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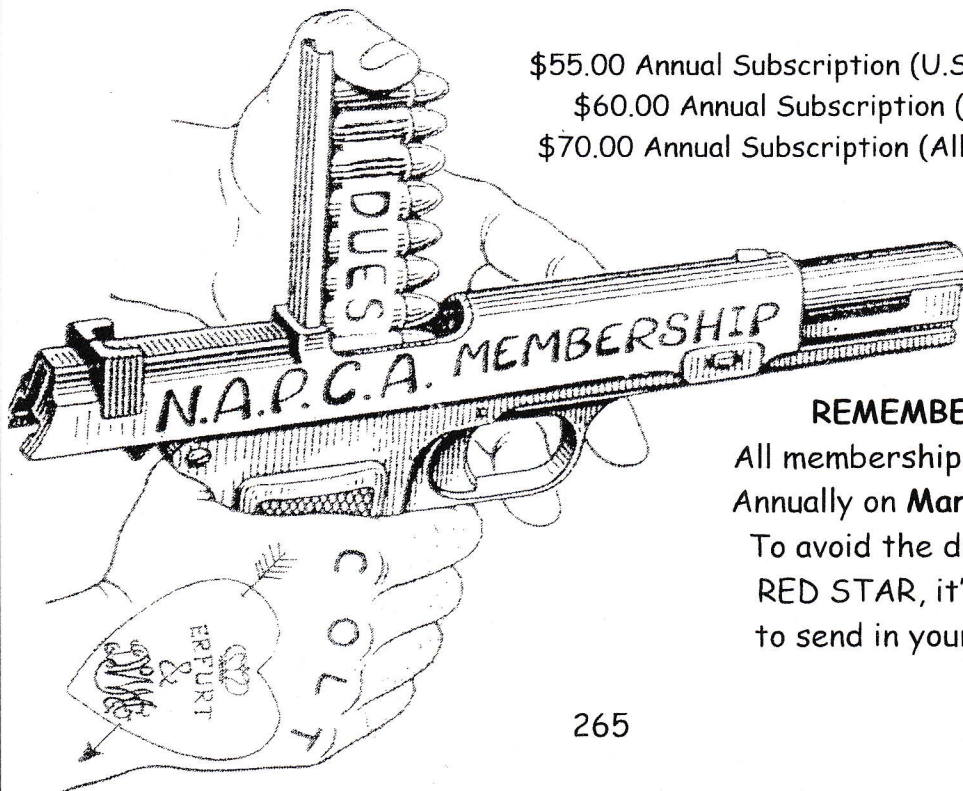
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NOTICE to all NAPCA members:

The annual S.E. NAPCA Convention will meet at the downtown Marriott Hotel in Chattanooga on August 1, 2 and 3 of 2008. The hotel is one block from the Chattanooga Hotel where we have met for the last 3 years. It has an excellent restaurant on site, and convenient covered parking. All rooms have been completely renovated during the last two months including new beds, etc. The NAPCA sleeping room rate is \$109 per night. We have worked very hard to have this convention once again for our membership. This notice is being presented now so you can put the convention on your calendar NOW!

TO: DAVE NOLL RE: CANVAS/LEATHER LUGER HOLSTER FROM: BILL DROLLINGER
Your "HOLSTER OF THE MONTH" was shown with a Luger Mag. in the spare magazine pocket. I always think of Italian holsters being made of canvas+leather, and wonder if it might not be from WWI for an Italian BRIXIA/GLISENTI pistol. And you did not mention any markings or lack thereof, which makes me think it has no markings unlike most German military issue holsters. But maybe the holster was made for the Luger, perhaps an Italian holster made for a captured Luger! I recall that Hauptmann (later FeldMarshall!) Erwin Rommel received the "PLM" ('Blue Max') for valor during the German-Italian conflict of that 'War to End All Wars'. Regardless, the GLISENTI pistol is shaped much like a Luger....

sent to Tom Knox o/a 2/13/2008

TO: JOHN JAMES RE: WaA251 MARKED MAB PISTOLS FROM: BILL DROLLINGER
I cringe a bit when we criticize another fellow NAPCA member as you did David Rachwal for not checking out the NAPCA FORUM before submitting his comment on a WaA marked Mab "A". I'm still quite circumspect on these markings found on any 6.35mm pistols, or FN Browning High-Powers from the WWII era. Since some of us still haven't come into the 21st Century & signed on to the NAPCA FORUM now found on the I-Net, I request that you ask Tom to publish the information here in our printed "AUTO-MAG" for all to see. Then we can get opinions as to whether others agree such proofs are authentic...or not. The questionable BHP (with "WaA251" proofs) originated in Florida, I was told, and that's close to you also. You've been a great help in warning us about the "COTTAGE INDUSTRY ALERTS" for many years, John. And I hope you did not get caught up in one the 'scams' yourself this time on that questionable, 'WaA' 6.35mm Mab "A" pistol.

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TO: KEN NICHOLS RE: MANUFACTURE DATES OF P38 BOXES FROM: BILL DROLLINGER
I cannot resist pointing out to you the obvious, Ken! Walther products which have been made at "Ulm-Donau" are postwar. All prewar & WWII Walther products were made at Zella-Mehlis. But don't feel bad, you should read what St. Louis "Browning Expert" Nick Riggio sent in about me to their newsletter! It was so bad that I can't decide whether to get out my official and local issue "Hotel Kalifornia VOO-DOO Doll Kit" & some serious fish hooks, or request that some of our fellow NAPCA Attorney members help out with a law suit for: Defamation of Character; Libel; and Slander. It was ridiculous, really pathetic, but any one who simply scanned the copy would think I'm a real dumb-bell!.....no need to comment, any who are are not yet members of the "BILL DROLLINGER FAN CLUB" out there in NAPCA land! Have a laugh on me is fine, but our fearless leader Tom Knox has to live nearby that guy...who's supposedly an attorney himself.. Then again, maybe that is why there are so many attorney jokes!?.go figure..

To Karl Schaefer and interested others from John Cornish: Below you will find the current data base on Walther side by side shotguns. I have the brochure you show as well as a 50th anniversary booklet. I have another Walther booklet in English that describes the guns as well as a page from a Stoeger Arms catalogue. I would be interested in anything I can get and would share copies of mine if you do not have them.

I do not want to offend the auto pistol collectors so I would be interested in sharing these via snail mail or fax. My email to share mail info etc is jc-cc@comcast.net.

I would like to point out that I have a single trigger gun in 12 gauge, probably made for the US. The brochure shows 4 standard models; WSF, WSF/L, WSFD, WSFD/L in both 12 and 16 gauge. The first one is the standard gun and the second has a better finish and caps on the pistol grip and engraving. The WSFD, I believe, has the full engraving and the D stands for duplicate sears. The WSFD/L has KRUPP special "Three Ring" steel. The options are with or without ejector. Normal barrel length is 720mm but available in lengths from 650mm to 750mm. An initial assumption from my findings appears that Walther SxS Shotguns are rare with less than 3000 made from 1930 up to the end of 1940.

Thanks for the information; I look forward to receiving and sharing more.

Walther SxS Shotgun Info

Model	Gauge	Serial #	Mfg. Date		Barrel Length	Comments
WSF	12 ga	68	May-30		720mm	double trigger
WSFD	16 ga	312	Sep-32		705 mm	double trigger
	12 ga	330	Mar-33	C/N	748mm 29.5"	single trigger, Full Engraved
	16 ga	381	May-33	C/N	748mm 29.5	double trigger, Full Engraved
	16 ga	551	Oct-33	C/N	720mm 28.4375"	double trigger
	16 ga	768	Dec-33	C/N	29.5"	double trigger
WSF	16 ga	911	Feb-34		720 mm	double trigger
WSFD	12 ga	1286	Nov-37		720 mm	double trigger
	16 ga	2023	Jun-37	C/N	28 3/8	double trigger
	16 ga	2396	Dec-38	C/N	720mm	double trigger, Full Engraved
	12 ga	2664	Mar-40	E/N	720mm 28.375"	double trigger
	16 ga	2727	Nov-40	E/N	28.3125"	double trigger

D.R.G.M.

Registration and Granting of „Deutsches Reichs-Gebrauchsmuster“ (i.e. minor patents)
for Pistols of any kind, Revolvers, Ammunition and Accessories from 1895 through
1945.

Compiled by Karl Schäfer
translated by Dieter H. Marschall

Part 2:

Nr. 242 262, Rifle resp. pistol lock, with a block drawn by a chain, fixed to a hammer and a joined cocking loop, with an ejector positioned in between and a main spring, which meshes into them, Bernh. Bader Casp. Gg. Sohn, Mehlis; 24.12.04.

Nr. 254 863, Self-cocking target pistol with a rear-positioned weight-center balance, whose angular breech block is activated by a double-function firing pin spring and by the breech lever, which is positioned on the back of the butt; Fa. Ernst Büchel, Mehlis; 5.6.05.

Nr. 269 800, Multi-barrel repeating pistol with barrels moving vertically; August Schüler, Suhl i. Th.; 4.1.06.

Nr. 271 346, Revolver with a hammerless firing pin; Ludwig Bayerl, München; 29.1.06.

Nr. 271 574, Defensive weapon, consisting of a grip designed as a revolver with a detachable handle fixed to a walking stick or an umbrella; Heinrich Langenhan, Mehlis; 15.11.05.

Nr. 313 846, Hand pistol for firing fireworks; Fa. Hermann Weiffenbach, Pyrotechn. Fabrik, Münch-Schwabing; 27.5.07.

Nr. 315 704, Pistol grip; O.A. Schilling, Stettin; 18.8.07.

Nr. 315 705, Pistol with cocking loop and a concealed hammer; see above.

Nr. 319 070, Shooting device consisting of a spring action pistol whose barrel is laterally slotted in order to be able to insert a disk-shaped projectile; Wilhelm Franz Reinsdorf u. Otto Bockhardt; Leipzig-Lindenau; 17.9.07.

Nr. 319 094, Double-barreled alarm pistol with one hammer for each barrel; Wilhelm Jerger, Villingen, Baden; 17.9.07.

Nr. 31 773, Alarm pistol with a choked barrel; see above; 21.10.07.

Nr. 339 696, Pistol with a hinged barrel and an automatic unloading mechanism; Aug. Menz, Suhl; 13.4.08.

Nr. 339 697, Pistol with a hinged barrel; see above.

Nr. 350 208, Children's repeating pistol for Amorce percussion tape with a hammer cocking lever and a conveyor, which are rotating, fixed to the trigger and activated by a common spring; Aug. Winkhaus, Münster i.W.; 23.7.08.

Nr. 350 209, Receiver for children's repeating pistol with Amorce percussion tapes and with imprinted decorations; see above.

Nr. 350867, Automatic self-loading pistol with a mechanism, which is activated by a slide when fired; Santos Fernandez, Eibar/Spain; 8.8.08.

Nr. 353 786, Blowback pistol with unlocked breech; Otto Kessler, Suhl; 9.9.08.

Nr. 354 645, Alarm pistol, whose spring-activated firing pin can be cocked by pressing the trigger guard; Hugo Kummer, Zella St. Bl.; 14.9.08.

Nr. 354 889, Detonating cork with a rubber sucker for toy pistols; Wilhelm Jerger, Villingen, Baden; 3.9.08.

Nr. 355 017, Pistol with a detachable barrel; Deutsche Waffen- und Fahrradfabriken H. Burgsmüller u. Söhne, Kreiensen; 19.9.08.

Nr. 355 631, Automatic selfloading pistol; Carl Walther, Zella St. Bl.; 24.9.08.

Nr. 356 289, Pistol holster with an easily detachable magazine pouch inside the lid; Alfred Linnekogel, Charlottenburg; 2.10.08.

Nr. 356 618, Pistol with a hinged barrel and several strikers, which are simultaneously cocked by an external lever; August Menz, Suhl; 10.10.08.

Nr. 357 387, Pistol with a rotating double barrel; Robert Schrader, Göttingen; 14.10.08.

Nr. 359 641, Revolver holster with a spring; O.M.C. Heyl, Charlottenburg; 19.6.08.

Nr. 365 365, Magazine catch for blowback pistols, especially for pistols with inserted magazines; Paul Mauser, Oberndorf a.N.; 15.1.09.

Nr. 365 563, Revolver with a device for the electric illumination of the target area; Wilhelm Heßenbrügge, Holzheim b. Neuß; 23.12.08.

Nr. 368 359, Revolving pistol; Deutsch Waffen- u. Fahrradfabriken H. Burgsmüller u. Söhne, Kreiensen; 6.2.09.

Nr. 369 619, Pistol and revolver holster with a holster body, which exceeds the holster recess; Werner Horn, Charlottenburg; 9.2.09.

Nr. 376 217, Pistol with a detachable barrel; Otto Lang, Schweinfurth a.M.; 18.3.09.

Nr. 377 672, Shoulder bag for repeating pistols and revolvers with a device for attaching it to the clothing and closing strap; Erich Anuschat, Charlottenburg; 10.4.09.

Nr. 377 649, Detonating cork; Hüser&Kettling, Gevelsberg; 2.4.09.

Nr. 387 761, Detonating cork pistol with a firing pin which returns automatically into resting position after firing a shot; Adrian&Rode, Velbert; 3.7.09.

Nr. 387 926, Guide for slide of automatic firearms with a fixed barrel; Carl Walther, Zella St. Bl.; 7.7.09.

Nr. 388 728, Folding pocket knife with pistol; Fritz Schönbrodt, Bitterfeld; 28.5.09.

Nr. 388 843, Trigger safety for self-loading firearms; Paul Mauser, Oberndorf a.N.; 19.12.08.

Nr. 391 689, Pistol with an interchangeable barrel; Fa. Fr. Pieper, Zella St. Bl.; 3.8.09.

Nr. 393 147, Self-loading pistol with a slide retractable to the rear; Georg Buddeus, Gotha; 11.8.09.

Nr. 394 354, Firearm with a shoulder stock, Math. Knötgen, Traben-Trarbach; 31.8.09.

Nr. 394 909, Pistol with a cast-fitted barrel; Fa. Heinrich Langenhan, Mehlis i.Th.; 9.9.9.

Nr. 395 388, Hammerless alarm pistol for percussion or wax primer cartridges; Heinrich Bader u. Hans Bader, Zella St. Bl.; 31.3.09.

Nr. 396 834, Detonating cork with a charge, which produces a flashing light when fired; Fa. Pieper, Zella St. Bl.; 24.8.09.

Nr. 400 138, Blowback-operated weapon with a toggle action; Hugo Borchardt, Charlottenburg; 29.4.09.

Nr. 400 591, Detonating cork pistol with a seamless case, which is inserted into the muzzle of the barrel and soldered into position; Adrian&Rode, Velbert, Rhld.; 5.11.09.

Nr. 400 592, Detonating cork pistol, whose front end of the barrel is reinforced by a clamping collar; see above.

Nr. 401 633, Detonating cork pistol, whose barrel halves are riveted together by means of sheet-type appendixes; see above; 11.11.09.

Nr. 401 695, Self-loading pistol; Rudolf Becker, Berlin; 18.8.07.

Nr. 404 334, Cyclist pistol; Fa. Ewald Nordeck, Velbert, Rhld.; 14.12.09.

Nr. 405 144, Single loader hinged frame pistol; Casimir Weber, Zürich/Switzerland; 18.12.09.

Nr. 408 366, Revolver with a cartridge magazine positioned in the butt; Wilhelm Pickert, Zella St. Bl.; 18.1.10.

Nr. 408 340, Double-barrelled detonating cork pistol; Adrian&Rode, Velbert, Rhld.; 15.1.10.

Nr. 408 341, Double-barrelled detonating cork pistol with firing mechanisms working successively; see above.

Nr. 406 646, Detonating cork pistol with a barrel reinforced by wire rings; see above; 18.1.10.

Nr. 408 783, Detonating cork pistol made of pressed sheet metal with a barrel consisting of a seamless tube; see before, 19.1.10.

Nr. 409 618, Air pistol with ejector button; Anton Wünschmann, Reinhardtsgrimma; 20.1.10.

Nr. 409 934, Detonating cork pistol with a repeating mechanism; Adrian&Rode, Velbert, Rhld.; 24.1.10.

Nr. 409 935, Double-barrelled detonating cork pistol; see above.

Nr. 409 936, Detonating cork pistol; see above.

Nr. 409 937, Repeating pistol for detonating corks; see above.

Nr. 410 072, Detonating cork; Paul Zehe, Hannover; 25.1.10.

Nr. 410 077, Hammer safety for detonating cork pistols, Adrian&Rode, Velbert, Rhld.; 27.1.10

Nr. 410 978, Detonating cork pistol with a hammer safety; see above.

Nr. 416 886, Self-loading pistol; Lorenz Dieter u. Karl Gebert, München; 28.2.10.

Nr. 422 012, Trigger mechanism for self-loading weapons; Hugo Borchardt, Charlottenburg; 31.3.09.

Nr. 425 064, Breech lock for cyclist pistols etc. for firing detonating corks; Wilhelm Jerger sen., Villingen, Baden; 10.5.10.

Nr. 432 485, Slide stop for self-loading pistols with a fixed barrel, Paul Mauser, Oberndorf a.N.; 6.5.09.

Nr. 437 780, Pistol for flinging away firecrackers; Wilh. Jul. Teufel, Stuttgart; 3.8.10.

Nr. 440 417, Automatic self-loading pistol; Adolf Henkel, Herges-Hallenberg i.Th.; 22.9.10.

Nr. 440 474, Revolver for exclusively blank cartridges; Hans Meier, Zürich/Switzerland; 30.9.10.

Nr. 444 307, Blasting cap; Hüser&Kettling, Gevelsberg; 10.10.10.

Nr. 445 748, detonating cork pistol with a protective sieve in the barrel and a tip-up cartridge chamber; Ferd. Arth. Wicke, Barmen; 23.5.10.

Nr. 445 749, Detonating cork pistol with a lateral tip-up cartridge chamber; see above.

Nr. 445 751, Ammunition tape for alarm pistols consisting of a rigid tape with rigid percussion caps; see above; 30.4.10.

Nr. 446 226, Pistol bullet; J. Schouboe, Holte/Denmark; 22.8.10.

Nr. 450 758, Target pistol with a detachable receiver and a straight-pull action with a vertical lock; Franz Karl, Lüneburg; 21.12.10.

Nr. 450 916 Blank cartridge, whose charge is put in a cardboard case and develops a blinding light when fired; Fa. Fr. Pieper; Zella St. Bl.; 2.12.10.

Nr. 455 735, Ammunition disk for alarm pistols; Ferd. Arth. Wicke, Barmen; 26.7.10.

Nr. 455 736, Ammunition disk for alarm pistols with a perforation in the centre for accommodating the charge; see above; 28.7.10.

Nr. 455 737, Star-shaped ammunition carrier for alarm pistols; see above; 28.7.10.

Nr. 455 791, Toy pistol for children; Blumberg&Co., Düsseldorf; 13.2.11.

Nr. 456 764, Alarm pistol with a percussion cap insert at the muzzle of the barrel; Gustav Gillischewski, Berlin; 1.7.10.

Nr. 456 765, Alarm pistol with a socket, which is screwed onto the barrel; see above.

Nr. 458 203, Barrel holder for pistols, especially self-loading pistols with a fixed barrel; Paul Mauser, Oberndorf a.N.; 27.10.09.

Nr. 458 204, see above.

Nr. 458 205, Fring pin arrangement for firearms, especially blowback-operated weapons with a fixed barrel; Dr.-Ing. Paul Mauser, Oberndorf a.N.; 12.3.10.

Nr. 459 992, Water pistol; Wilhelm Jerger sen., Villingen; 4.3.11.

Nr. 460 392, Target pistol with an angular breech block; Fa. Ernst Friedrich Büchel; Mehli; 8.3.11.

Nr. 460 399, Toy or alarm pistol with a double sound; Gustav Gillischewski, Berlin, 9.3.11.

Nr. 460 400, Toy or alarm pistol fired by a hammer; see above.

Nr. 460 442, Pistol bullet; Paul Mauser, Oberndorf a.N.; 17.12.09.

Nr. 460 763, Self-loading pistol with a fixed barrel; Dr.-Ing. Paul Mauser, Oberndorf a.M.; 2.4.10.

Nr. 460 764, see above; 5.4.10.

TO KIRBY BROUILLARD FROM TOM NELSON: In 1991, I imported 4000 9mm pistols from Norway (3000 P08s and 1000 P38s). ALL of these came with issue holsters, and ALL of the holsters were converted to fit on our GI belt. There were all variations of P08 and P38, and all were import marked on the underside of the frame. These had all been impressed into the Norwegian military after WWII. I sent quite a few of these holsters off to be restored, but many were sold as is. I attempted to purchase more small arms from Norway, but those in power decided that it would not be politically correct, so that ended any further sales.

FROM JOHN PEARSON: One of my major interests in collecting German pistols is those that were engraved by the Walther Factory, especially their Model PP and PPK pistols. Over the years I have assembled information on hundreds of these rare pistols. Among the documented Walther factory engraved Model PP pistols are a group of 100 that are found within the serial range of 215295P to 215394P inclusive. All 100 of these guns apparently were engraved at the Walther factory in the 1941 -1942 timeframe. I have recorded information on more than one-third of these 100 guns, which have turned up in collections and museums. As it turns out, most of these guns were never completed by Walther, and when the American soldiers took control of the factory on 5 April 1945, they found most of them unassembled and still in storage within the factory. A few of these were then assembled and engraved with the names of American Army generals, the most famous being serial 215297P which was named to General Patton and is currently in the VMI museum. A similar gun, serial number 215301P, was named to General Manton Eddy, and is shown on pages 38 and 40 in Jim Rankin's excellent second volume on Walther Pistols. The Patton gun was done in a very similar style. Actually most of these 100 engraved guns were put together using various small parts and taken out of the Factory by American soldiers as war souvenirs. These 1945 assembled guns are easily identified by the fact that they are still in the white and are not German Eagle N proofmarked.

Although most of these guns were never completed by Walther prior to April 1945, a few were. One example is a gun that was owned by Albert Speer, serial number 215361P, as shown on page 69 in the same Jim Rankin volume II book. This gun is blued with black checkered grips, and is properly Eagle N proofed. This gun is presently on display in the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson Air Base in Ohio. Another example, in gold finish with ivory grips, is serial number 215393P, as shown on pages 2 and 54 again in the Jim Rankin volume II book. This gun has a very unusual engraving pattern including Greek Mythology figures, and was sold in the Rock Island Auction of April 2004.

Recently I learned of another Walther engraved Model PP pistol from within this same group of 100 guns, and the story of this gun is really fascinating and most unusual. I was aware of the gun as having been sold thru the internet in 2004, and at that time I saw a few photos of the gun showing it was blued with black checkered grips and engraved in the oak leaf and acorn pattern. The gun was Eagle N proofed and thus was clearly one of the few completed prior to April 1945. I was not aware of who bought the gun in 2004, but I recently learned that the gun is now owned by a NAPCA member and that he did some unbelievable research to reveal facts about the pistol that were not known in 2004. As it turns out, this pistol, along with a shoulder holster, was removed from the body of a dead German Officer which was still lying against a fence within the Buchenwald Concentration Camp several days after the Camp had been liberated by the American Army. The current owner was able to track down and make contact with the American Army officer who found this pistol on the dead German. I find all of this just amazing and I have spoken with the NAPCA member and he will be submitting more information about this gun in a future issue of Auto Mag.

As our members know, I have recently presented several research articles on the use of Walther caliber .22 pistols as a weapon of choice to kill inmates within the death camps. As I first started to assemble that data I was of course amazed to discover that .22 caliber pistols played such an important role within the death camps. Now I have learned about the story of how this engraved PP pistol was being carried by a German soldier within a death camp. Who would have suspected such a thing?

How did this gun come to be carried by an SS soldier as his personal weapon at Buchenwald? Obviously we will never get the details of how this came to be, but let me make a couple of observations. Buchenwald was very close to the Walther factory, and in fact there were Buchenwald satellite camps even closer to the Walther Factory. It has been suggested by some historians that concentration camp inmates were being used as labor by Walther during the War. Of course if true this would suggest the possibility that this SS soldier was perhaps assigned to the Walther Factory at one point in time. Is that possibly how he came to obtain this engraved PP pistol? Was it maybe even a gift to him from the factory for some service that he had provided to them? Obviously we can speculate forever, but clearly there was some connection between this SS soldier and the Walther Factory for him to have ended up with such a rare engraved PP pistol which was not produced until the middle of the War. This story is further proof that there is so much within this hobby that we still don't know and can only be learned by industrious research. In this case I applaud the member who uncovered this important information about this very special pistol.

Smith & Wesson Model SW9VE Auto Pistol Contract

by Don Thomas

During September of 2005, Smith & Wesson announced that they had received a second pistol order from the U.S. Army. Smith & Wesson Holding Corp. had secured an order from the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Armament Command to provide 12,000 pistols for shipment to the Afghanistan Border Patrol. The order was scheduled to ship by December 2005.

Smith & Wesson had established a strategy during early 2005 to increase their efforts in supplying pistols to the U.S. Government and military. The strategy paid off.

The first order for Smith & Wesson pistols was completed in May 2005. This order was shipped through the U.S. Army Security Command to supply the Afghanistan National Guard. Both the first and second order were for the Smith & Wesson Model SW9VE which is a double action only pistol built with a durable polymer frame and a through hardened stainless steel slide and barrel. The caliber is 9mm Parabellum. It is described as having simple operation procedure, disassembly and reassembly with no tools needed and state of the art ergonomic design.

The serial number range is unknown to the author. Likewise it is unknown if the pistols had any special markings.

Source: Smith & Wesson press release
Sporting Goods Business

FROM MIKE CARNEY: Just got in a second issue Navy mag #1537, no crown/M proof just large number on base. Chips on edges of base. Anyone out there need this number to match their gun?

TO DICK PAYSOR FROM FRANKLIN OWENS: Recently picked up a Bayard 1908 in .25 (#3557x) to complete my trio.

TO ROGER TREMBLAY: Like the Llama book idea. I have a bunch of Llama semi-autos as well as a few revolvers. The minis and 82 and 87s were very nice plus they made a bunch of .45 variations about 10-12 years back.

TO DICK McEVOY: Thought I was the only one that liked movie guns. My vote for best shootem-up of all time is BLACKHAWK DOWN. Recently watched two tapes with a lot of guns in them, APOCALYPSE MERCENARIES (when have you seen a Breda 30) and MERCENARY FIGHTERS. MICHAEL COLLINS would have been so much better had the masses broken into a song such as "One Nation Once Again" or any Irish revolutionary folk song. Interesting the British Gun Laws were aimed at the IRA after 1916. Look at the result. Even James Bond carries a foreign pistol since British gun companies were ruined and the British disarmed. Still, the IRA has their collection. I believed it was 1972 the Northern Irish attempted a M. L. K. style protest that became known as Bloody Sunday as 13 were murdered by British troops who fired randomly on peaceful protesters. A far cry from our 1963 "Bloody Sunday" in Alabama in which no one was killed. Just imagine if Bill Connors had used British troops in Birmingham.

* Got an FN Medalist International, the last version of the Medalist. Noticed in the Standard Catalog of Firearms, 16th edition, that the newer one is priced higher than the original boxed model. I also have a European style that is neither fish nor fowl, new or old model, but in-between and differs from both. Anyone else have one? It also came in a case also different from the original.

FROM WOLFHART FRITZE: The Swiss 1929 model Luger pistol might not have the same appeal, as the old Parabellum, but it is a genuine Luger. When Waffenfabrik Bern redesigned the M1906 Model in 1929, their competitor SIG got the order to produce the 2 most difficult parts: the frame and the receiver. The attached copy of an SIG catalogue dated from about 1960 still shows these two parts among other gun parts as reference. When you take your M1929 Luger apart you will find the stamp of SIG (N = Neuhausen, where SIG is located) on both parts.

The German text below reads as follows:

Manufacture of Gun Parts

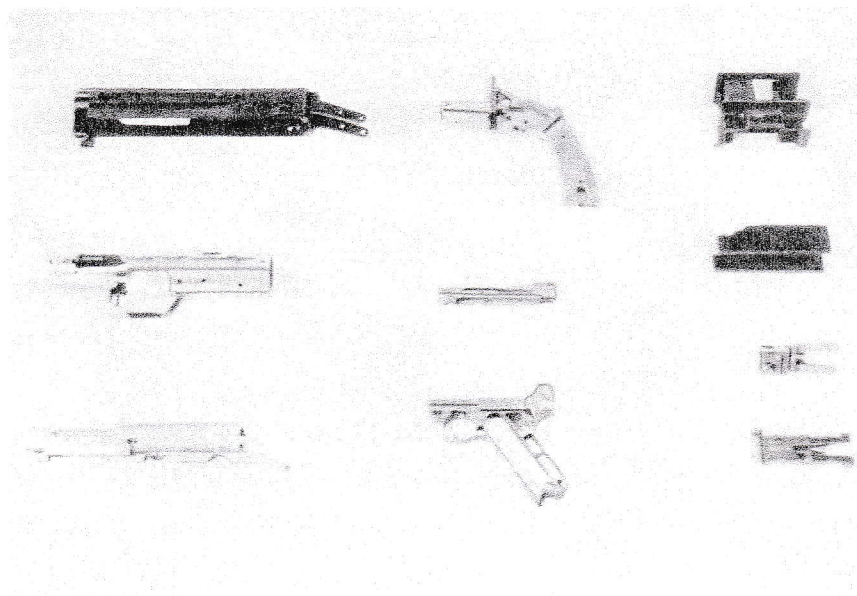
The greatest accuracy is applied to the manufacture of gun parts of extraneous design. The following pictures show an overview of parts, which have been manufactured at SIG. These comprise components of hand- and long-guns, small and heavy infantry weapons, as well as anti-aircraft and artillery-guns.

Schweizerische
Industrie-Gesellschaft
Neuhausen am Rheinfall
Schweiz



Fabrikation von Waffenteilen

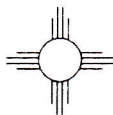
Der Fabrikation von Waffenteilen fremder Konstruktion wird größte Sorgfalt gewidmet. Die folgenden Abbildungen geben einen Querschnitt der Teile, die in der SIG hergestellt wurden. Sie umfassen Bestandteile von Faust- und Handfeuerwaffen, leichten und schweren Infanterie-Waffen, sowie Flab- und Artillerie-Geschützen.



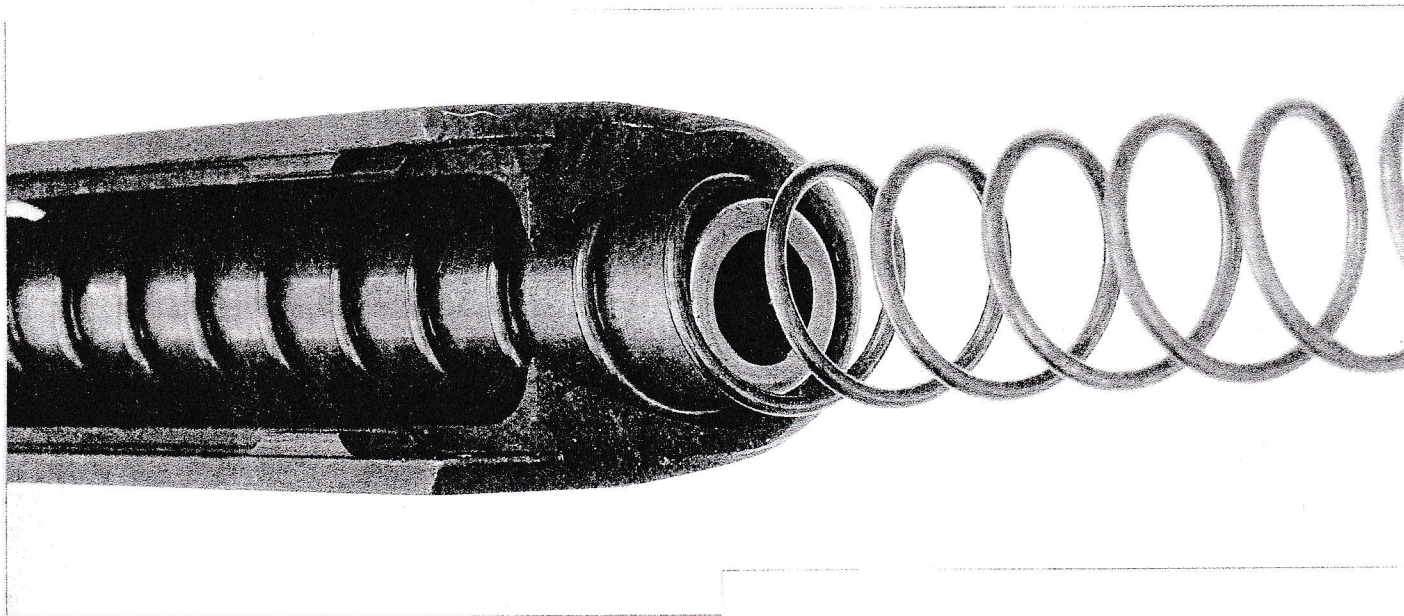
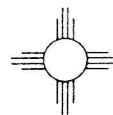
Verschiedene Griffstücke und Verschußgehäuse

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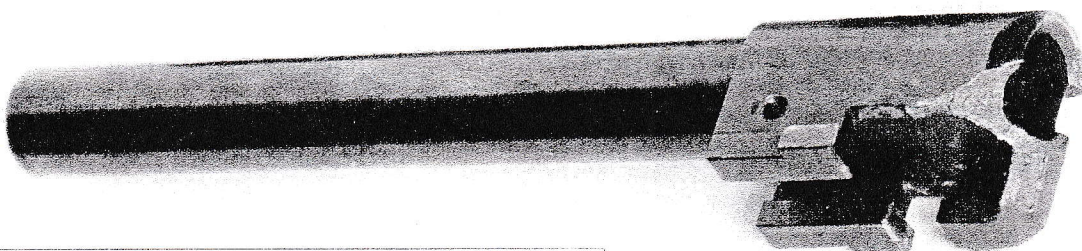
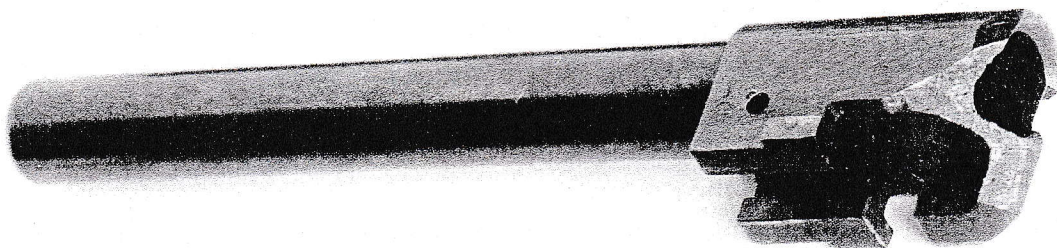
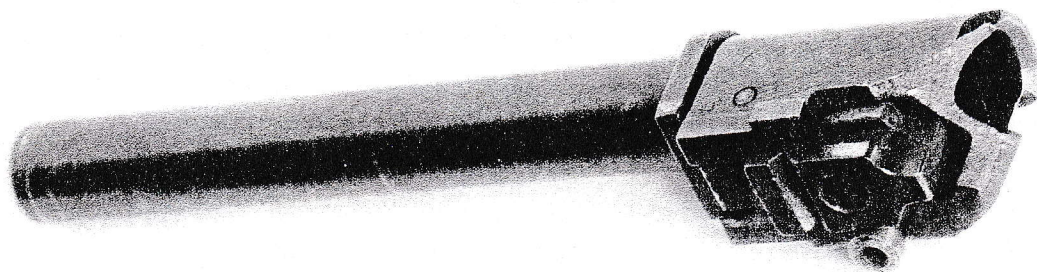
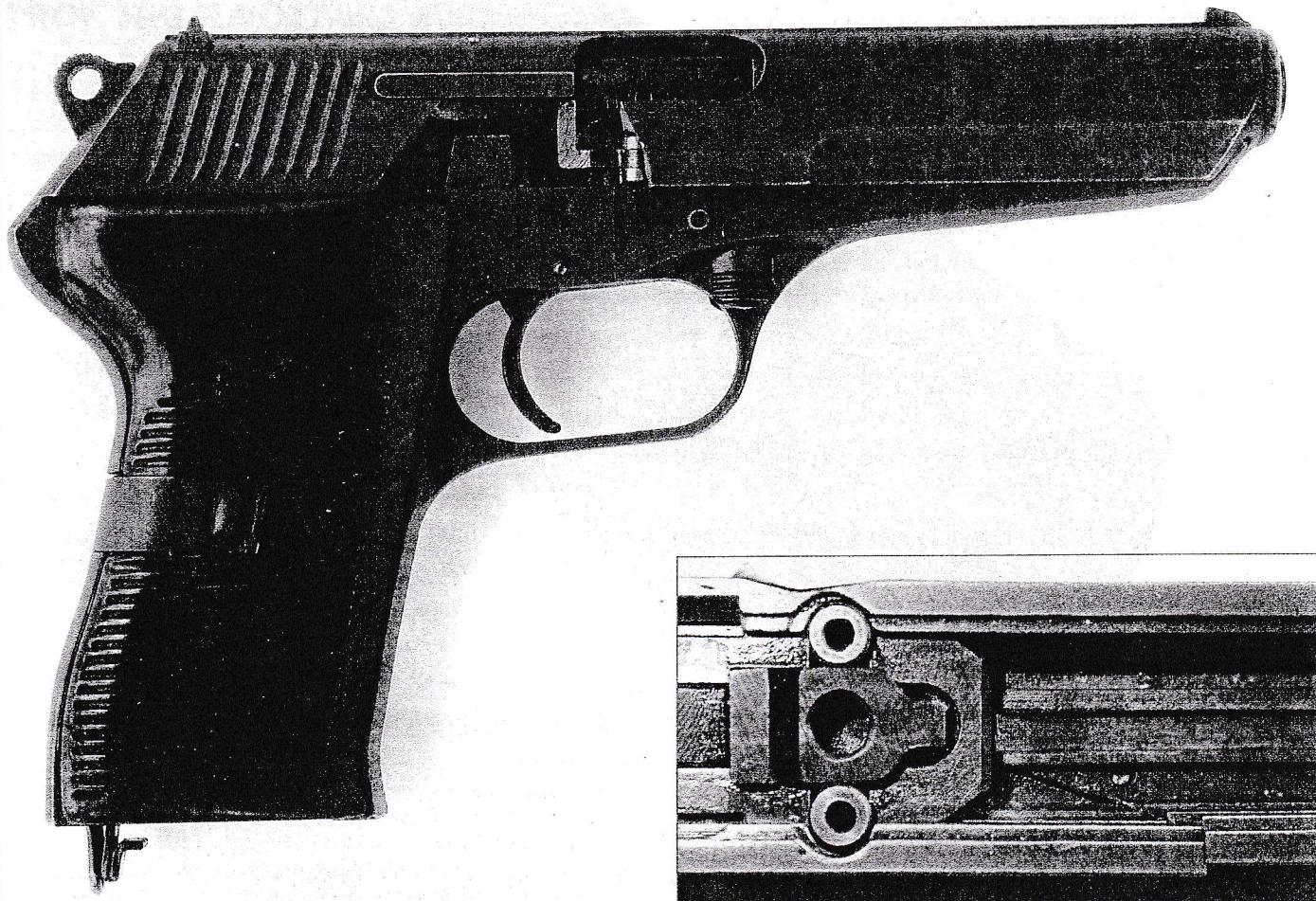


TO: MEMBERSHIP
FROM: Jiri T. Vojta
RE: CZECH CZ 52 PISTOL

A few months ago the Czech army withdrew the last remaining CZ 52 pistols from service. The reason given was that this pistol, during its long service, suffered many catastrophic failures.

As the photos clearly show, the damage occurred around the roller bearing locking system. In several cases, the shooter was injured. The Czech army technical branch determined, however tentatively, that the Czech ammunition that was fired from this pistol was too powerful and was the main reason for these failures. Further examination and testing determined that the ammunition was not the only cause. The Czech submachinegun ammunition that supposedly caused all the damage in the CZ 52 pistol caused no damage when fired through the Russian Tokarev pistol.

Because of the possibility of injury, the Czech police forbade any shooting, official or private, of this pistol.



TO KEN NICHOLS FROM JUERGEN SCHOENEBECK: In Automag DEC. 2007 you asked about the production date of a Walther P. 38 box: These boxes were issued with postwar Walther P. 38/P. 1 s delivered to the Westgerman Bundeswehr (army, navy, airforce) in the 60s/70s. It says ULM as Walther's postwar location on the top of the box. The sticker indicates the "Versorgungsnummer", which was the contemporary NATO-supply number needed to order such pistol. Since the Borderguard forces, as well as the State police forces received their guns through the same channels, they both had P. 38 and P. 1 marked guns with military acceptance stamps and add BMI-stamps (Bundesministerium des Inneren/ Interior Ministry) in the same boxes. To your question in Automag Jan 2008 regarding the P. 38/p. 1 holster: these are Westgerman postwar holsters of the late 50's-early 60's. First generation of postwar holsters for Borderforces and Statepolice in various states. The 4 to 5 digits numbers, sometimes accompanied by the letter E (Export) are the serial numbers of the pistols these holsters belonged to. These holsters are fairly common here and are often used to produce fakes, as can be seen in Whittington's Vol. III, page 302-303! A FEW holsters were stamped by the manufacturer Hans Roemer, Neu-Ulm in an oval circle, with the 2digit production date next to it. The holster in my collection states "59". This type of holster was followed by the common known Theuermann-version used by the Bundeswehr.

* TO JOHN JAMES: I was surprised to see such a statement on the front page of Automag! So what is your suggestion to solve the problem - forbid all FOREIGNERS to buy up all these AMERICAN guns, most of them "liberated" all over the world anyway? I agree with you, that it is sometimes frustrating to see guns being sold at prices we cannot afford or we are not willing to pay, but, as they say, it's a free world trade and in the days of Internet, there are no borders and no ways to prevent it. And during the days, when the dollar was doing a lot better, it was the "Americans" buying up all the goodies.

FROM TOM KNOX: This one appeared on GUNBROKER (91557413) this morning. The "BUY-IT-NOW" price is \$1149.00!!! Description is as follows:

"ORTGIES POCKET AUTOMATIC SEMI AUTO PISTOL SER# 165254, .32ACP (7.65mm), 3 1/4" BARREL WITH AN EXCELLENT BRIGHT BORE, CROWN N PROOFED, GUN IS CROWN N PROOFED, GUN IS MATCHING NUMBERS , MAGAZINE IS MARKED PTV OVER 38 ON THE BOTTOM . COMES WITH MILITARY CAPTURE PAPERS DATED MAY 28 1945"

I wrote to the seller to ask if the PTV appears anywhere else on the pistol - he replied that it does not. I also asked about the apparent blued mag, and if it was marked with anything else - he says no, i.e., no Ortgies logo.

FROM DEAN GIZZI: Does anyone know the approx serial number range for FN Vest Pocket Model 1906 and Baby pistols made during the German occupation (1940-1944)?

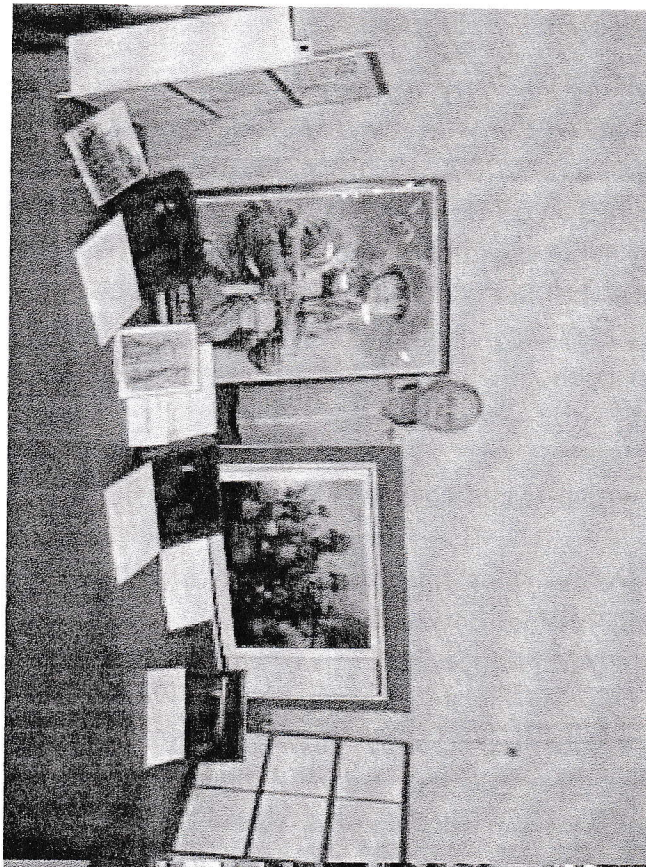
TO JOHN JAMES FROM FRANKLIN OWENS: Received AM today (2/5/08): DJIA @ 370; NADAQ @ 73; S3P @44 - 2/6/08 overnight Asian markets off on average of 5%, gold has been over \$900 an ounce with silver over \$16. So the smart money is seeking safe havens. What could be better than guns? They go up and they stay up! Should have bought that Luftwaffe drilling for \$3000 about seven years ago. Back when the Berettas were replacing the 1911, had a National Guard member call and ask if Singer made .45s - seems his unit was shipping off two S. Mfg. Co. .45s to be destroyed. So there are now only 498 Singers! Just imagine if we got all the government we paid for. Also imagine if other nations allowed gun ownership, what type fight we would have with guns pouring out of the U.S. And, the resulting prices!

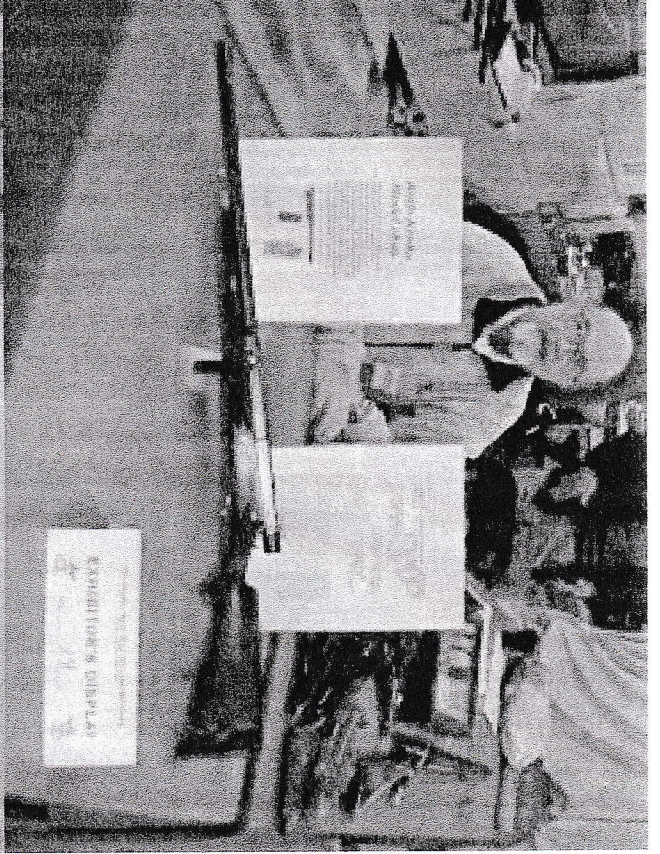
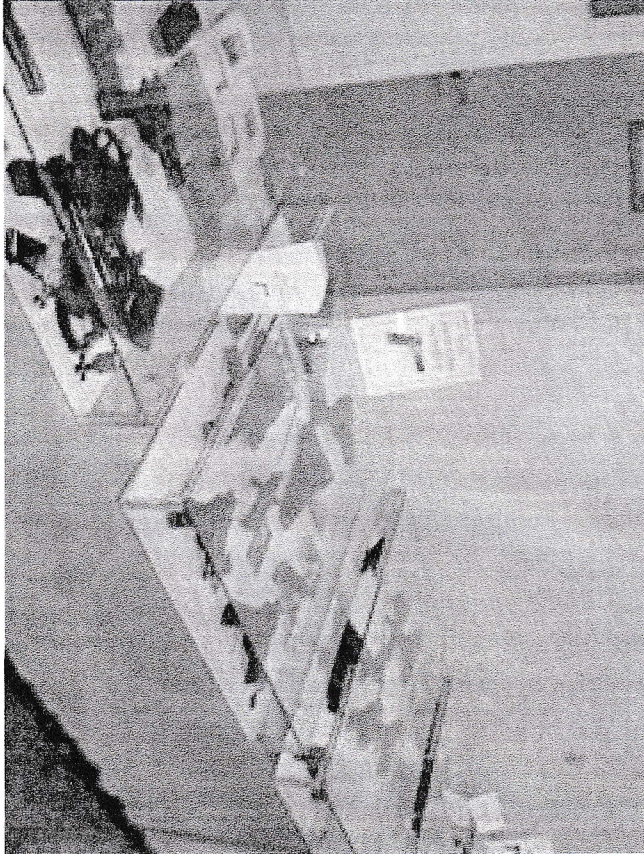
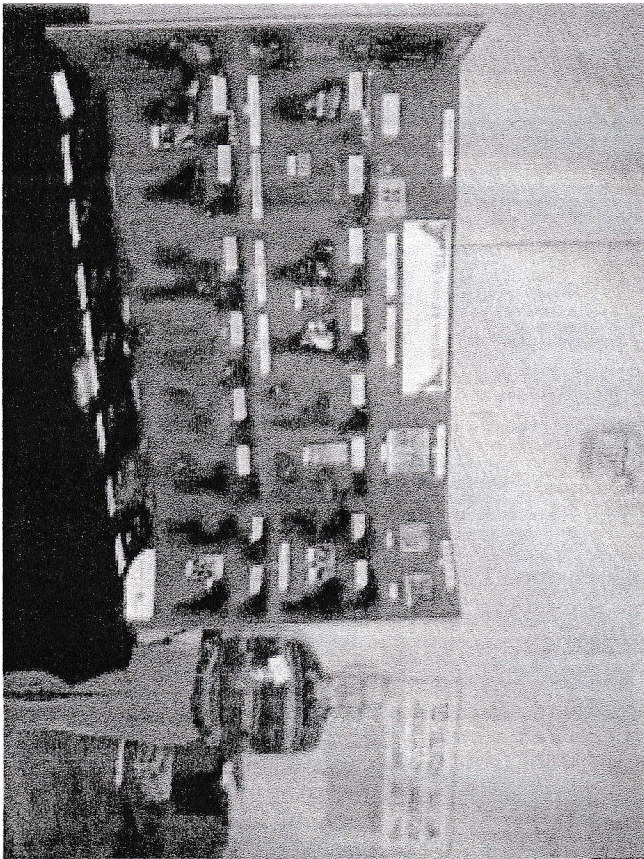
TO PETER PROKOPIEV: Since you are our first Bulgarian member, what are the regulations there about gun ownership? What do you collect?

TO CHARLES WAGNER AND COLIN DOANE: Great pictures and articles - WOW!!!

* Colt Z40: Months back a German member asked about these, started a reply and lost it. Anyway, these were made by CZ for Colt, but I don't believe Colt ever took delivery. Probably because they couldn't under that name or a new one? Handled the guns, all 758. That was the number they told me that were made. Produced probably in 1998? They were all double action only, all in .40, and all with polymer frames. I purchased three from a nearby shop: #027x, #AO28x and #AO39x. Still have them if anyone is interested. These were probably the rarest semi-autos to have Colt's name, except for the earlier Pony .380s, which a handful were marked Colt (the rest marketed by Firearms International in the '70's). Have seen them priced as high as \$1300 and as low as \$700. All 758 sold out very quickly. The current Z40B is identical except no Colt name and the DA rather than DAO. The serial range dropped the 'O', and mine is #A312x. They are great guns and shoot well. Now for a footnote: I looked these up in my Jane's Infantry Weapons 2002 - 2003 (page 237). They have it almost completely wrong. It is listed as a CZ 0.45 model 97B (Colt 240) pistol! They show a picture of a CZ97, .45 DA auto. Totally different. The brief description is correct only in it was developed in collaboration with Colt to meet requirements of the U. S. market. Recoil locking and DAO was current, but then they revert to the CZ97B .45 which was a totally different gun. Odd that the Czechs were more in tune to the requirements of the U. S. market in that they evolved it to a DA. So Jane's and England hang your head in shame...and get it right!

TO DAVE NOLL: Talked with a vet who was on Patton's staff. Amongst the many pistols most of us know about, this guy said that George had an FN HP that he gave to Dianah Shore's husband when they came through. He also mentioned he went out with Indian scouts that were also "wind talkers" in Europe.





TO DWIGHT GRUBER:

Enjoyed your recent articles on commercial Lugers. They were concise yet very informative and well crafted, a pleasure to read. Thanks for the needed contribution to the literature on this complex subject.
Dick McEvoy

TWO MAUSERS AND A GUN MOLL •

Dick McEvoy

Recently obtained two interesting guns. The first is a '37 S/42, 2nd variation Luger #2099 *W* @ 99% with matching magazine. Over the years, questions have appeared in AM as to what suffix letter/symbol *W* represented. As it wasn't in German alphabets published in the literature, it became an enigma to some collectors. It is in fact Mauser's script version of "w". Why the reversion to the archaic form is moot. Thanks to Don Hallock for clarification.

The second is a C96 "Red Nine" #28199, near mint, with matched stock and two-tone 1916 Joseph Moll holster, The holster, a weathered veteran, is dyed black on the front & sides but brown on the backside. This is seen occasionally in LP.08 holsters but seldom, I gather, on C96's. Re-proves the axiom that in wartime nothing usable is discarded. Thanks to John James for holster leather input and Joe Schroeder for vetting the serial no. ("Nines" had their own serial range.) The learning process continues.

To the membership from Juerg Siegenthaler

Does anyone know anything about this pistol? It holds 8 cartridges in caliber 6,35 mm. It does not have a safety, the magazine catch is on the right side. The breechblock is similar to the one of the Sauer & Sohn 1913 but is a little bit larger. The gun is lacquered like the French 1935 A. There is no inscription or SN present. Total length 16,5 cm, barrel length 10,0 cm. Any information is welcome.

FROM BUCK SQUIRES: Reference to the Kirby D. Brouillard question and photos of the German Luger holsters with the leather loops added. These were done by Norway. At the surrender, they captured large numbers of German stuff. They decided to adopt the US Garand and used the US style web belt that used US wire loop attachments. They attached these wire loops to Luger holsters, 98k bayonet sheaths and even WWI Demag crank handle bayonet sheaths. I purchased large quantities of this stuff. NAPCA member Frank Demauro (Deceased) set up a business converting these holsters back to the original German configuration by adding belt loops and filling in the rivet holes with leather plugs. Frank converted many hundreds of holsters. Charlie Justman sold many of the holsters that Frank converted in his "Checkpoint Charlie's" Shotgun News ads.

FOR THE MEMBERSHIP: MY ARTICLE ON P.38 TRIGGER GUARD EAGLES GOT A RESPONSE FROM AARON DAVIS, WHO STATED THAT HE HAS A "MOD P38 WITH THE EAGLE ON THE RIGHT SIDE". ANYONE ELSE HAVE SUCH A PIECE MARKED? KEN NICHOLS



TO KIRBY BROUILLARD FROM WOLFHART FRITZE: Re Luger Holster for US GI Belt. The German Luger holsters with attachments for the US-type belt are most likely from Norway. I have seen a picture in one of Ed Ezell's books and hopefully will be able to retrieve it later. The Norwegians used a lot of old German army pistols including some Lugers P08 and P38 until these were all replaced by Glock 17 model pistols in the 1980s. Definitely West German police did not use Luger pistols in any quantity after WWII and the German police hardly ever used GI belts.

For: NICHOLS, KENNETH

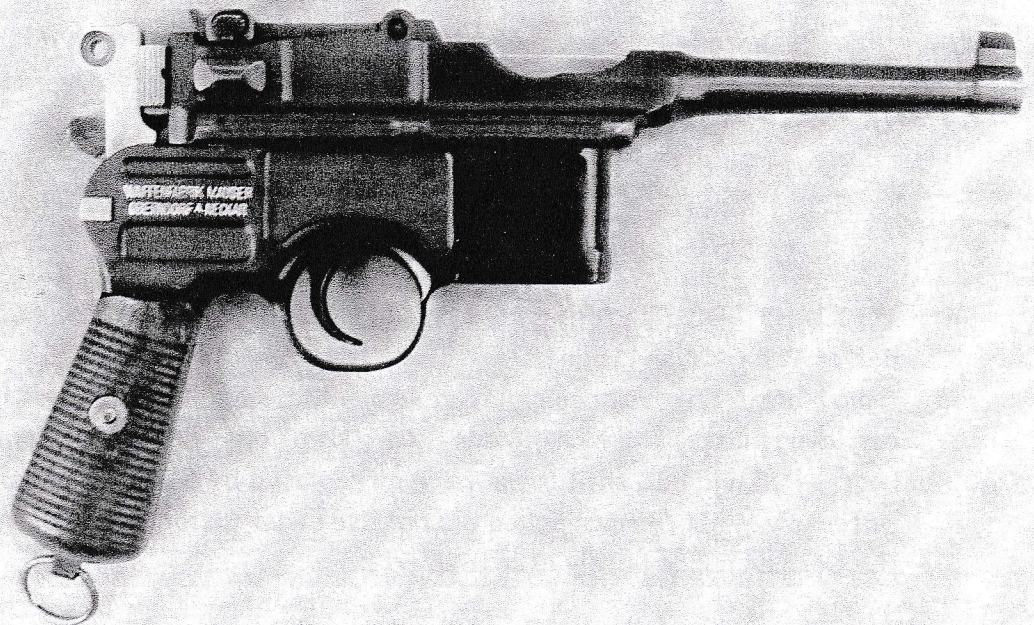
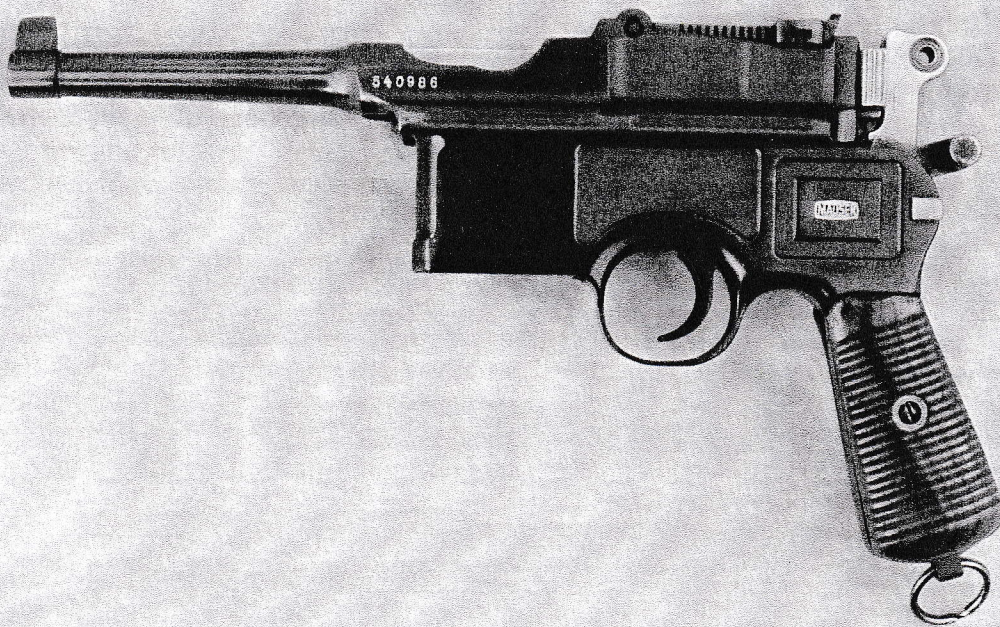
From: KENNETH NICHOLS

Wed Dec 26, 2007 3:03 pm

Taken by: KENNETH NICHOLS (4590)

Subject: C96 BROOM RESTORATION

1. I RECEIVED THIS 6-SHOT BROOM RECENTLY, VIA THIRD PERSON, SUPPOSEDLY OUT OF A COLLECTION. BUT, THE HISTORY OF THE PIECE HAS BEEN LOST. IT SEEMS TO BE A 6-SHOT BROOM, BUT FALLS INTO THE CATEGORY OF A LATE, POST WAR BOLO. IT SEEMS TO HAVE BEGUN LIFE AS A REGULAR BROOM AND WAS CONVERTED TO BE A 6-SHOT. IT WAS A LOT OF WORK FOR SOME ENTERPRISING GUN SMITH, AND ACTUALLY TURNED OUT BEAUTIFULLY. IF SOMEONE OUT THERE KNOWS ANY OF THE HISTORY OF THIS PIECE, #540,986, PLEASE CALL OR WRITE TO ME. 318-212-4252, KEN NICHOLS.



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1) Stunning and Original Walther Factory DISPLAY pistol of Early 3rd Variation O-Series. As seen in Buxton VOL 1, this has the SMOOTH, yes SMOOTH bore only found on factory display pistols. Stunning 100% condition with mirror bore and perfect grips and mint grip straps. cannot be improved as only MILITARY WALTHER FACTORY DISPLAY. Call for more details. You can own what no other military collector has \$10,000. 2) Stunning Luger rig. Condition CANNOT be improved. Rarest Nazi combination - Commercial Military 1940 Mauser with stunning minty Leather 1941 Holster (value \$700 alone). Magazines are mint and the gun is flat mint. Mirror bore, mint checkered walnut - all the rare 3 digit serial number and commercial proof features (less than 300 made - see Still's book). Belongs in a Book. Great serial number. Never again seen in this condition. \$3700 3) Are you a serious Luger collector. Then you need the original blueprints of the Luger pistol. These are the ORIGINAL Blue PRINTS...not copies. Original "GL" signed Luger Swiss Patent Drawings for Swiss Luger. Sent to BERN Switzerland Patent office in early 1900's. Nothing fake about these original blue prints. Perhaps only two complete copies in the world - one in Switzerland, one in Germany. Displayed at the KC July show. 22 Separate blue prints in Bound book with patent office stickers. Reduced to \$8,000. 4) Mauser BYF 44 P38. Stunning mint condition...cannot be improved. Not an import. \$1000. 5) Rare find. Condor Legion pilot's Star pistol in original numbered pre WWII box with two Magazines. Mint. With Spanish Air Force crest. As used by German pilots in 1936. One of a kind with box, cannot be improved. \$1000. 6) Three consecutive numbered Star .45 cal Automatics. Large Frame Star M Series. Stunning mint condition with original boxes and papers and spar mags. Not even a single scratch. Once in a life time find. Superb hand bluing as performed on Star pistols during 1960's. Mark Rendina. Call 816-941-2275.

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J. P. SAUER & SOHN, SUHL - WAFFENSTADT. A Historical Study of Sauer Automatic Pistols. Volume II only. The price to NAPCA members is \$50 shipped. I have very few of these books remaining, so if you want one please order soon. Thanks! JIM CATE, 406 Pine Bluff Dr., Chattanooga, TN 37412 (your personal check is OK!)

WANTED

Info on Mauser C96's with British Empire connections: special sights, dealer markings, unit names, individual names, serial numbers, etc., for future article in AUTO MAG. Also, references in books, magazines, retailers catalogs, photos - any/all may be of interest to purchase for my collection; Mauser large ring number 30840, marked VL&D, New York. I used to own it a long time ago and sold it at a weak moment - I'd like to buy it back. Rick Engel 402-493-1650 Email: rickeengel@excite.com

LUGER - DWM or Erfurt, standard P08 or LP08, 1914 chamber date. MUST have at least 98% original finish (90% straw). MUST have at least one original, magazine. Complete rig okay. PLEASE, no Waffenfabrik USA reworks. Fred Scharer, Box 50808, Mendota Hgts., Mn. 55150 651-260-3811

Looking for a decent Savage 1915 in .32. Dave Shellenberg, 2455 Jacqueline St., Portage, In. 46368

Japanese non-gun MP41 made by HUDSON. Mike Carney 315-853-3294

I NEED A MAG TO GO WITH A POLICE MAUSER, 1940, EAGLE L, SERIAL #4121.....ALSO LOOKING FOR A 1940 HOLSTER FOR THE SAME. CALL ME AT 318-212-4252 ANYTIME...KEN NICHOLS.

WANTED: ANY ASSESSORY FOR C96 BROOMS, ESPECIALLY STOCKS. NEED MAGS FOR P.38 ZERO SERIES AND SWEDES, NEED SWEDE HOLSTERS.

MISSING YOUR P.38 MAG?? CALL ME IF YOU HAVE 1941 WALTHERS:
812/1250/6283/7494A/4075B/8923B/9191B/811C/5538C/9724C/8708D/500F/4584G/3826G/952H/2272I/2673I4649I/8109I/1209J/1215J.....AND, AC42 GUNS: 1398/4241/4559/1592A/8123A/1833C. FOR THE "480" GUNS...1759/1772/1888/2004/2868.....AC NO DATE...8993/8994/9281.

1970 era Mauser Parabellum target barrel version of luger. Any cal., any condition. This is the target version of the luger Parabellum with a heavy non tapered barrel. Got to have it! MArk Rendina 816-941-2275



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Do you have a FFL (Federal Firearms License)?

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If so, what type of FFL?

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I have read and agree to abide by the NAPCA bylaws. I certify that I am over 18 years of age and that I am not legally prohibited from purchasing firearms. Further, I certify that I am not a member of any organization considered to be subversive by the United States of America.

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