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SPECIAL NOTICE: NEXT MONTH'S LUGER JOURNAL WILL FEATURE AN EXCLUSIVE, NEVER BEFORE PUBLISHED STORY OF THE LEAST KNOWN OF THE 1900 LUGERS. THIS ARTICLE, WRITTEN BY A SPECIALIST IN HIS FIELD, WILL INCLUDE LITTLE KNOWN DETAILS AND ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF THIS SUPER RARE CONTRACT LUGER. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE AND SATISFACTION THAT THE LUGER JOURNAL BRINGS THIS SCOOP TO ITS READERS.

THE JAPANESE MAUSER LUGER

Through the years many strange and interesting things were done with the Luger pistol. The Luger has appeared (probably) in more forms, variations, barrel lengths, different manufacturers etc. than any other weapon of its time. Certainly this adds much to the hobby of Luger Collecting. Not all Lugers are "standard issue". The JAPANESE MAUSER LUGER is one of these rare odd balls. I do not believe that any Luger authority supports the theory that Lugers were made on a contract basis for the Japanese Government. Luger specialists do not agree however on the origin of the Japanese Luger. Most feel, I believe, that this variation is a captured Nazi Luger that was proofed and marked with Japanese characters. How Japan, who was an ally of Nazi Germany, happened to capture Lugers is to much of a mystery for this writer. To support the captured theory we must assume that some of Japans enemies first fought Germany and then were transferred to the far east and lost the captured weapons to a Japanese soldier who surrendered the gun to his Government who then proceeded to have a gun in a foreign caliber proofed. I find all this difficult to believe. I find it more reasonable that these Lugers were sold or GIVEN to Japanese dignitaries who visited Germany during the war, and by German dignitaries who were stationed in Japan during the war seeking rubber and other supplies for the Hitler War Machine.

One thing is certain these Lugers are RARE and difficult to find for any price. JAPANESE MAUSER LUGER #7255 is the possession of Mr. James Brown of Miami. Number 7255 is a near mint, 42 toggle, 1940 dated, Mauser. Except for the Japanese markings this Luger is standard all the way. The receiver bears the Japanese crest (The Rising Sun?) and the barrel Japanese characters. While I have seen several Jap. Lugers I have never seen two with the exact same markings. If you have one of these rare models the author and Mr. Brown would appreciate having a drawing of the barrel markings. Please address all correspondence to the Luger Journal.



7255 BARREL MARKINGS

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In addition to the 42 toggle Luger described here, Japanese markings have been found on S/42, byf, Mauser Banner and Vickers Lugers. Some have even been seen on unmarked early Nazi era Lugers. If you have additional information on these interesting Lugers please write the Luger Journal.

COLLECTOR OF THE MONTH

RALPH HAYES, 15 Dunster Road, Bedford, Mass.

Ralph has been collecting Lugers for three years and has accumulated a sizable collection for the time spent. Mr. Hayes has over 30 Lugers in his collection and is interested in corresponding with other Luger Collectors.

Incidentally Ralph has some very interesting Luger frames he would like to swap or trade. I don't have all the details but if you are interested in some advanced items you might drop Ralph a line.

TRANSITION LUGERS

Since the Luger Journal has been in print I have received several letters from collectors who have Lugers that do not fit the usual description, and have features of 2 or more type series. These Lugers are of course extremely interesting and open up whole new avenues of speculation concerning the manufacture of the various Lugers.

One such letter concerns Luger number 25019. According to serial number records that places this Luger at the beginning of the 1906 series. Note this Luger in cal. 7.65 has the late model toggles as the 1904 Naval (with toggle locks) the wide trigger guard and narrow trigger, The fat barrel of the 1902, the early flat mainspring with the new style frame, the extractor interesting enough is marked charge. This Luger has no proofmarkings except the triangle in circle found in the well.

This Luger then presents an interesting appearance. At first sight it looks like a 1902 or 1906 depending upon where you look first. Could this be a prototype? Possibly but more than likely it is a true transition piece.

Incidentally I have a complete set of photos of this gun that I hope to run in the Journal with a more detailed article if additional facts become available.

If you have such pieces, those that do not appear to fit the usual pattern please write the Luger Journal. We will comment on what we think the gun is, and with your permission describe it to the readers for their comments.

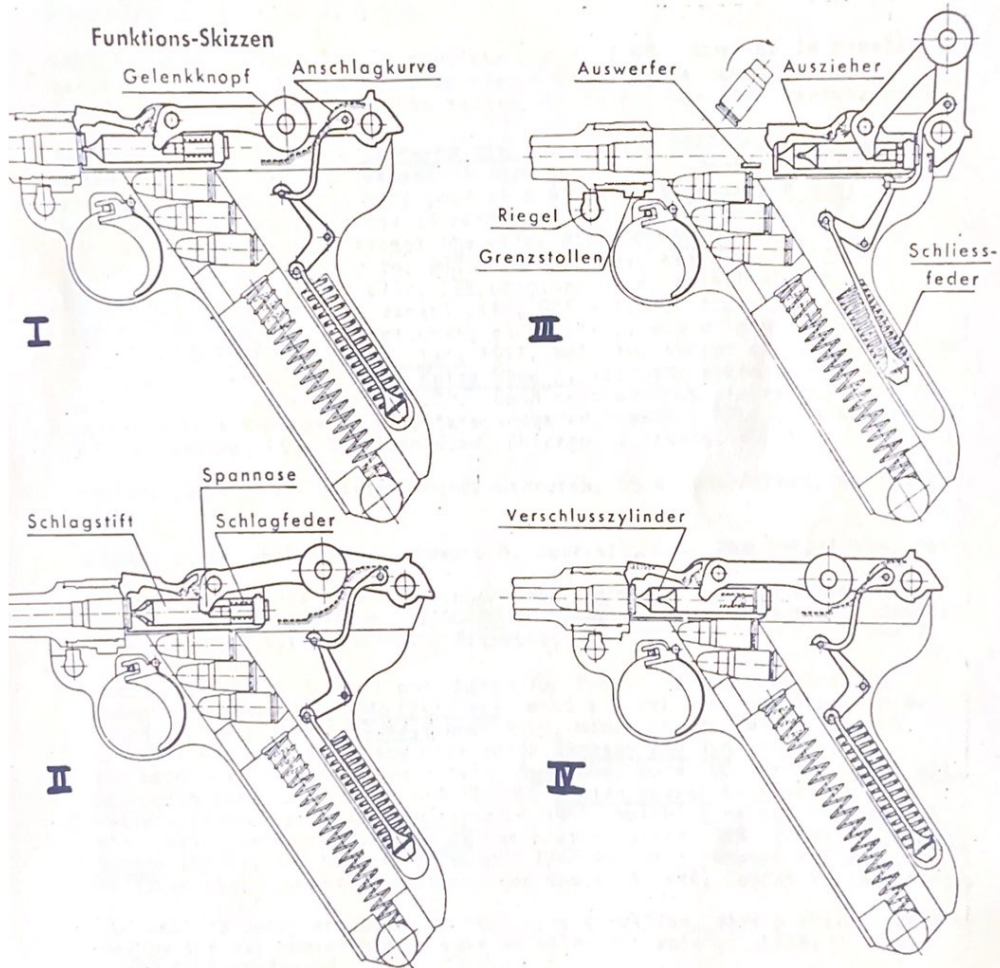
LUGER PROOF MARKS

In response to requests from readers and collectors who felt more research was needed in the field of Luger Proofing and Markings THE BOOKLET OF LUGER PROOF MARKS is introduced with this issue of the Luger Journal.

A fourteen page booklet the Booklet of Luger Proof Marks illustrates and describes in considerable detail the various Luger Markings. A background on proofing in general is given with a short history of German proofing followed by a description and illustration of each proof. While undoubtedly the Booklet is not complete over 125 drawings of Luger markings are discussed. Postpaid \$1.50 from the Luger Journal or R. B. Marvin.

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LATE LUGER DIAGRAMS ILLUSTRATING
 1. THE FIRED POSITION 2. THE RECOIL POSITION 3. EXTRACTION 4. LOADED & READY FOR FIRING.



EDITORS NOTE:

In the past five months the Luger Journal has proven the need for a monthly publication dedicated to the field of Luger Collecting. By comparison to commercial publications the Journal is small indeed. Never-the-less response to the Journal has been fantastic and the editor wishes to publicly thank all those who have helped with this project, the contributors; Luger Collectors who have helped with encouragement; and the subscribers who have really made this possible.

All suggestions are welcome, material on Lugers is especially helpful.

ADVERTISING (NOTE: ALL ADS FOR THE LUGER JOURNAL MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE 10th OF THE MONTH TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CURRENT ISSUE. ADS RECEIVED AFTER THE 10th WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE.)

WANTED: One left side grip for a Cartridge Counter Luger. Will pay a reasonable price, or even a little unreasonable. R.J. DeBurgh, 19 Araby Drive, Sahara Park, Palm Springs, Calif.

WANTED: LUGER STOCK. Must be original and in good condition. Send price and description to J. N. Conon, 48 States Mobile Park, Trailer 102, Pleasantville, N.J. 08232.

WANTED: MAUSER BANNER Toggle complete numbered 98. Must be in excellent condition. Top price paid. Also need K Date Toggle number 43. Archie D. Walker, Jr., Amy Camp Walker, Route #3, Box 226, Wayzata, Minn.

FOR SALE: 1900 Telescope stock-holster, excellent \$125.00; 1914 Naval dated 1917, all matching except holdopen and clip. Small "spalled" area on barrel. Overall very good plus \$195.00; Simpson and Suhl, no chamber marks, sideplate may be restrrike, 9mm, 90% original blue, excellent, all matching except the clip. \$180.00; 42-41 Date, English proofs, matching except clip, 90% original blue, excellent. \$155.00; Ku 42/41 matching except clip, 75% original blue, excellent \$180.00; 1920 Commercial, matching except clip, 90% original blue, excellent \$72.50; 1920 DWM Military matching except clip, 90% original blue, excellent \$70.00; Erfurt Military 1911, matching except clip, 95% original blue, excellent \$72.50; 1906 Swiss Rework, matching except clip, 80% original blue, excellent \$170.00. Cash or trade but please hold correspondence to a minimum. (All letters answered however) FFL# or statement. A.E. De Ceanne, 5555 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois. 60640

WANTED: Luger Stock Holster, Henry Carlgren, 65 Wilson Street, Hartford, Conn.

WANTED: Drum Loading Tool. Edward R. Hazelett, P.O. Box 345, Irwin, Pa.

FOR SALE: Model 1914 DWM Navy Luger 9mm, all numbers match except the clip, excellent condition. \$250.00 or trade for mint Krieghoff. George W. Davis, 8702 Wytheland Road, Richmond, Va. 23229.

TRADE: The following Military Lugers for Commercial (German and U.S. Imports) Lugers. 1916 DWM Artillery, mint all matching; Same with mismatched side plate; 1917 Navy near mint, minor holster wear; Same VG to Excellent 80% finish and nice bore; Simpson and Suhl VG to Ex., all matching 75% finish, bore fair; Same good bore, 60% finish; 1908 Mil. Ex.+ mismatched side plate 95% finish; G Date Mauser Ex.+ very nice all match except clip; Mauser Banner mint 1941, matching except clip; byf 41 mint, orig. wooden grips; byf 42 Ex+ plastic grips, 92% finish; Vopo East German police, new barrel, Krieghoff 1940 matching. Edward Weitzman, Weitzman Liquor Company, Broadway and Cooper Street, Camden 2, New Jersey.

FOR SALE: Simpson and Suhl undated, nice condition, side plate (un-numbered) may be arsenal replacement. Make an offer for sale or trade. J. Brown, 11630 SW 62nd Avenue.

FOR SALE: Mint foresters cutlass, German National Hunting Association, (Nazi era) green leather covered scabbard etc. Trade on any Luger in excellent condition. These cutlasses are really beautiful, see Atwood page 140-left side of the page. Robert Marvin, 19251 Gulfstream Road, Miami 57, Florida.

TRADE: Nice 1939 Mauser Banner, #7098, 85% original finish, some side plate and barrel wear (holster wear) on 1923 Commercial or Erfurt or DWM Artillery, or Navy. I have 2 of these and will sell my duplicate. Robert B. Marvin, 19251 Gulfstream Road, Miami 57, Florida