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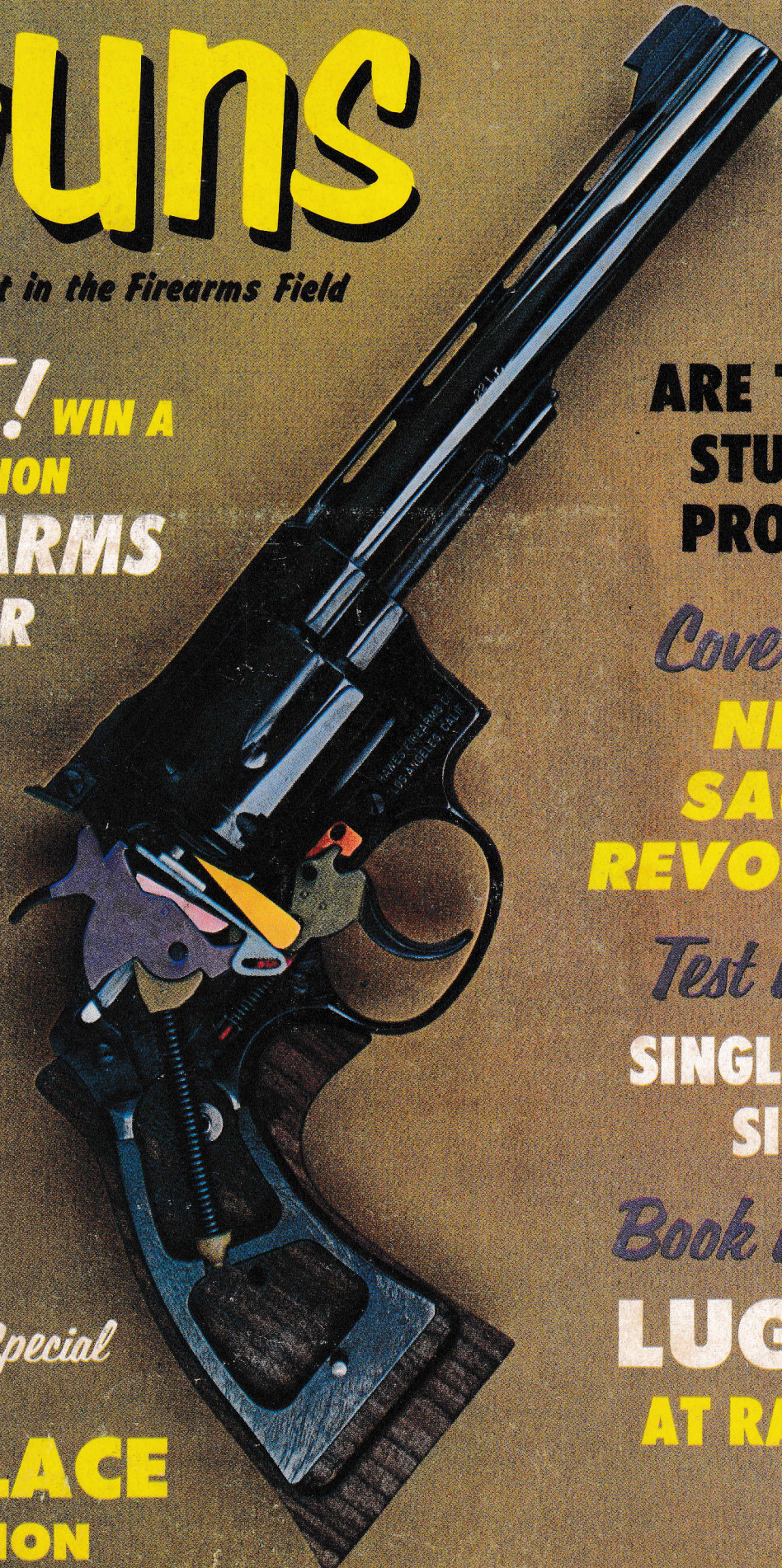
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THE NEXT issue of GUNS will not only be the first of the new year, it will be the first to reflect some new ideas which we have had for some time, but which will now become a part of the magazine.

To kick off this issue, we will present, in lieu of our regular Free Gun Contest, a drawing for a once-in-a-lifetime hunt. The winner will enjoy a free hunt for an exotic game trophy, free air fare to the hunt, and his trophy will be mounted as a memento of the hunt. Be sure to enter this one.

In the January issue we will begin a regular handgunners column, a regular how-to-do-it feature, and some innovative concepts that we hope will please you.

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Edward H. Hilliard
1922—1970

It is with deep regret that we have to write the following. Edward H. Hilliard, managing partner of Redfield Gun Sight Co. died on August 15th as a result of a mountain climbing accident near Aspen, Colorado. Ed was a unique combination of a nice guy and a strong personality. He was one of the founders of the National Shooting Sports foundation, where he served two terms as its president, and he was active in many organizations concerned with the outdoors, environment, and natural resources.

The sum total of Ed's contribution to the maintenance of shooting and the ownership of firearms will never be known, but I am sure that some of the enthusiastic leadership he displayed will be perpetuated—it had to rub off on a lot of us who were associated with him. He will be missed.

THE COVER

The new Sauer double action revolvers, distributed by Hawes Firearms, are covered in a test report beginning on page 36. The cover shot, by Walter Rickell, shows you an inside look at this revolver.

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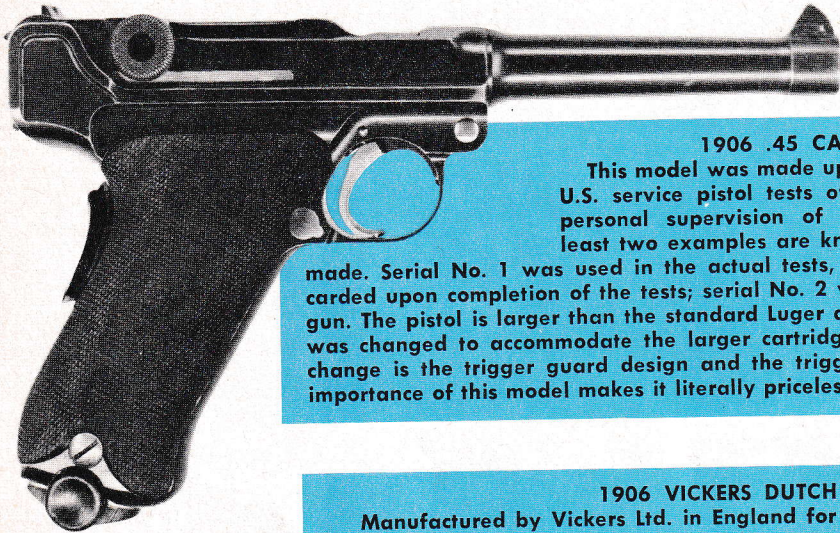
LUGERS AT RANDOM, by Charles Kenyon, and edited by Joseph J. Schroeder, is published by Handgun Press, 5832 S. Green St., Chicago, Ill. 60621; price, \$15.00. This book shows, with more than 400 illustrations, the changes in the Luger pistol from the very first of the Luger/Borchardt transition pistols to the post-war Krieghoff models. Also included in the book are photos and descriptions of many Luger accessories; holsters, silencers, stocks and conversion units. On the following pages we present a few of the more interesting Luger models from "Lugers at Random." We would like to thank the publisher, and Mr. Schroeder for their permission, and their kind cooperation.



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LUGERS AT RANDOM



1906 .45 CALIBER

This model was made up especially for the U.S. service pistol tests of 1907, under the personal supervision of George Luger. At least two examples are known to have been made. Serial No. 1 was used in the actual tests, and probably discarded upon completion of the tests; serial No. 2 was the "back up" gun. The pistol is larger than the standard Luger and internal design was changed to accommodate the larger cartridge. Most noticeable change is the trigger guard design and the trigger. The rarity and importance of this model makes it literally priceless.

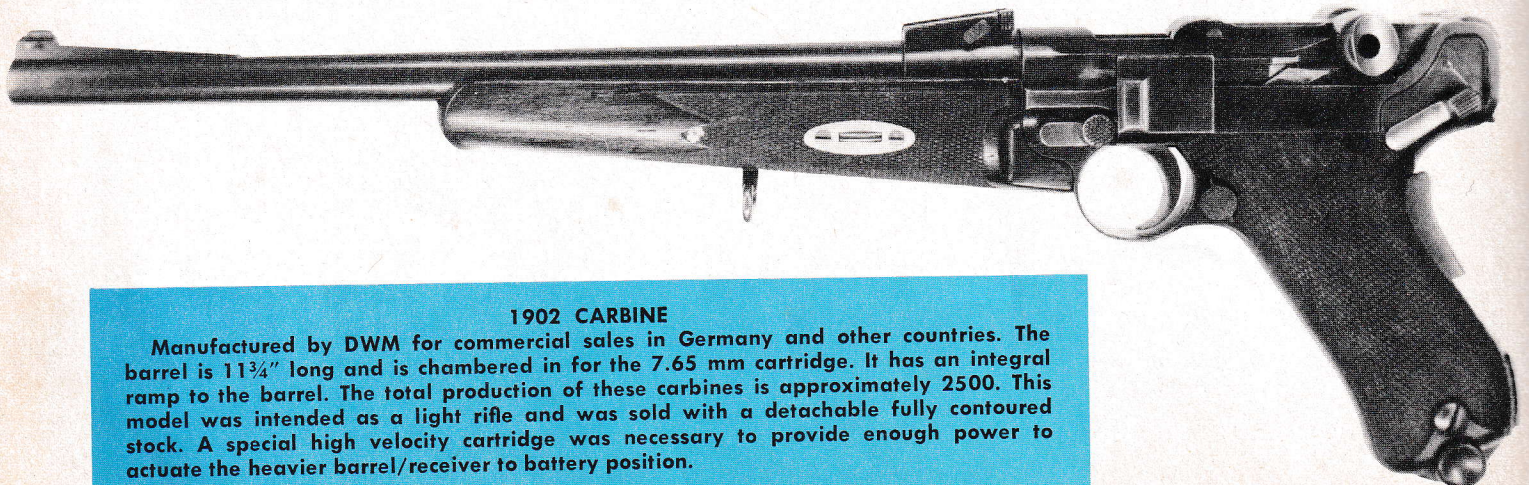
1906 VICKERS DUTCH

Manufactured by Vickers Ltd. in England for military contract sale to the Netherlands. Era of manufacture is approximately 1915-1917. It is proofed with Dutch proof marks, and has a name plate soldered to the left side of the frame that was added after delivery for designation of the outfit to which the pistol was issued, and the word "Geladen" appears on both sides of the extractor. The fact that some of these weapons have been arsenal re-finished in no way detracts from their value.



1914 DWM CUTAWAY

This Ordnance cutaway example bears serial number 446 and is proofed. The rather extensive "cuts" show the function of all basic assemblies. It is an undated Model 1914 DWM. While Ordnance cutaways are more common than factory cutaways, they are quite rare and are highly prized by collectors.

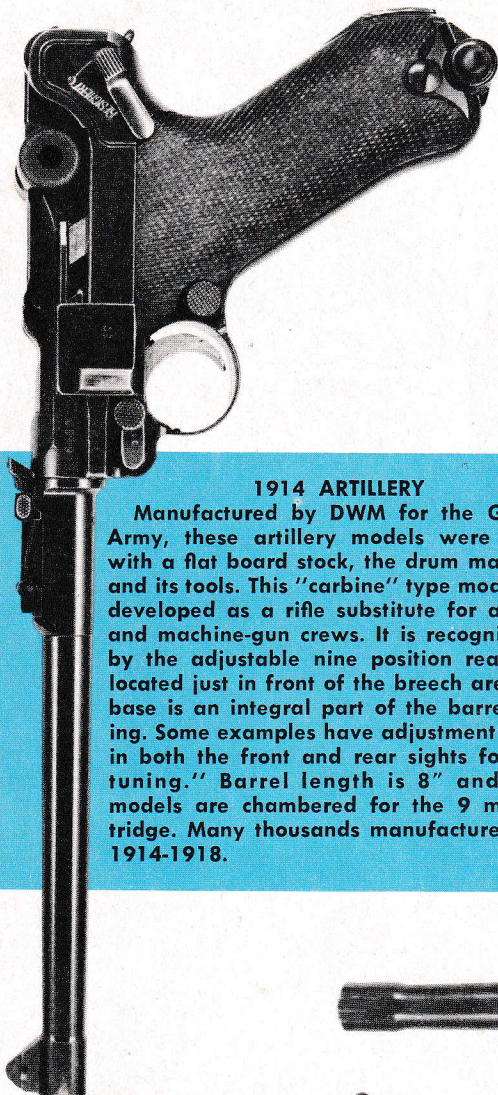
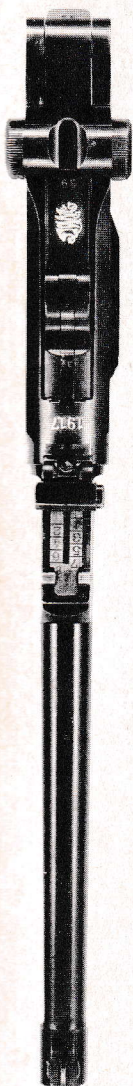


1902 CARBINE

Manufactured by DWM for commercial sales in Germany and other countries. The barrel is 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ " long and is chambered in for the 7.65 mm cartridge. It has an integral ramp to the barrel. The total production of these carbines is approximately 2500. This model was intended as a light rifle and was sold with a detachable fully contoured stock. A special high velocity cartridge was necessary to provide enough power to actuate the heavier barrel/receiver to battery position.

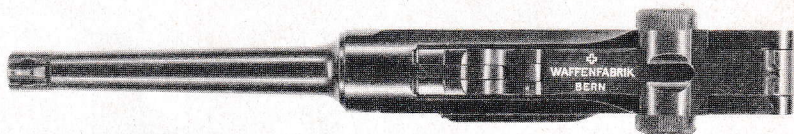
1923 COMMERCIAL 16" BARREL

This Commercial Luger with a 16" barrel is representative of some of the oddities imported after World War I. This particular pistol has no rear sight, which is unusual as most such pistols had a sight base either soldered or integral with the barrel, about one inch in front of the breech area. This gun was probably imported about 1920 by Pacific Firearms. Few were made, and they are rarely seen by collectors.



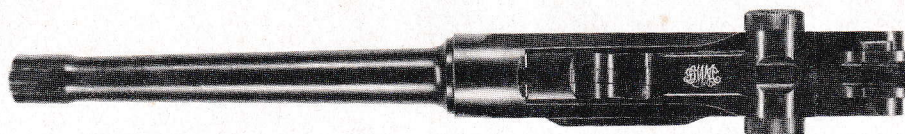
1914 ARTILLERY

Manufactured by DWM for the German Army, these artillery models were issued with a flat board stock, the drum magazine and its tools. This "carbine" type model was developed as a rifle substitute for artillery and machine-gun crews. It is recognizable by the adjustable nine position rear sight located just in front of the breech area. The base is an integral part of the barrel forging. Some examples have adjustment screws in both the front and rear sights for "fine tuning." Barrel length is 8" and these models are chambered for the 9 mm cartridge. Many thousands manufactured from 1914-1918.



1906 BERN

Manufactured by Waffenfabrik Bern in Switzerland for the Swiss military, apparently because DWM could no longer supply the Swiss because of the demands placed upon their facilities by the war effort. The official designation of these weapons is "1906" but many collectors refer to this model as the "1924" Bern. It is believed that production began in the 1918-1922 era but no official records substantiate this fact. A total of 17,874 were made.



1906 NAVY, 2nd ISSUE

Manufactured by DWM for the German Navy. Quite often, 1906 First Issues with altered safety markings are confused with the Second Issue. This is especially true of First Issues with the "faced off" lower safety markings. However, the differences can be noted upon close examination of the "case" of the lettering and the regularity of the "GESICHERT" marking. The Second Issue is rarer than the First Issue. Barrel length is 6" and all are proofed. At least 11,000 were manufactured.



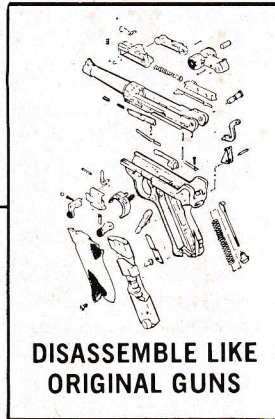
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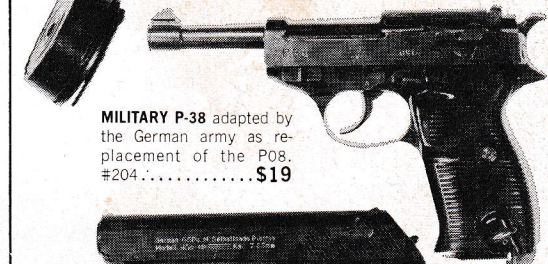
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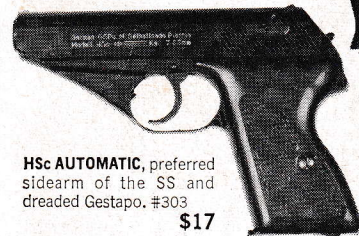
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