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RE: LAST MONTHS ARTICLE ON EARLY NAZI LUGERS:

Much correspondence was received by the JOURNAL during the past few weeks with reference the "WaA" proofs found on many Nazi weapons and on the MAUSER REWORK of 1933. (The first Mauser Luger)

Just why this proof appeared on the first Mauser Luger, and why it did not appear regularly after that was the subject of much speculation in the letters received.

If you have knowledge of this early Luger proof please send your information to the Journal in order that it may be shared with other collectors.

BORCHARDT OR LUGER

Most Luger Collectors today are aware of the part the Borchardt pistol played in the development of the Luger. As a matter of fact many collectors this author has met give complete credit for the Luger pistol to Mr. Hugo Borchardt. If this thought is prompted by patriotism, Borchardt was a naturalized American citizen, it is understandable but incorrect never-the-less.

The toggle action, so basic a design feature of the Borchardt and Luger pistols that people the world over think of this when they think of the Luger and Borchardt, was not the idea or invention of either man.

The toggle was the idea of another genius, Sir Hiram Maxim, who first employed the concept in his ingenious machine gun.

To my way of thinking Borchardt designed a handgun using Maxim's toggle concept and basic ideas of his own. Further while the Luger is so similar to the Borchardt that many collectors give Borchardt credit for both pistols I maintain that the Luger is as much the concept of Georg Luger as the Borchardt is the concept of Hugo Borchardt.

In 1893, a fantastically early date for the introduction of an amazing automatic pistol, the first Borchardt appeared. It was an excellent design, very well made, with many outstanding features. Interestingly Georg Luger was employed by the firm of Ludwig Loewe as its chief engineer and also somewhat of a salesman. Luger was in fact given the task of showing, and it was hoped, selling the new weapon to The United States Navy in 1894. His efforts were not successful. While the basic design was excellent the pistol had in fact enough faults that it did not appeal to a The U.S. Navy who was used to the tried and trusted cannons made by Colt and Remington.

In 1896 when Loewe took over the firm of DMK and formed the new Company known as DWM, Georg Luger went with the deal, and became the chief engineer there as well. At DWM Luger perfected HIS pistol and Borchardt's name appears on none of the patent papers. Remember this was the 1900's in Germany, or almost, industry was in flourish and patent protection was excellent. If Mr. Borchardt had any reason to question Luger's designs as thefts of his own ideas he certainly would have done so. As a matter of fact Borchardt continued to work on his own toggle designs long after the Luger pistol was in production.

One last interesting note on whether the Luger pistol was in fact a Borchardt is brought to light by considering that the Swiss when they tested the Borchardt in 1898 called it a Borchardt-Luger. Perhaps then, there is some basis to give Luger part of the credit for the Borchardt pistol. Any comments?

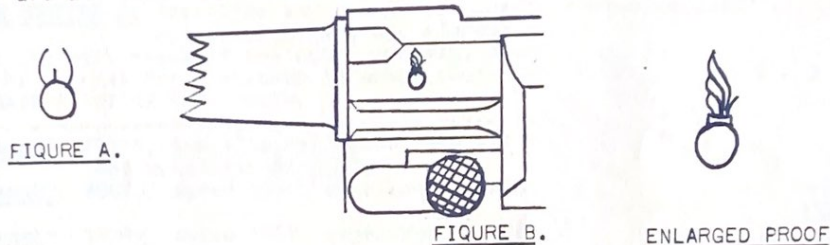
THE 1900 AMERICAN EAGLE

Since enthusiasts have collected Lugers this model has been the subject of much controversy. One of the most beautiful of all Lugers, at least to Americans who find the American Eagle a symbol of great beauty, the American Eagle Luger has left collectors confused about the identity of certain markings, proof marks or the like found on these models.

Few collectors today consider the small well markings that resemble the US bomb proof as being a mark applied to Lugers issued to US troops.

These well markings are often found on other Lugers of this period, including commercials and the Swiss Lugers. I have found these markings on the bottom of magazines and other places as well as within the Luger itself. The marking involved in the controversy is illustrated in figure A.

In figure B is illustrated the left side of a 1900 American Eagle Luger bearing the proper bomb proof found on the authentic Lugers that were issued to American Troops as trial pieces. In addition I have inspected Lugers bearing inscriptions stating "Property US Govt" etc. Whether these are authentic is at best a matter of some conjecture.



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Dear Friends,

Much to my satisfaction the first issue of the Luger Journal was very well received, and this month will go to three times as many subscribers as last month.

This little paper, obviously not published by a professional but by just a lover of Luger pistols, leaves much to be desired. Our hopes for the future are to make this work bigger and better. What do we need? Many things, none necessary for continued publication but necessary to make this what it should be, and that is a RESPECTED monthly reference on Lugers. Can you help?

- We need
1. information, details, pictures, drawings etc., all on Lugers.
 2. a board of advisors, if you have special knowledge about any one or more facets of Lugers send your name in and questions pertaining to your field will be referred to you.
 3. articles on Lugers. If you would like to write about some special Luger send in your story, it can be in rough draft, we'll do what ever has to be done to make it ready for the printers.
 4. what ever else you think we need, your suggestions are always welcome here, and you'll always get an answer.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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