city, thus they should have just pulled back and left the shambles that bore Stalin's name. The manufacturing potential was ruined and negated. Kursk - there was a very good revisionist article in the magazine WORLD WAR II. Manstein was a master mind and the seemingly least known and appreciated major German general. He tells of taking Kharkov (during Kursk) having the Russians begin to surround it ala Stalingrad, pulling out, attacking again and recapturing the town at which point there were no Russian reserves left to counter him. Thus, on that side he had won Kursk! The invasion of Sicily caused Hitler to panic and pull him out the next day. Briefly, it was stated that Stalin saw the severe Soviet loss reports, and just changed them.

- I have English translation to the Horst Wesel song if anyone is interested, however I've never seen the words to the Waffen SS official version "Laugh at the Devil". Anyone have these?
- TO BRAD STIMSON AND ALAN BURNHAM: Check the pistols pictured on page 28 and 66 in the book THE ILLUSTRATED DIRECTORY OF GUNS by David Miller. The one on page 28 is a BSW prototype and looks identical to the intermediate Hsv design, except the serrations are on the front ala the 1902 Colt. On page 66, the Walther Ultra varies only in hammers, grips and barrel length.



For: NICHOLS, KENNETH

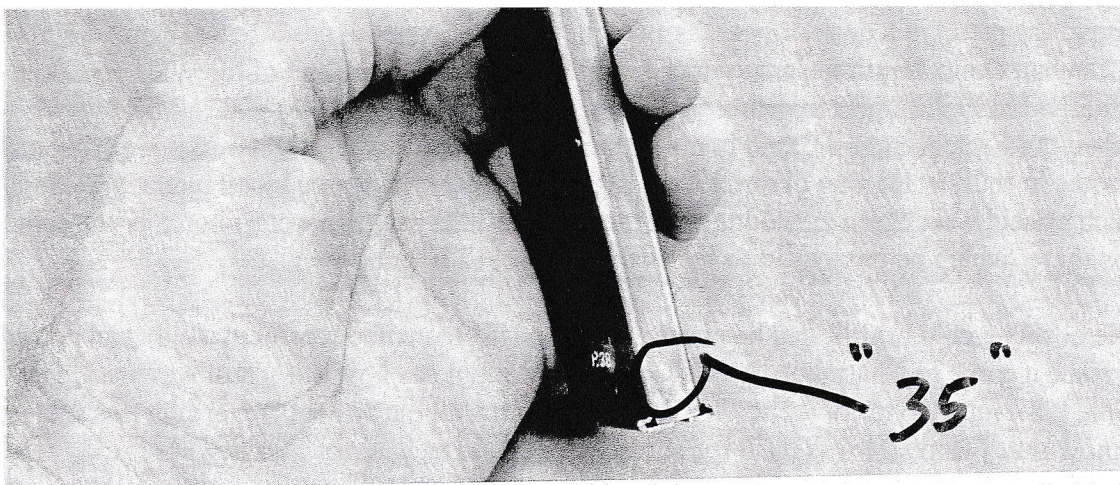
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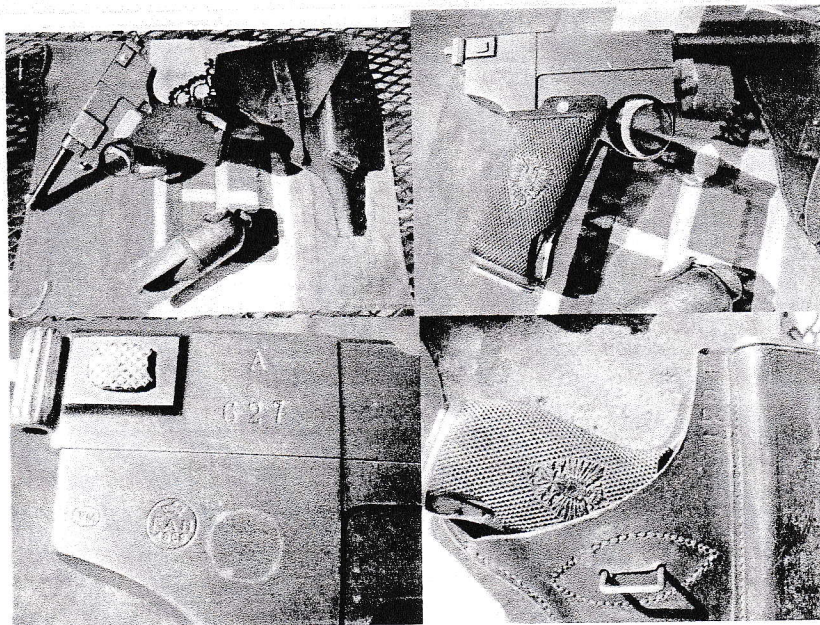
P.38 MAG MARKED WITH "35".....FROM KEN NICHOLS....HERE IS A RARE MARKING ON AN EARLY P.38 MAG, IT HAS THE MYSTERIOUS "35" ON THE BASE OF THE SPINE. NO OTHER MARKS, EXCEPT THE P.38, WHICH DOES NOT HAVE THE "V" INDICATING THE LATE WAR MODIFICATION ABOUT 1943, I THINK. (SEE PER MATHISENS BOOK, PP8). MY LIMITED RESEARCH TELLS ME THERE WERE ONLY ONE MAG MARKED LIKE THIS THAT WAS REPORTED TO BUXTON, SEE HIS VOL 1, PAGE 190. ARE THERE OTHERS OUT THERE? (ALSO SEE PAGES 181 AND 81 FOR MORE INFO ON THE ASTRIX AND 35 MARK. BY THE WAY, I HAVE THE FOLLOWING GUNS MARKED WITH THE "35".....(1) HP #3447 (2) HP #4693 (3) HP #6655 AND (4) AC45 #8734A.



FROM: ROSCOE BLIEF

Recently picked up Italian Glisenti serial# 627A. It s a complete rig with holster numbered to the gun. The grips are notoriously brittle and as you can see these have lived up their reputation of cracking and breaking.

I thought that the matching holster was interesting. Have any other members encountered numbered Glisenti/Rrixia's with numbered holstes?





I have read with interest the debate within AUTOMAG about the use of .22 caliber PP/PPKs in concentration camps. Since I at one time owned one of these documented guns I can add the following history for that pistol, which was a pre-War PP with the wooden checkered factory grips.

Mr. Andy Trotter (now deceased) was a soldier in the 30<sup>th</sup> Division and he had brought the pistol home from the War and owned it until I purchased it from him. He was a good friend and after the War opened the Pontiac and later Mercedes Benz dealerships here in Chattanooga. He said that he had found the pistol in a desk drawer, as I recall, in one of what he described as "officers' quarters" in the Dachau Concentration Camp which his unit liberated near the end of the War. He could barely talk about what he had seen because his memories were still quite vivid after all those years. Andy described the Concentration Camp in quite good detail, with many bodies still there .... some in rail cars, some in 'huts". He also described camp personnel who had been killed by the prisoners, some of which he said were SS men. Along with the pistol he also had numerous photos of the camp when he was there, which he passed on to me at the time that I bought the pistol.

The pistol was well worn! It had been used a lot, and if I remember correctly Andy had not fired the pistol since it came to Chattanooga as a souvenir. I cannot say how this pistol was used in the camp, but it did have much exterior wear. We may never know all the answers regarding this subject. But I do know that this pistol was used for some purpose in Dachau, for that is where Andy found it.

JIM CATE





## FOR SALE / TRADE

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