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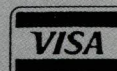
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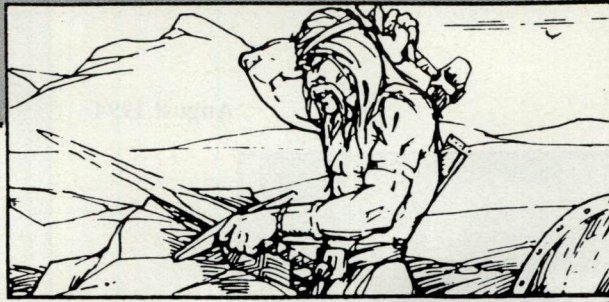
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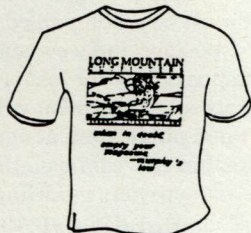


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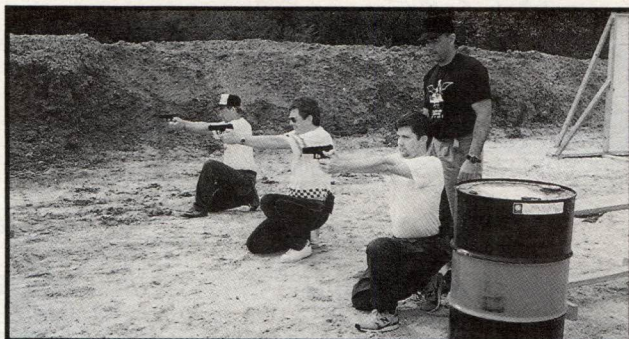
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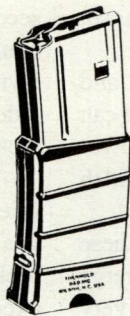
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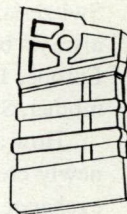
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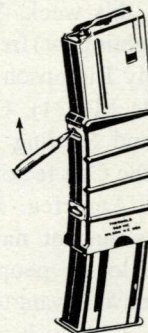


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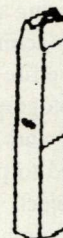
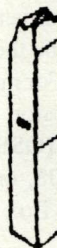
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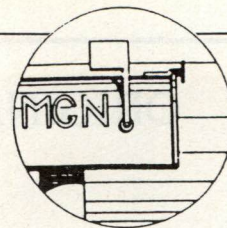
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MGN INSPIRES

With great pleasure I am reading through the various back issues of *MGN* which just reached me today, as a result of becoming a subscriber to your extraordinary publication, this week. Your role in protecting (and fighting for) freedom in this country is vital. My Thompson submachine gun (a Colt-made M1921), Colt M16A2 (with silencer) and Sterling submachine gun (a gift from the Colt factory) are symbolic of a free America. Due to the sometimes mass-market nature of my books, I meet a lot of people who are curious about guns and want to know why they are regarded with such religious fervor. Showing the uninitiated (sometimes including gun people who fail to understand full autos) these inanimate objects from a 16th century wheellock on up to my licensed full-auto masterpieces are eye-openers to all.

Because of your magazine, and from speaking with dedicated collectors like Bruce Stern of Connecticut, I am seriously considering attempting a mass market book on submachine guns and full automatic (or selective fire) rifles, with original art, combat photography, and even a chapter on the movies and TV. Such a book would be intended to present a general treatment of the subject, which would simultaneously help the uninitiated understand our dedication to these absolutely captivating firearms.

Sincere thanks for the inspiration of your magazine, from a subscriber who will remain so for the rest of his life.

R.L. W.

GOOD OL' U.S. OF A.

I retired and moved FROM New York City TO Maine when New York City started persecuting assault rifles. It was bad enough when New York City went rotten—one kind of expected it—now the whole COUNTRY'S going rotten. In Maine I became an NFA taxpayer. I wonder if there's a small country that's easygoing on auto-matics that would welcome RETIRED Americans who bring their pensions and investments but hold no job. It strikes me that an utterly clean, utterly solvent ex-

patriate American would be an asset wherever he goes.

I know there's Belgium, Israel, and Switzerland. Belgium is crowded and can always be strong-armed by superpower Europe. Israel (I think) requires a Jewish mother. Switzerland is expensive.

How about the Falklands? One of these newly created countries that needs foreign exchange DESPERATELY would do very well to create American colonies for people like us. I don't even want hot and cold running water, I own no telephone and no TV, but I surely want my firearms without trouble. If any *MGN* readers could help?

Name withheld on request

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UPSET IN THE OUTBACK

MGN, to me, is more of a "Club News" magazine than anything else. Maybe it was better in its earlier days?

I suggest the political stuff ought not displace the tech info about MG's (such as is also happening in other so-called democratic countries like Australia).

Garie
Australia

Garie, the "political stuff" is very important right now for us in the U.S. We will continue to have the political information in the magazine for our readers when it's necessary.

FOUND ONLY IN MGN

Thank you for the information about the Supreme Court ruling that appears in *MG News* in the current July issue. This is the

second time that I have heard about the court case cited concerning that a gun owner must knowingly violate an existing federal ban on machine guns to be convicted.

Would you believe that this case was briefly mentioned on the PBS radio program, *Morning Edition*? I have been looking for further information but your excellent magazine is the only place that I found it.

I hope that one day the federal government will be forced to allow all machine guns to be registered like the law used to allow. Our government says they want to register all guns, but then they refuse to let a citizen register a previously unregistered machine gun. Then they have the nerve to arrest a person for having an unregistered MG because they refuse to allow its registration. It's crazy like the rest of our gun laws.

James P.

ASSAULT KNIFE?

In the wake of the Coroner's report on the deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman listing the murder weapon as quote "a large knife," I don't understand why there wasn't an immediate hue and cry from the media and Government calling for the regulation of these large knives.

For a convenient catch name to get the public's attention, they could label large knives, say any knife over 6" in length, an Assault Knife. They could say there is no sporting use for an Assault Knife, its only use could be for killing people. Anyone currently owning an Assault Knife would be required to register it. People who owned more than one Assault Knife would be required to have a Cutlery Collector's license. Sheaths that could hold more than one knife would be banned. Frankly, how could anyone feel safe until all knives, even the short ones, are taken off the streets.

It seems to me that the killer's biggest mistake in this case was not to use a knife. Every time a murder is reported where a gun was used the gun is portrayed as, if not outright responsible for the murder, than at least an accomplice to it. If you use a knife,

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Editorial

Say "No" to an Armed Rally in Washington

by LARRY PRATT

Linda Thompson has issued a call for an armed rally in September in Washington. She wants to try Congress for treason. To authorize this, she appointed herself the Acting Adjutant General of the Militia of the United States. She ordered the militia to come armed and readily identifiable.

The militia of our colonial forefathers elected their own officers. Those officers had a well-regulated militia because they were well-practiced, or well-drilled. Linda Thompson's call meets neither of these two criteria.

Moreover, there can hardly be an easier way for the government to find a provocation to either declare martial law or at a minimum to set the media loose on an unprecedented orgy of anti-gun hate that would throw every possible pro-gun race into a nose dive this November.

For those interested in rallies, a group of grass roots activists are planning unarmed rallies in several states over the July 4 weekend. They also are planning an unarmed rally in Washington for August 14.

Information on these rallies is available by calling 1-803-269-6074 for recorded information or 1-803-269-7055 for talking to someone about getting involved in recruiting your state.

Editors Note : For more information on the rally please see the ad on page 9 of this issue.

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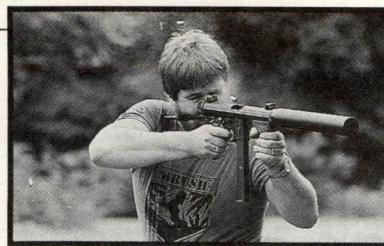
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Samuel Adams, 1776

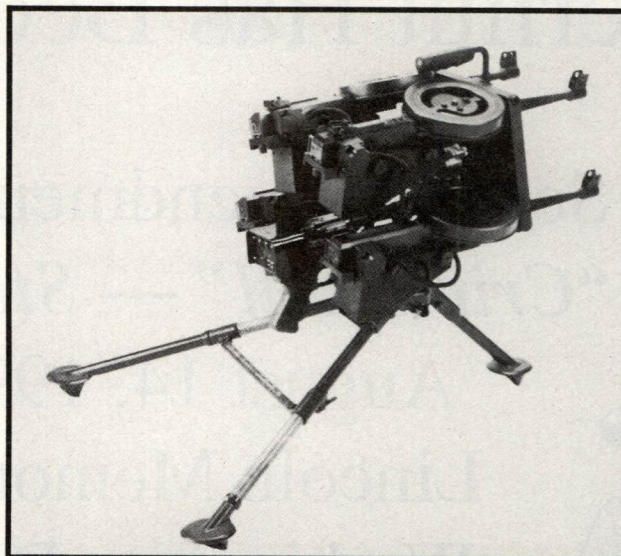
Did you go to your state rally on 2 July? If there wasn't one there, did you try to organize one?

14 August, 1994, Washington DC. Join us there for peaceful demonstration, exercising our First Amendment Rights in defense of the Second. Hire a bus and bring 40 friends. Let's do it.

I have had too many of you question my veracity about the Quad AM-180. Yes, it's true, there was such a beast. Here is a picture from the Ilarco catalog, mounted on an M-2 tripod. So there.

We also have a return of the Mystery Photo. I forgot to send one in last time, to

A Reed was a pleasure to interview. So many of you have been asking for more info on his experiences and innovations that I



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information on M-203/M-79 grenade launcher practice rounds. I noticed in MGN a few months ago, when I was viewing my friends magazine, someone sent a diagram in for a practice round for a jap-knee mortar launcher.

Any information that you can help with will be appreciated and for information purposes only.

MM

A Once again, there are varying interpretations on the legality of ownership of these practice rounds. If you make them, you need a Type 10 FFL—manufacturer of Destructive Devices and Ammunition for Destructive Devices. The 40mm rounds are powered by a .38 black powder, low pressure. Check with Technology Branch, ATF for any design you want to try.

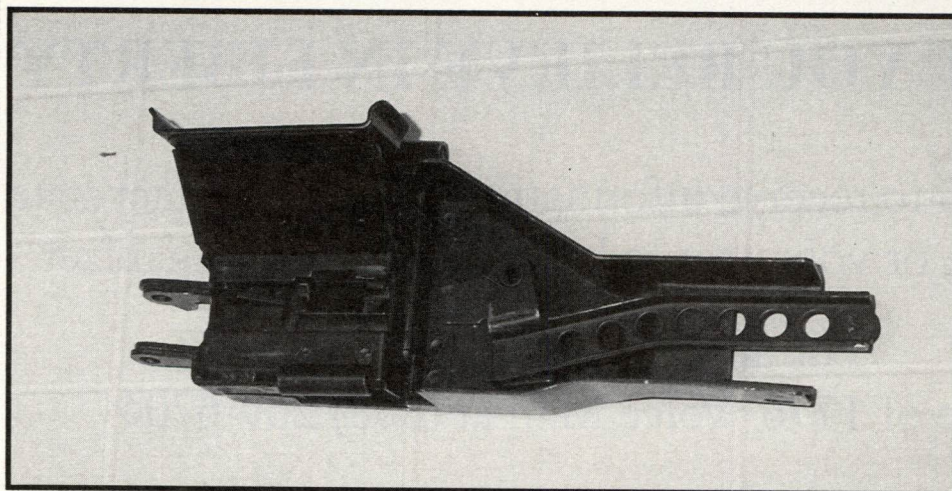
Q Fantastic issue I have to say. Keep up the good work because you guys are great.

I have seen a picture of an M16 with a 100 round magazine. This magazine has two small twin drums that, while placed in the gun, sit on both sides of the lower receiver. I believe that each drum holds fifty rounds and they both feed at the same time. This to me is better than the 90 round snail drum because it should not throw the weight to one side while loaded.

Now, I've recently seen a WWII documentary of a bomber with guns that have the same kind of magazines. Obviously somebody got the idea to make a similar magazine for the M16. Do you know who manufacturers this magazine and can an individual own one?

Yours truly, OJ

A The MG34 saddle drum from WWII indeed the base for most "Split" drums today. The one you are referring to on the M16 is the Beta "C" magazine, containing 100 rounds of .223. The manufacturer is not interested in the civilian market and keeps



Mysteryphoto.

be totally honest. No excuses.

Q For about the past year, I've taken up an interest in Stoner machine guns, just as Reed Knight had. Anyway, I was hoping that you could point out a good book on Stoners. At this moment, there doesn't seem to be many books on that subject. Thanks and congrats on an excellent article about Reed Knight.

Jeff

am planning on stopping down in Florida again this fall/winter. Drop me a line about what you are most interested in and I will try to get another interview put together. Unfortunately, on the Stoner System there is little written. I am aware of several projects in the works, and will keep you updated.

Q I am writing to you because I would appreciate if you could provide me with any

the sales to military and law enforcement. The "C" mag can be used in an M16, an HK-33, and a Steyr AUG, all by changing the mag base. The AUG is awkward as hell but looks so neat. It is very effective in the M16 and 33. Too bad they won't market them!

Q Keep up the good words! I've loved the H&K feature, It's great having *MGN*, *S&H* and John Norrell in *AR*.

P.S. Is Duncan Long's HK book any good?

AR Subscriber

A Duncan Long's HK book is top of the line. I highly recommend it.

Q I am writing regarding the mystery photo answer from the May 1994 issue.

The photo creates yet another mystery, namely what is the tripod which the HK21 is attached to, and where can I get one. The tripod looks similar to one for a MG34, but I have called everyone I can think of trying to see if one will work, and nobody seems to know.

I would appreciate any information you can give me on this.

Sincerely,
SC

A Just your basic HK 21 tripod. Look in the reference on the HK series and you will find it. They are available—I would try Kent Lomont or go to Knob Creek and wander through the tables.

Q I have a question that thus far has stumped everybody I've asked: Is it possible to create subsonic loads for the .300 Winchester Magnum. (Yes, everybody states that this would defeat the purpose of the cartridge—but I have an AWC Thundertrap for my rifle and think it would be an interesting project. Besides, a 250 grain bullet at around 1000 fps is still nothing to sneeze at, albeit within a more limited range.) I know that such rounds exist in .308 (made by Lapua), so it should be possible. I would think that using a filler to reduce case capacity and a faster burning powder might work, but I am not inclined to experiment without good information. I have also considered custom bullets of extremely heavy weights relative to the cartridge (similar to the J.D. Jones Whisper concept) if I could find someone to make them.

Also, I have considered purchasing an HK 33 for my Steyr and was wondering if you knew where a mounting system could be obtained. I tried GSI, but they were of no help. Also, is it possible to obtain the "good stuff" in 40mm, and if so would each round be subject to a \$200 transfer?



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KIDDING! I didn't expect a response from the head idiot himself, but I would have appreciated one from one of the underling dolts. Just another example of the elitist attitude in the White House.

A I think a more realistic project would be the suppression of a bolt-action 45-70. With the 300 to 500 grain bullet range, and the fact that most loads are already subsonic, it would seem to be more suited to what you want. Very quiet on the rifle end—puff... WHACK at the target end as the 500 grains strikes. New England Firearms makes a break-open rifle in 45-70 for about \$100

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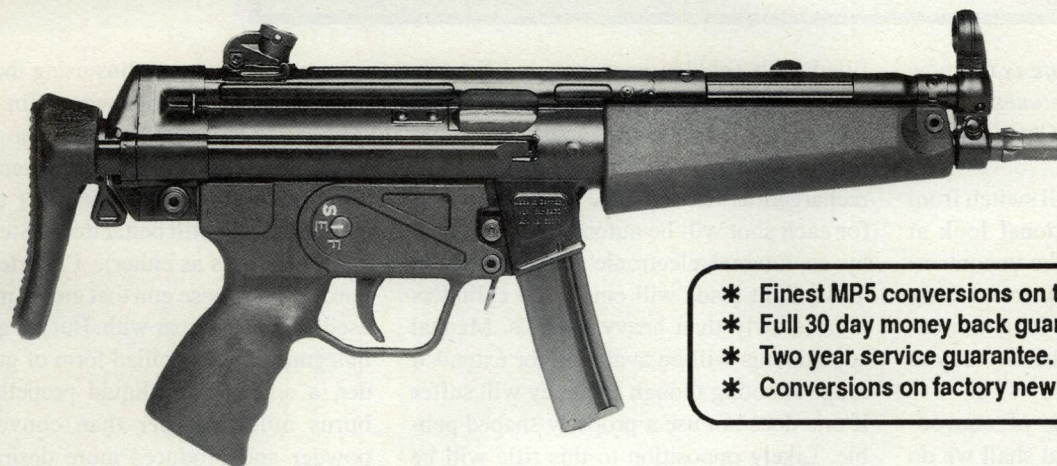
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On that dire note we will switch from last months conventional look at future handguns to glimpse the unconventional developments in tomorrows long arms. I have chosen the term long arm because the word rifle is too restrictive as you shall soon see.

With the pending demise of conventional paramilitary arms, what shall we do when we no longer have our megamagazines to play with? And how can any of us be expected to function in normal society without bayonet lugs, flash hiders, and pistol grips? Is there no end to Government taking liberty with our liberties? They are turning our swords into plowshares by beating our rights into their privileges — then revoking the privileges. How long can it be before powders, primers, and shot become endangered species, sacrificed at the alter of the EPA or ATF? Hmmmm, the mind ponders for a solution, then resolves that in these wicked times there are no solutions, only intelligent alternatives. Thus necessity once more gives birth to invention in the most implausible ways. Here's a list of examples of what I mean. Some of the ideas were gleaned from scientists and inventors, the rest are speculations of a bourbon stained brain. (Who among the fraternity thinks I speak of him?)

Pneumatic Gun — Using whatever natural elements are available as projectiles, this modern successor to the air rifle will prove itself user friendly to the environmentally challenged among us. The gun will work from a system of compressed air bottles or battery powered air pump. A hopper attached to the gun is

filled with pebbles or stones and fired in short bursts or individual shots, thus bringing new meaning to the phrase "rock and roll." The cylinders can be replaced or recharged as needed. The power supplied for each shot will be automatically gauged by an internal electronic weighing scale. Thus, light loads will empty the cylinders more slowly than heavy charges. Manual adjustments will be available for extended range shooting though accuracy will suffer if one does not use a properly shaped pebble. Likely opposition to this rifle will be limited to opponents of Red Ryder carbines who'll raise the old wives tale about shooting your eye out.

Spud Gun — Early versions of this gun have already taken flight (well, their potatoes have), but these are nothing more than Japanese knee mortars compared to what's on the horizon. We're talking full auto Julienne fries coming at you with the ferocity of a Ruger lover headed for a Mini-14 sale. The only gun that provides you with a hot meal each time you fire, it also slices and dices. Even the animal rightists (or is it leftists?) will have to concede this is a kinder, gentler way to hunt.

Nail Gun — Remember watching those construction workers at job sites as they shot nail after nail into 2x4s with what looked like a belt-fed hand drill? Well it's back, meaner and leaner than ever before. Only now the nails are flechettes and the gun a refinement of the pneumatic concept. Exotic gases will act as the propellant for this sweet 16 penny pepper popper. As with the pneumatic gun, spare gas cylinders will be required, but unlike its air powered rival, the nail gun will use gases which the Government no doubt will claim are harm-

ful to mother nature, thus using the gun to drive the last nail in its own coffin.

Grease Gun — No, not the M-3 or M-3A1 variety — though both come closer to qualifying as semiautos rather than full autos (which is still better than a Sten which rarely qualifies as either). I'm referring to the original grease gun that grease monkeys used to lube your car with. But the grease in this gun will be a jellied form of gun powder, a sort of semi-liquid propellant that burns much cleaner than conventional powder and produces more desirable effects. For details, see the next entry.

Gasoline Gun — An offshoot of the grease gun, this device will consist of a double-walled compressed liquid fuel chamber, a small gas firing chamber, an electronic spark control, a ram arm connected to a missile bin, and a smooth-bore barrel. Each missile will be a hollow cavity, finned projectile with a lead and plastic washer around its base. The first missile only is manually loaded into the gas chamber. Fuel is pumped in and ignited by the electronic sparker via a button trigger. The exploding gas travels into the cavity of the missile, bulging the case wall. The lead washer crushes into the barrel to form a tight seal as the missile hurdles down the bore. Once the missile exits the muzzle the washer separates from the missile and the fins provide stabilization as it sails down range. When the gun is charged with "grease" instead of compressed fuel, you can close off the missile bin and just shoot streams of small plasma bombs at your target. Thus the settings for rock and roll have been replaced with roast and toast on this ultramodern barbecue gun.

Propane Gun — Remember the Walther MPL? Now meet the MLP — machine gun, liquid propane (I wanted to name this the gas gun but that was too

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close to gasoline gun). The "prop gun" functions more like a conventional flame thrower though it retains the ability to launch flaming rocks or any other debris which choose to stuff up its nozzle. Perhaps its most unique feature is its versatility. Here at the Institute we realized the logistical problem of supplying suitable gas to units in the field. We believe that we've helped "relieve" this situation somewhat with the introduction of the compost backpack. Yes friends, that's right, it's not just a firearm; it's a portapotty as well. Thus we bring a whole new meaning to the term recycling dump. Military models will be fitted with an optional backpack detonator for those inclined to making suicide charges when "you know what" hits the fan. Even more innovative kimchee prototypes are now beginning field trials with troops of the South Korean Army.

Spring Gun — This should not be confused with those toy plastic dart guns which our enlightened leaders already regulate. The future spring gun will rely on super magnets to cock and release powerful multicoil springs. Sadly though, this technology will never produce a really powerful long range weapon. Instead it will only find favor with police entry teams

after their firearms are confiscated by UN-PROFOR (Dan, is that an acronym for unprofessional forces?). Oh well, hope springs eternal.

Electromagnetic Rail Gun — The piece de resistance of small arms development until the advent of particle, laser and other super guns a century hence, this device (for it is not a firearm in the legal sense) has existed in bulk form for over a decade. Packaging remains the real problem. Here at the Institute we have set my collective brain to theorizing how best to down-size this space-based outgrowth of SDI (Strategic Defense Initiative, aka Star Wars). In vague terms I believe the answer is likely to be found in the ever-evolving technologies of computer miniaturization, magnetic propulsion, superconductors, ceramics, and even possibly solar power. Just imagine a rifle constructed of a ceramic barrel to control the massive heat generated when a pellet leaves the barrel at 10,000 to 30,000 feet per second. Now picture this barrel housed in a plastic tube which forms into a one-piece stock. The entire surface area of the stock will house highly efficient solar collectors to keep the batteries charged. Thus, our magnetic pulse gun could be construed as the first ray gun

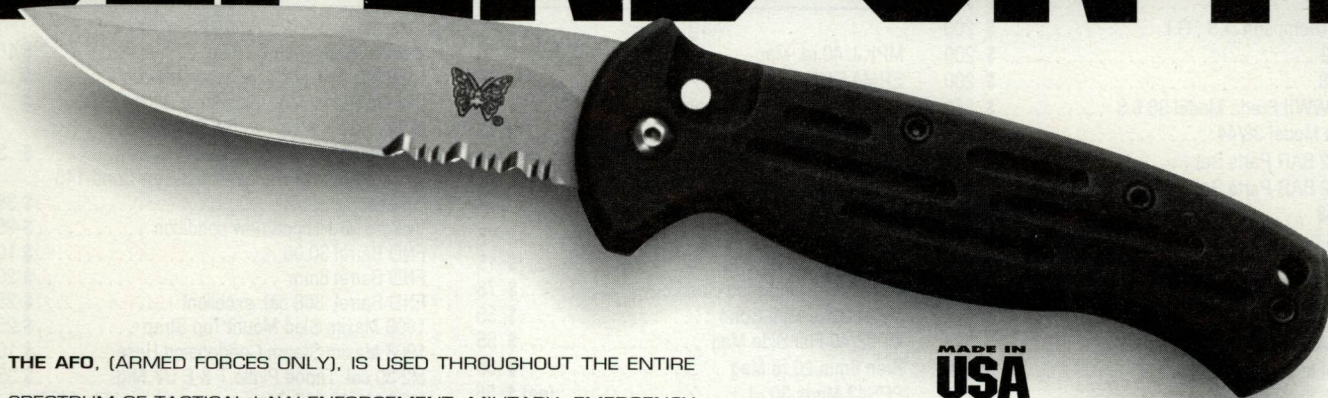
since it derives its power from solar rays. The batteries which hold the charge also would be housed in the stock (spare batteries could be carried in solar-charged pouches worn on the body). A series of magnetic coils and superconductors will spiral around the length of the barrel to provide an ever increasing magnetic wave to hurl tiny powdered metal and plastic composite pellets at such tremendous speed that simple fixed sights will be all that is necessary to aim the gun. No doubt some military planners and old time gun scribes will insist on windage and elevation adjustments, but their thinking will be anchored to a bygone era when chemical explosions propelled lead pellets out of rifled bores. The electromagnetic gun is truly the "wave" of the future. The Big Kahuna has spoken.

So there you have it, from the serious to the supercilious, my predictions for Post-94 small arms development. If you are inclined to think my suggestions are entirely in jest, devoid of any merit because they are unreasonable, then consider this closing remark by George Bernard Shaw.

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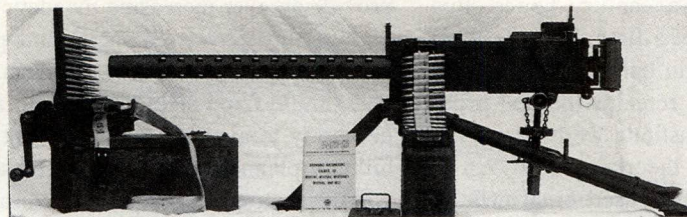
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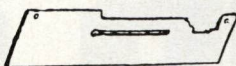
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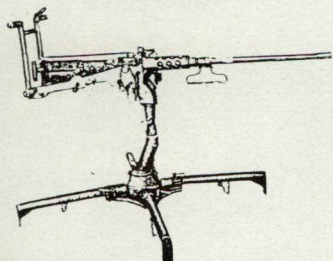
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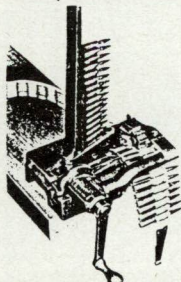
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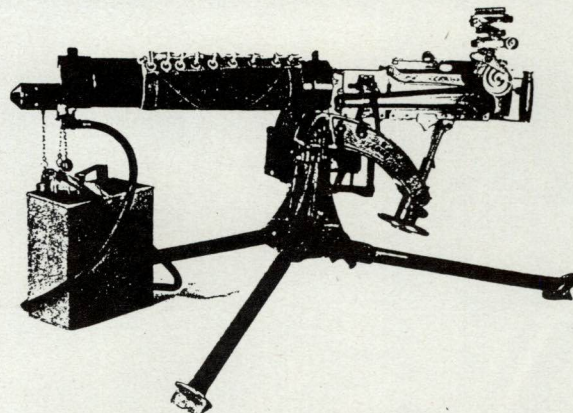
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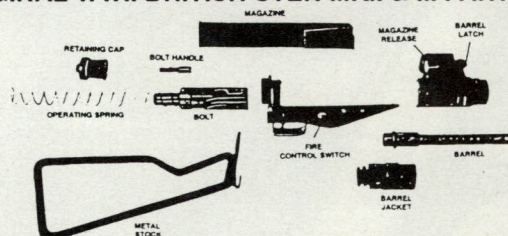
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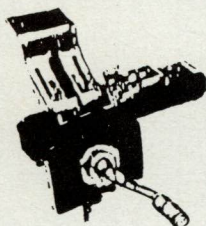
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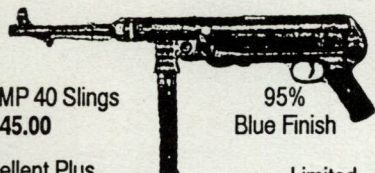
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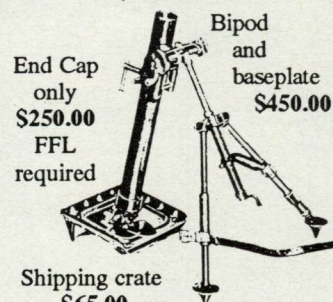


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What does the Lunga River on Guadalcanal, a recent gun show in Phoenix, Arizona, and any large city's arms locker have in common?

The answer is, they're all full of Reising machine guns that nobody wants.

OK, it's a trick question, a vicious one I'll admit, but I'm using it to make a solid point. The Reising Model 50 and 55 are two of the least-known and least-wanted select-fire arms on the legal market. If there is any real value to them it's because they're restricted Class 3 guns, and any Class 3 item has a certain value to collectors, but not by much. Gun shows are generally good indicators of how sellers, buyers and specialized collectors think of an item or product. The last few big shows I've been to in Phoenix have had everything from M60's to Bren AA guns, with lots of Macs, Cobrays, M16's and H&K's. At one show earlier this year I was amazed by the number of people crowded around the Class 3 dealers, people asking questions and sensuously fondling the wares. At this same show I counted no less than six dealers and individuals trying to sell Reising M50's, but there were no takers. One disgusted fellow had a sign taped to his gun: "Will not sell for T-tax and any reasonable offer."

It isn't that the Reising isn't a good, well-made firearm, it's just that it has some severe design flaws that can't be overcome. These flaws doomed its becoming an accepted service weapon, restricted it to police arms rooms and gun lockers, and resulted in it being let onto the civilian market with few takers.

I will freely confess, I have a Reising M50 of my own. But to tell the truth, I'd rather shoot one of my other Class 3 guns or even my shoulder-snapping 98K, if given more than a few seconds choice.

When you first look at a Reising M50, it certainly looks impressive enough: excellent metal work with no obvious castings, deep-blue finish, fine polish on the metal, full wood stock, a peep sight on the rear of the receiver, and a Cutts-style comp on the barrel's end. That long, heavy-looking stick mag full of potent .45 acp rounds hanging down adds to the aura of authority it carries. It looks swift and functional, something any man of arms would be proud to own. It was designed in the 1930's by Eugene G. Reising, a well-known, New York-born gun designer and manufacturer. Reising's little company didn't have the facilities to make the M50, so the actual

production was contracted to Harrington & Richardson Arms Co., of Worcester, MA, starting in 1940. It was originally intended for the American civilian market (there's a long-barreled M60 semi-auto version) and overseas military export.

The Reising's biggest competitor in the submachine gun market was none other than the Colt "Tommy gun." In fact, at first glance, a person not familiar with guns of the period might mistake one gun for actually being the other. They have similar profiles and are of the same general size and shape. Perhaps that's the key point to understanding the Reising. It was designed to moderately resemble the Thompson on the outside but not on the inside. A legal term immediately comes to mind — patent circumvention. This isn't too troublesome or questionable a concept. It simply means that one item or object can be designed to look similar to another and have similar functional end results, as long as what goes on inside, the actual functioning, are different enough so it can't be accused of violating any patents held by the object or item whose function is being duplicated. Patent circumvention has been going on for a long, long time. Sir Isaac Newton got into a scrap over who actually owned the patent rights to the reciprocating crankshaft and developed the planetary sun gear system as a result. Both designs transmit power but use different designs to accomplish the same end.

Since the exterior design of the M50 is similar to the Thompson (though I think it more resembles an M1 carbine with a shortened barrel and muzzle brake), and both fire the .45 acp from a stick mag, the interior differences are all important. What are they? First, the M50 (and its folding stock short-barreled paratrooper version, the M55) fires from a closed bolt, while most of the WWII-period Thompsons fire from an open one. Second, the M50 is a retarded, or delayed blow-back gun, while the Thompson is a straight blow-back. The Reising design accomplishes this by having the bolt lock into a slight recess machined into the receiver's top underside. It stays in this recess until the pressure against it drops, then it pivots down and back to begin its cycle. Third, unlike the period Thompson with its fixed firing pin or pivoting hammer, the Reising fires from a cylindrical hammer that moves along a fixed, linear track. The hammer is actually a machined mass of steel, a slightly tapered cylinder that is spring-driven along a sta-

tionary rod. The top of the cylinder's front face hits the firing pin at the bolt's rear to begin ignition and cycling. Fourth, anyone who has ever held a Thompson knows that the cocking handle is either on top of the receiver or on the right side, sliding along in a milled slot in the receiver, and connected directly to the bolt. The Reising has an actuator bar that's to be found under the action, and is reached through an elongated oval cut found in the end of the forestock. The bar passes around the magazine (somewhat like the trigger in a Colt pistol), and then connects to the bolt, fitting into a dovetail slot in the bolt's bottom. Too, unlike the Thompson, the Reising design uses this actuator bar as a center point around which the safety and the function selector mechanisms operate. Last, unlike the Thompson which has its safety and selector levers in its lower receiver/hand grip unit, the Reising uses a single sliding knob of serrated steel that sits on the right rear of the receiver to control all functions.

I think you can see a theme here. The Reising was designed to look similar to the Thompson's exterior, but inside it has a completely different design. Given that the late thirties were a rough time economically, patent circumvention in a legal way was no doubt Reising's only option to get his gun produced and on the market. Colt would have certainly frowned mightily at his infringing on any of their own design patents.

The domestic American market was the Reising's first test, and from all accounts it did well enough. The recent reprints of the H&R manual includes line sketches of M50-toting bank guards escorting a bag of money, and there's one of a Dick Tracy-looking gent in a fedora hat firing a M55 through the passenger's side front window gun port in a vehicle. I guess the initial sales were directed at those people or organizations who needed a select-fire weapon, but for one reason or another couldn't afford or get access to a Thompson. I've seen written references to the M50 as being "the poor man's Thompson."

It was in a military role that the Reising's patent circumventing internal design fell short of expectations and came up very wanting.

The problem here was not only the gun having a complicated mechanism full of pins, screws, tapered pins and carefully machined levers, but its very design and physical construction left large openings around the barrel and receiver, pas-

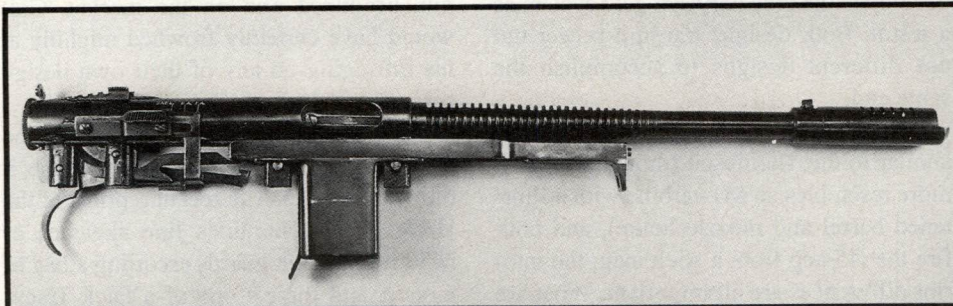
sageways for dirt and debris to enter the weapon. I've counted at least six points in the internal mechanism where a few grains of sand or dirt could settle between moving parts and stop the gun cold. Too, the problem is increased many fold by a lack of easy disassembly for routine cleaning. True, the M50 and M55 come apart with a screwdriver as the barrel and receiver are held into the stock by a single secured screw, but many parts are very small, easy to drop or become lost on a cluttered work bench. You can't get the bolt out of the receiver to clean the firing pin or extractor without taking apart the entire gun. In fact, if you have to take out one part, you pretty well have to take them all out. This is certainly not something you'd want to get through in a crisis situation, a circumstance where your life was in danger if a bit of grit had to be removed quickly. The overall internal design of the Reising reminds me of one of those turn of the century auto engines that were so complex they had to be disassembled to set a valve, change a plug, or even add oil.

It seems like every time I've gone down to the public range in Phoenix to shoot my M50 some ex-Marine or Army vet has wandered over to gaze upon it and tell me interesting little tales concerning his own

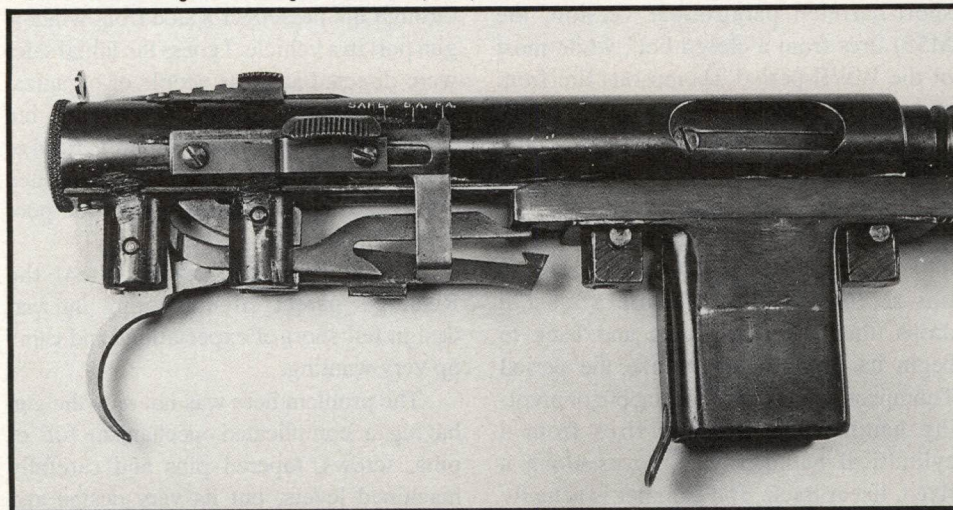
experiences with a M50 or M55. When the Marines began to "island hop" back in '42, they contracted for every type of full auto or select-fire gun they could get. Most of all they wanted Thompsons, but unfortunately almost all early production was still going to Allied overseas markets. That pretty much left the Reising models. H&R opened up extra production lines, and M50's and M55's were soon being issued. In combat the gun was found wanting, and it has been reported that troops became so disgusted with its tendency to jam that many were tossed into rivers and bays, buried, or as in one case, an entire shipment of new guns was piled up and set afire simply to get rid of it. One old gunny told me how he tossed his M55 into the Pacific the first chance he got, and from then on used a cut-down 6.5mm Arisaka. The Arisaka never jammed, and that's what counted. Another fellow told me of paying (read: bribing) a Royal Navy officer \$150 for a well-worn but fully reliable Thompson. Magazines for the Reisings were quite a problem. The gun was originally fed from a twenty-round, double column mag, but the bolt was not reliable enough to consistently feed, so a twelve-round single column mag was soon produced. I've been told that quite a barter-trade market sprang up around guns that

could reliably feed from a twenty-round mag, and those that could take just the twelve-round ones. To "borrow" a gun that worked well with a twenty-round mag might cost two packs of GI-issued smokes, or perhaps five K-rations and three cans of beer. I've been told that a M55 that came with three twenty-round mags was worth almost its weight in gold to anyone lucky enough to have it. My favorite Reising tale is about the C.O. of a Marine training base in Southern California who made sure that his men each got three Reisings. One was gutted of small parts and was used for drill and parade. The second was carried in training and exercise. The third, kept neatly wrapped up in a canvas M1 carbine case, was taken out only for actual shooting practice, and then quickly put back so it wouldn't get full of sand or grit (for you readers not familiar with the state, all but the coastal area of Southern California is actually a vast desert). Simply put, the C.O. didn't trust the gun.

After late '43 or early '44, enough Thompsons, Garands, and 'A3 Springfields began to reach the various front line Marine and Army units equipped with Reisings, and the guns were pulled back to be issued to second line or occupation troops. Most guns never left the U.S. mainland, and what



Minus stock and mag, the Reising's insides completely assembled.



Heart of the Reising — a patent lawyer's dream, a G.I.'s nightmare. Pins, screws, levers, all open to dirt and debris.

M50 Reising Data

Basic semi-auto design patented 1936. Production begins on M60 design modified for select-fire, 1939. Production of M50 begins 1940, lasts until 1945-6.

Weight of M50: 6 3/4 pounds

..... empty

Barrel: 11 inches w/ 1:16

..... twist

Length: 35 3/4 inches

Cyclic Rate: 450-600 RPM

..... w/230-gr G.I.

..... FMJ Load

Mag Capacity: 12, 20, and (new)

..... 30-rd

Variations: M55 short barrel,

..... folding stock para-

..... trooper model.

..... M60 long barrel

..... semi-auto model.

Lend-lease sales to England 1940-45. Commercial sales to Canada, Soviet Union, Scandinavia and some Central American Nations. Most military domestic sales to U.S. Marines.

Results of Five Round Group Tests M50 Reising .45 ACP Fired Semi-auto from a Bench

.451" BULLET DIAMETER	POWDER	EST. VEL.	25 YDS	50 YDS	COMMENT
185-gr JHP	5.3gr 700-X	925/sec	2" wide 1" above POA	3 1/2" wide 1 1/2" above POA	Most accurate load
230-gr FMJ	4.9gr 700-X	900/sec	3" wide 7" above POA	5" group 9" above POA	Shot high
230-gr Lead RN	4.9gr 700-X	825/sec	2 1/2" wide 1" above POA	4 1/2" group 7" above POA	Second most accurate load
230-gr FMJ	4.9gr 700-X	825/sec	5" group 10" above POA	All over the target rings	Least accurate load
260-gr JHP	4.9gr 700-X	790/sec	3" wide 2" above POA	9" wide 7" above POA group centered 8"	Heavy bullets drift right

All loads used CCI's WLP Lg pistol/mag pistol primers. POA= Point of Aim. 20" wide target rings with 8" bull

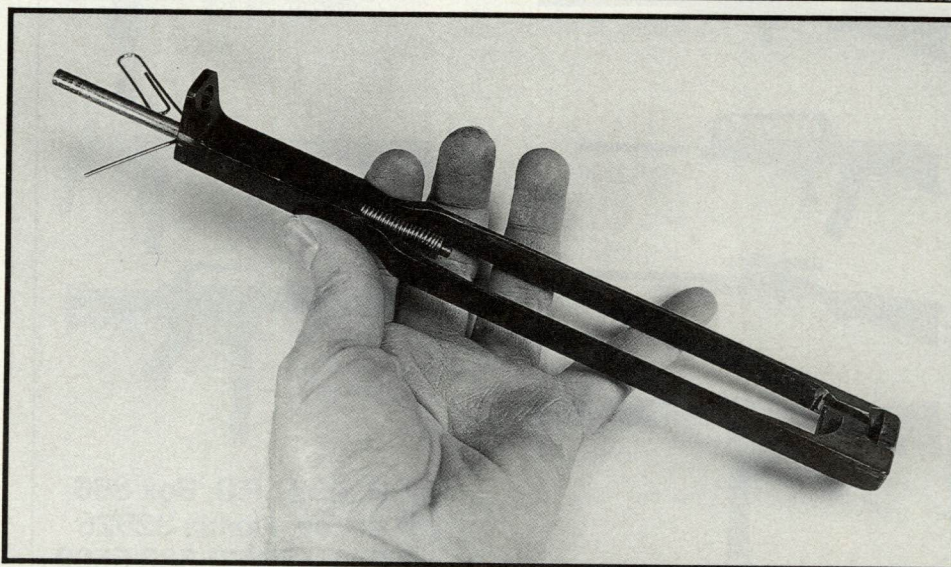
directly to guards stationed at service bases, supply depots, and transportation centers, situations where just having a mean, lethal-looking weapon was the prime concern. I've seen many period newsreels and magazine photos of civilian base guards armed with Reising M50's. The guards who patrolled Los Alamos and the isolated Trinity nuclear bomb site were armed with Reisings.

Toward the end of the war, the military issued guns were recalled to warehouse reserve, and H&R shut the production lines. Over the next few years many were released as surplus to local police departments, and so I've been told, to National Guard units — whether they wanted them or not. The gun's reputation for jamming came back from the Pacific with returning pers, and it was looked down on as being inferior to even the lowly M1 grease gun. Guns in police armories were shoved far back into dusty closet corners, or stuck into M1 carbine cases and tossed into the back of squad car trunks, only to be brought out once every few years for inspection and property count. Why would a PD or Guard unit mess around with a known clunker when much better guns were available?

With the coming of the DEA and assorted Wars on Drugs, police departments soon had the cash to upgrade their weapons stocks, replacing their WWII-period guns with modern products. Reisings were dumped onto the market for Class 3 guns, their places being taken by M16's and MP5's. M50's and the even rarer M55's were cheap and more or less plentiful, even if no one other than dedicated collectors wanted them. Some M50's were untouched, still in their original box and wrapper with cosmoline-plugged barrels.

OK, enough of history. What do I think of my Reising M50, and how does it shoot?

To tell the truth, I try not to think about the lame thing too much. My gun came in good condition, with about 70% of the finish left, a few scratches with no major dings or bruises, dirty inside, worn, but



The actuator bar. Thumb end is to left. Disconnecter/connector bar ends ride in slots on right. When it gets dirty, the gun slows or stops.

quite usable. There were no military markings or police armory inventory stampings on the wood or metal, though the last owner of record was a small town PD somewhere in Pennsylvania. It has a low serial number, and that leads me to conclude that it's a pre-war gun. It came with a single twelve-round magazine, but it has the magazine well that's meant for twenty-rounders. I've purchased two new thirty-round mags to compliment it. The rear sight is "adjustable" for elevation, but a screwdriver or small prybar is needed to shift it, so I keep it set at its minimum position. The sight graduation is listed as 25, 50, 100, and 200-yards. It appears dead-on for 25-yards. Somewhere back the front sight was replaced with a new unit that was peened into place. It won't budge. The barrel is ten inches long, with the compensator adding another three and a quarter inches. It's supposed to be removable, but mine was soldered into place. I've shot a wide assortment of loadings through it, but it seems to love 185 gr JHP's loaded to 950 fps instead of the expectable 230 gr. G.I. load. It will reliably feed all manner of FMJ bullets, but flat noses, exposed lead nose HP's, truncated cone, and Lead RN's tend to hang up a bit, dragging along on the little feed ramp

under the barrel. The ramp is smoothed, but not polished. The chamber is oversized, as are those found in a lot of military sub-machine guns, so rearward gas seepage is a major problem. Bullseye and Unique powder filth it up within a few dozen rounds, and when it gets dirty the complex interior parts begin to bind and slow down. Though I once fired more than two hundred rounds through it at a single range outing, about fifty or sixty is my usual limit. After that the powder residue begins to gunk up the small parts and build up a thick coat around the actuator bar, causing the cyclic rate to slow and become intermittent. I absolutely hate cleaning it because anything beyond running a brush and patch down the bore requires disassembly, and then you've got to deal with all those interesting little parts that allowed Mr. Reising to circumvent Colt's patents. If I do strip it for cleaning, I work from a table that's free of anything else, putting each piece down in its own little container. I leave the three major pieces of the selector/safety unit in place on the receiver's bottom, but liberally spray them with brake and carb cleaner. I then clean the other parts and reassemble the gun. You'll note that I've not described any precise details or instructions for disas-

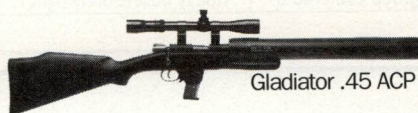
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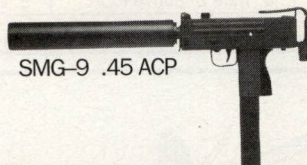
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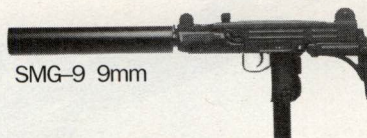
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sembly or cleaning. This is because it takes some twenty separate steps to do it properly, and constant visual reference to the instruction manual. If you don't have a manual handy, don't try to take it apart—it's that simple. Captioned photos transmit more information than educated guesses can.

But I will give the wretched thing its due—shoots like a house afire when clean and properly lubricated. Though I don't mess around with the elevation and windage settings, it appears to be dead-on at 25-yards, and keeps pretty much on-target windage wise out to 250 or so yards when using 185-grain JPH loads. Someone once bet I couldn't hit a turkey plate out at 200-yards with my first shot. I guesstimated at the elevation hold-over, and figured in a bit of drift for the distance. The plate responded by falling over with a nice "whang!" noise. Firing on full auto is another matter, of course. At twenty-five yards the first round will go within a few inches of where I aim it, the second will impact a few inches to the right and sixteen inches higher, but I haven't the slightest idea where the third and subsequent impacts are. All I can tell you is that they're out there, somewhere. This leads me to conclude that the Cutts-style compensator was thrown on to meet military requirements, a kind of technical window dressing. I don't think it works at all.

The biggest drawback to the gun is its human engineering. The stock is a bit clumsy to shoulder unless you have long arms, and the placement of the mag well tends to let the stick get caught on nearby items. The inside mechanical design is good as it goes (keeping in mind its complexity), but the actuator bar under the receiver presents some major problems. It's hard to get large fingers up through the stock opening, and its serrated push-end is relatively small. The more rounds fired means the more blow-by gas residue built up on the bar and its spring, and that makes for more pressure required to push the bar back to cycle the bolt. And with no hold-open mechanism on the bolt, the bar must be cycled to the rear each time the mag is changed. When you can barely cycle the bolt by hand, it's time for a cleaning. The mag is held in the well by a flat spring catch that requires two hands to operate. You can't change a mag in a hurry. The forend is nicely curved to sit in the hand, but its thin walls exclude finger grooves. As it is now, without the grooves the forend rises on full auto, and it can

almost get away from me on a burst of just five or six rounds unless I lean into the gun. I've gone so far as to put a sling on, but it's only a little bit.

If there's one golden advantage the Reising has over more modern guns, it is its impressive looks. It's immediately recognizable as a SUBMACHINE GUN, even if folks mistake it for the similar-looking Thompson. It produces quite a bark and bright flash when fired, and the continuous spray of empty brass grabs everyone's attention. I always make new "friends" when I fire it down in Phoenix. Little kids will stand with eyes wide and exclaim, "Aw, man! That's really awesome!" Old Marine and Army vets will walk right up and start telling me tales and anecdotes concerning their own experiences with Reising's. Some stories are funny, some tragic. The M50 and M55 are not remembered fondly because of their design faults. People died because of dirt-jammed actuator bars, limited mag capacity, and sky-high muzzle rise. I've had more unkind, nasty, negative, and down-right ugly remarks directed at my M50 than any other gun of any class that I shoot. One white-haired gunny approached me, eyed my Reising over, and suddenly exclaimed, "By Gawd, it's a Reising!" His face went beet red. "Piece of sh-t! Bum it! Smash it!" He took on a grim, distant look, then turned and rapidly stomped off, trying his best not to let people see the tears in his eyes.

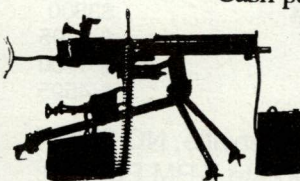
On a technical note, if I had more machine tools at my disposal I would consider trying some serious modifications to the gun. I wouldn't touch the safety/selector mechanism, but I'd build a heavier and longer barrel, and stick a more efficient, modern comp on the end. I believe I'd replace that "adjustable" peep with a 1 1/2 — 2x scope. I'd also do my best to modify the actuator bar so it works from the side, not from the underside. As it is now, it's just a pain to use. Finger grooves on the forend would be a must. I'd put a handgrip of some sort behind the trigger guard, or even incorporate one into the guard itself. Right now, the smooth lined carbine-style stock just isn't controllable for full auto fire. If I did all this, I might want to shoot the gun more than I now do. As it now stands, I think, oh, man, if I go shoot it, that's a full day's trip to Phoenix, and I probably can't get more than sixty or seventy rounds off before it starts to slow and have feeding problems, and that requires a complete stripping and cleaning to fix, and I sure got

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better things to do than take it apart and count little screws and pins." As a result, it sits in my gun safe most of the time, and I usually take something else to shoot do in Phoenix, Class 3 or not.

If I don't like the wretched thing, why do I keep it? Well, I keep it for two reasons. First, it's Class 3, and those are a chore to come by. We all know the paperwork drill needed to get such an item, so once I've got one, I naturally tend to hold on to it. Second, no one wants to buy a Reising if they have any knowledge of its design troubles. I guess that in time their desirability will rise, but right now there are more sellers than buyers. Being considered old junk, they have a very minimal market and asking price. How much does a WWII-era Thompson in good condition go for? Now, consider that I've seen new, in-the-wrap Reising M50's go for an asking price of \$495—with no takers. That's a steal for a Class 3 gun, less than what used Ingrams, Cobrays, and Macs are going for. But those guns have a market, and people want them because they have good reputations and are known for their reliability.

I've made polite inquiries to local Class 3 dealers if they'd like to take my M50 off my hands, but the responses have been negative. Those few who have said they would have offered me prices so low as to be laughable. One dealer said, "Yeah, I'll give you \$350 for it, but you gotta' pay the transfer tax."

So my M50 Reising sits in my gun safe, taken out only once a year or so. I don't actually hate it, but I'd sure prefer to own something else. It works (when clean), but it's a design from a time now long gone.

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AWC Systems Technology has established a tradition of excellence and innovation that has earned them substantial market penetration in U.S. suppressor sales. Over the years, President Lynn McWilliams has marketed innovative suppressors developed by such highly respected designers as Dr. Philip Dater, Doug Olsen, and Charles A. "Mickey" Finn. McWilliams himself designed one of my favorite suppressors, the Archangel I, by combining several existing technologies in a thoroughly innovative way. The CQB suppressor, designed for the M16 family of rifles, continues this tradition of engineering prowess. Designed for the realm of Close Quarter Battle, the CQB suppressor is designed for up-close-and-personal use by entry teams and SpecOps personnel.

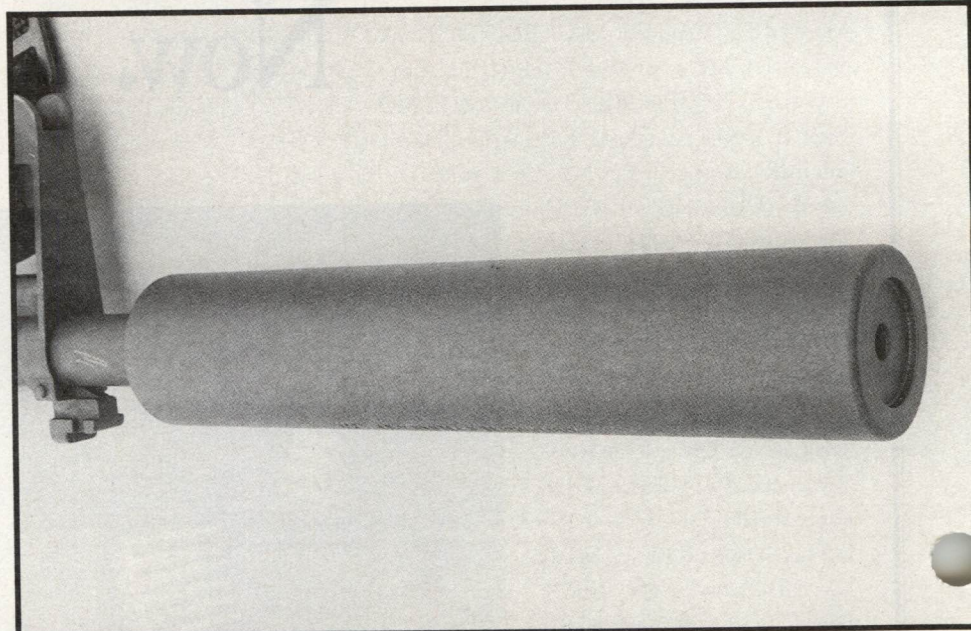
The history of recent tactical operations suggests that suppressed M16s are primarily employed in confined environments such as aircraft hangers, warehouses, and other buildings. M16 carbines are being increasingly used as entry and CQB weapons because they provide better terminal ballistics than submachine guns firing the 9x19 mm cartridge, and because the 5.56x45 mm cartridge will defeat commonly encountered body armor. Suppressors are employed on M16s in the CQB environment to preserve the operator's hearing and to enhance command and control, rather than to hide the fact that a shot has been fired. If mission requirements demand that a target or targets be neutralized without alarming nearby individuals, then another weapon using subsonic ammunition will normally be employed for that purpose. Realistic scenarios involving suppressed M16s typically require a small number of semiauto shots, and the robust CQB will handle rapid semiauto firing with ease. The CQB will also tolerate intermittent full-auto bursts, if necessary.

Design

The CQB suppressor is constructed entirely of 304 stainless steel and features six baffles of the slanted sidewall type. The slanted sidewall is a diagonal slot of the same radius as the bullet passage, centered on the bullet passage, that creates a diagonal channel going from one side of the rear surface to the opposing side on the front of the baffle. Each slanted sidewall baffle creates a gas jet to push against the stream of combustion gases following the bullet. The gas jet dumps significantly more energy inside the suppressor than the

AWC's CQB M16 Suppressor

by AL PAULSON



Designed for the realm of Close Quarter Battle, the CQB suppressor is designed for up-close-and-personal use by entry teams and SpecOps personnel.

same number of similarly spaced conventional baffles. The unusually complex, slanted sidewall baffles in the CQB suppressor show the sophisticated design prowess of Mickey Finn at work.

Asymmetric machined channels on the back and front of each baffle divert combustion gases to the inside of fluted cone spacers, creating in essence coaxial expansion chambers between each baffle. The exterior of the six flutes of each cone provides increased surface area to disrupt the expanding gases between each baffle. And a slot that penetrates one side of each baffle allows some of the expanding gases from behind a baffle to bleed into the space in front of the baffle without going through the bullet passage like a conventional baffle system. This both enables more gas to migrate away from the bullet path behind the baffle and creates additional turbulence in front of the baffle.

Manufacturers of stainless steel suppressors commonly use 304 stainless for the tube and 303 bar stock for the other components, because 303 stainless is easier

to machine than 304. McWilliams uses 304 series bar stock because it takes a superior weld. All internal components of the CQB suppressor are welded into place, making this a very robust system.

Finished in a nonreflective black powder coating—a finish I really like—the suppressor is 7.5 inches (19.0 cm) long and 1.5 inches (3.8 cm) in diameter. The suppressor weighs 25.2 ounces (714 grams). The front end of the suppressor features a recessed crown that is 1.0 inch (2.5 cm) in diameter and 0.1 inch (2.3 mm) deep. The recessed crown minimizes the thickness of the front end cap where the bullet exits the suppressor and reduces the suppressor's weight, while the thick outer edge provides an optimum amount of material for welding the front end cap to the tube.

Before discussing the performance of the CQB suppressor, the process of mounting the can on a rifle merits some discussion. One of the advantages of a single-point mounting system is that the suppressor can be moved between any rifles and carbines with the same threading,

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regardless of barrel length and diameter. This interchangeability does not absolve the operator from ensuring proper alignment with the bore on every weapon used with the suppressor.

Proper alignment is crucial for both accuracy and safety. The CQB suppressor is designed for Colt-brand barrels. Never use the split lock washer used to secure the flash hider, since this will throw the suppressor out of proper alignment. Screw the suppressor onto the barrel as firmly hand tight as possible. The rear surface of the suppressor should seat tightly against the shoulder behind the barrel threads. If the suppressor does not firmly seat against this shoulder, call AWC before using the suppressor; some custom adjustments may be required.

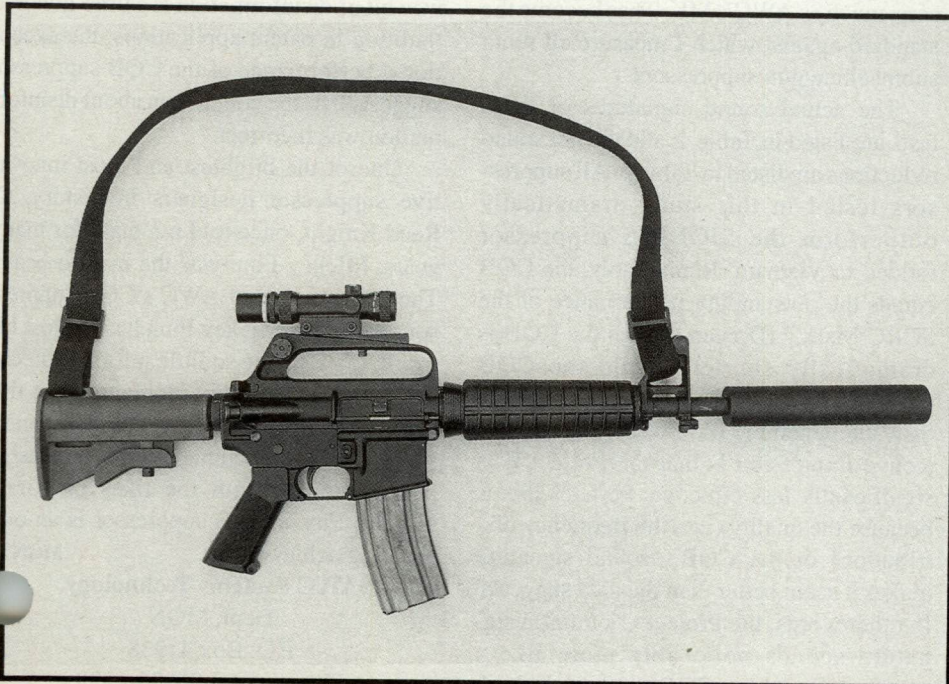
Performance

While the CQB suppressor was designed for Close Quarter Battle missions, its capabilities extend well beyond that environment. I had a skilled operator shoot past me with a weapon using this suppressor at 50 meters, and the dominant sound was the substantial ballistic crack of the M193 projectile, which sounded rather like the unsuppressed muzzle signature of a .22 fire rifle. Contrary to a study on supersonic projectile noise, the crack seemed to come from about 15 degrees behind me. Based upon that study, one would not expect the sound to actually appear *behind* the target until much farther downrange. Clearly, the operational envelope of the CQB

suppressor extends to the accuracy and ballistic limits of the suppressed rifle.

When fired into a bucket of sand inside a small room with the observer 10 feet (3 meters) away, the muzzle signature sounded like a loud balloon pop that neither hurt the eardrums nor created any residual effects on either the operator's or the observer's hearing. The projectile's shock wave, which is perceived as the ballistic crack, does not form a noticeable signature when the weapon is fired at a very close target. The sound signature experienced indoors was a softer sound than the sharp ballistic crack that is experienced when firing the same suppressed weapon out of doors. The short, high performance CQB suppressor with its single-point mount provides substantially better handling characteristics than conventional suppressors with two-point mounts, which average 4 to 5 inches (10 to 13 cm) longer than the CQB.

What do I mean by "high performance?" Subjectively, the sound signature of the CQB was impressively quiet. To get an objective handle on the performance of the CQB suppressor, I measured sound signatures of several suppressors mounted on an M16A1 with 20.0 inch (50.8 cm) barrel using M193 ball ammunition. Note that the story is illustrated with the CQB mounted on an M16 carbine with 11.0 (27.9 cm) inch barrel. Sound signatures were determined using a Bruel and Kjaer Type 2209 Impulse Precision Sound Pressure Meter (set on A weighting) with a B&K Type 4136 1/4-inch



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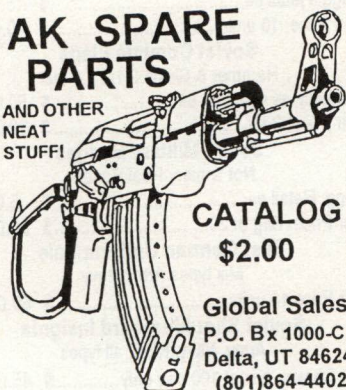
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Table 1. Sound signatures in decibels of suppressor tests using M193 ball ammunition.

GUN	SUPPRESSOR	SOUND SIGNATURE, dB	TEMPERATURE, °F (°C)
M16A1	None	163	71(22)
M16A1	AWC CQB	132	71(22)
M16A1	AWC Project C	135	71(22)
M16A1	SCRC Mark 24D	132	71(22)

Table 2. Net sound reductions in decibels using M193 ball ammunition.

GUN	SUPPRESSOR	SOUND SIGNATURE, dB	TEMPERATURE, °F (°C)
M16A1	AWC CQB	31	71(22)
M16A1	AWC Project C	28	71(22)
M16A1	SCRC Mark 24D	31	71(22)

condenser microphone. The microphone was placed 1.00 meter away from the front of the suppressor or muzzle, at a 90 degree angle from the bullet flight path. The meter was calibrated just before and just after the tests with a B&K 4230 calibrator. No instrument drift was observed. The ambient temperature during each test is listed in the accompanying tables.

The sound signature produced by the AWC CQB suppressor was compared to an unsuppressed rifle, a now out-of-production AWC Project C suppressor (which is about the same size), and a full-sized SCRC Mark 24D suppressor (which is about 4.5 inches or 11.4 cm longer). I must confess that I particularly like the SCRC Mark 24D suppressor for its sound reduction, engineering excellence, and consistent alignment with the bore. Thus, the Mark 24D has become the standard against which I measure all other .223 caliber suppressors, much as AWC's MK-9 has become the standard against which I measure all 9mm submachine gun suppressors.

The actual sound signatures of these tests are listed in Table 1, and the net sound reductions are listed in Table 2. All suppressors tested in this study dramatically outperform the SIONICS suppressor fielded in Vietnam. Remarkably, the CQB equals the outstanding performance of the SCRC Mark 24D even though the CQB is dramatically shorter. While the CQB provides only 3 decibels more performance than the venerable old Project C, the subjective impression is that the Project C is significantly less effective. Perhaps this is because the quality (i.e., the frequency distribution) of the CQB's sound signature makes it seem better than the data suggests. In other words, the Project C's muzzle signature sounds noticeably more like a gunshot than the CQB, although both produce identical ballistic cracks when shot outside.

Conclusions

The CQB suppressor from AWC Systems Technology provides the suppression of an outstanding full-sized suppressor in a compact package that is well suited to applications in close quarters. While these suppressor tests were conducted with M193 ball, McWilliams suggests that Federal ammunition will provide even better performance. Federal ammunition in this caliber tends to be cleaner and more accurate. It also produces less flash than most other 5.56x45 mm ammunition.

The sophisticated features of AWC's CQB suppressor can be found in Mickey Finn's original patent. Since this is a complex and expensive design to manufacture, several suppressor designers concluded that some of Finn's features in the patent—such as the slot penetrating the baffle—were disinformation meant to throw off the competition. While adding a wee bit of disinformation is a time-honored tradition in patent applications, the exceptional performance of the CQB suppressor suggests that the conclusion about disinformation was incorrect.

One of the brightest and most innovative suppressor designers in history, C. Reed Knight, once told me that "for many years, Mickey Finn was the man to beat." The performance of AWC's CQB suppressor shows that Mickey Finn has not lost his touch. It's a shame so little information can be found in the public domain about this elusive and productive inventor. His genius should be well documented, for his design prowess ranks with the likes of Hiram Maxim. Finn's CQB suppressor is an outstanding achievement.

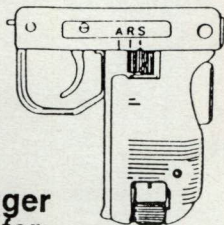
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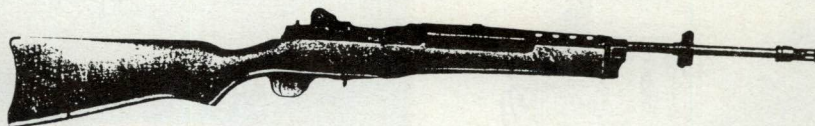
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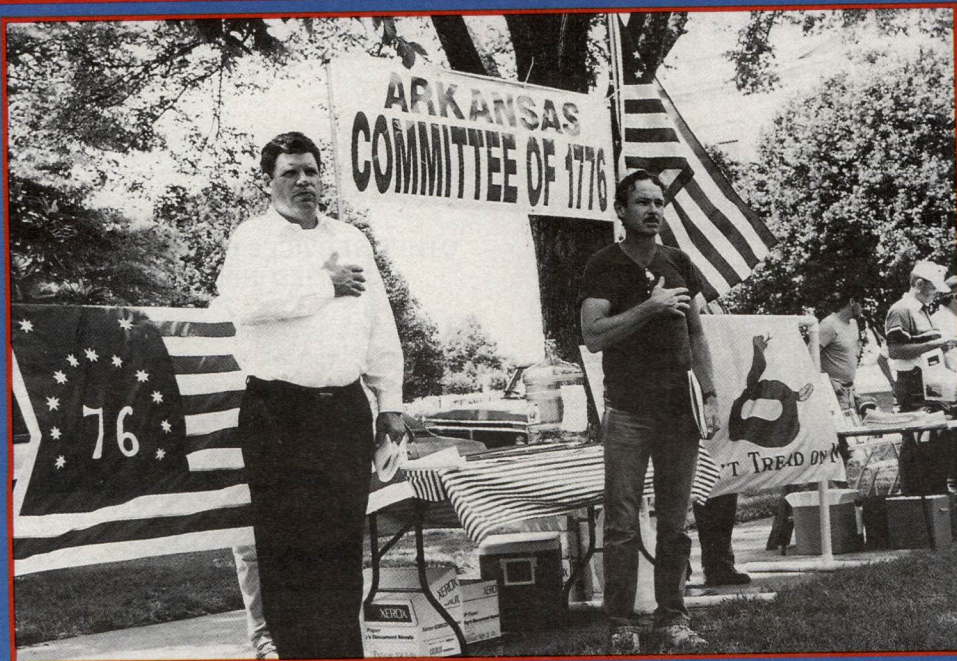
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by DAN SHEA



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The Committee of 1776 was founded in January 1994 by Jeff Zimba and I. It immediately spread through MGN readers and has now gone national. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop the assault on the Constitution, and in specific, the Second Amendment's erosion. Without the support of the National organizations, Gun Owners of America excepted, the grass roots Committee of 1776 organized the Rallies that you see listed here. This is the beginning, friends. Associated Press said, "This isn't just a bunch of farmers—it's a movement!" You're all here at the beginning. Take the ball and run with it.

If you are members of the Committee, please remember three things:

1- We are Americans. No racism or other bigotry is allowed in our collective name. Liberal bashing is allowed.

2- Speak with passion and conviction; be sure of your facts.

3- We will lose if we are divided, which is what our enemies will try at every level.

August 14 is coming up. The National Rally in Washington D.C. will be on that day. Try to be there. We will have a non-violent demonstration and speeches. We will be planning our next moves to further the cause. Rent busses and make them available to all the patriots in your area.

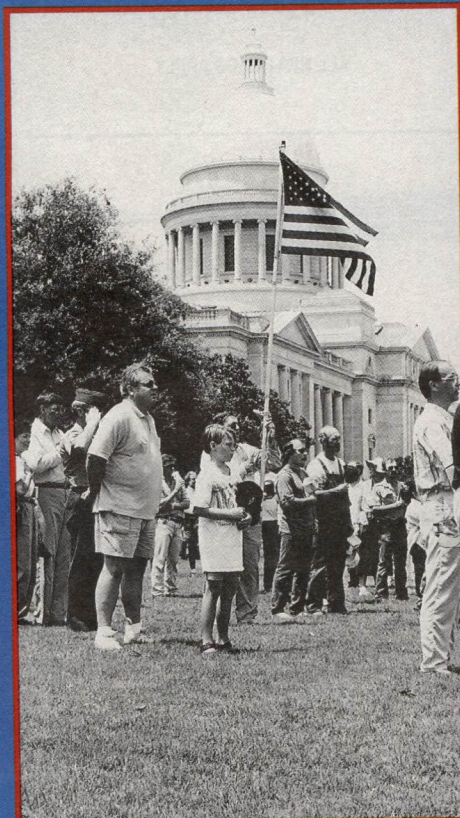
Work for the Pro-Second Amendment candidates in your area in the November elections. Write to your Congressmen. Get active everywhere you go—and above all, when you hear the lies being told, refute them! We'll have more pictures of the state rallies next month. See you in D.C.! Good luck and God Speed you on your mission,

Dan Shea, Member
The Committee of 1776

Above: Two dedicated gunners stand for the pledge at the Arkansas rally.

Left: Both young and old attended the rally in Arkansas.

Below: At the Arkansas rally, many people gathered to listen to the speakers.



Gabe Fisher



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Chameleon Productions, Inc., of Waterville, Maine

Flag bearers with Congressional candidates were at the start of the march to the Capitol in Maine.



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Concerned citizens march together at the Maine rally.



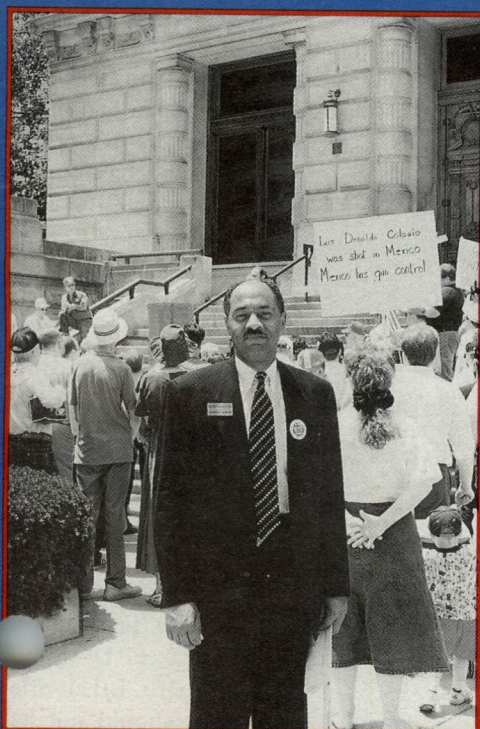
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Staging area before the rally in Augusta, Maine.



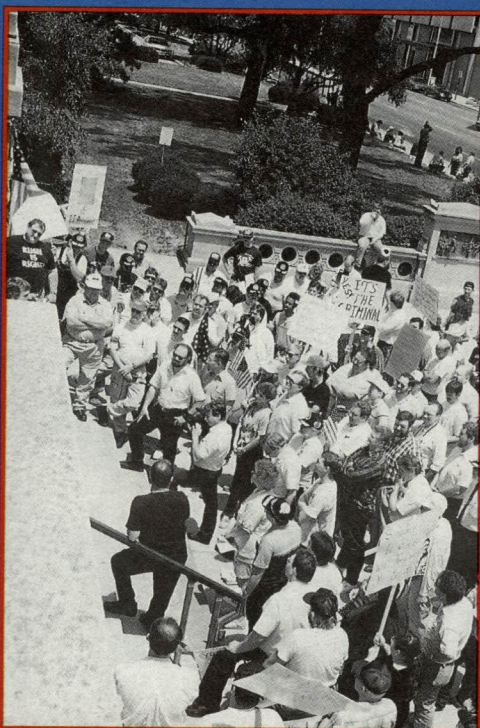
Dan Verner

The rally in Indiana was clean, polite and orderly.



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M. Scott, a progun rights democrat, is running for Indiana's 10th Congressional seat.



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In Indiana, people gathered at the Capitol's steps to get their message across.

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Florida had a tropical storm and rescheduled for a later date, but a Florida rally in February had 8 to 10,000 people.

Do You Live in a Non-Class 3 State?

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Full Auto Fun For Everyone!

by MONTY MENDENHALL

Is there a reader of this magazine who, in his misspent youth, did not pay \$1.00 at a carnival to shoot an air-powered BB "Tommy gun?" I think not. The staccato sound of legal full auto fire always drew the author. Some have speculated that his mother was once frightened by a shotgun.

To win the carnival game, the shooter was required to obliterate the red star on a paper target with 100 BBs. The author never won the prize. Some trace of the red star always remained. He did, however, begin a long love affair with full auto guns. Even today, though the author has long owned a real 1921 Thompson, he has nostalgic memories of his first full auto experience with the BB "Tommy gun."

Recently, the author's pleasant memories from long ago were awakened. The original BB "Tommy gun" is still in production. Old Neck Industries manufactures them. They are available to the public through Recon Ordnance of Fon Du Lac, Wisconsin. The "Tommy guns" run on compressed air. A small air compressor powers them.

Air powered guns are not firearms as defined by the BATF. These "Tommy guns" fall outside the BATF's regulations. Anyone may own one, even if they live in a non-Class 3 state or if their sheriff will not sign the Form 4.

The Old Neck Industries full auto BB guns are very well made. They have to be. Commercial operators use them twelve hours per day, six days a week for eight months of the year. If they break, the operator loses money. They must be reliable and require only simple maintenance.

Each "Tommy gun" comes with a detailed maintenance manual, a small supply of spare parts and a "snake tool" to use if

a BB jams in the gun. A generous supply of "shoot out the star" targets are supplied too. (The author is still unable to obliterate the red star with only one tube of BBs.)

The "Tommy gun" shoots inexpensive #2 Winchester lead shot. Suppliers of shot gun shell reloading components sell it in twenty-five pound bags. Lead #2 shot is considerably cheaper than the steel BBs intended for use in Daisy air rifles. Steel BBs cost about \$3.00 for five hundred. The same number of #2 shot costs about 32 cents. Compared to .45 acp ammo, the cost of #2 shot is insignificant. During weeks of testing (playing) by the author and many friends, only half of a twenty-five pound bag was consumed.

A twenty-five pound bag of #2 shot contains 35,714 individual BBs. The "Tommy gun's" magazine loading tube holds 113 BBs. A twenty-five pound bag of #2 shot will fill the "Tommy gun" 316 times.

Winchester #2 lead shot is .025 inch smaller in diameter than steel Daisy rifle BBs. BB air rifle shot should not be used in the "Tommy gun."



The "Tommy gun" (bottom) looks similar to a 1921 Thompson (top).

Old Neck Industries recommends using a 150 psi air compressor for powering the "Tommy gun." The author only had access to a 125 psi air compressor. He found that it adequate to produce a rate of fire of 1030 rpm at a velocity of 280 fps.

The "Tommy gun's" rate of fire is adjustable. Old Neck Industries recommends that commercial operators speed up the guns on busy days and slow them down on slow days. The rate of fire can be slowed to 700 rpm if desired. The author adjusted his "Tommy gun" to fire at 900 rpm, the same rate as his 1921 Thompson. A full tube of BBs allows 7.5 seconds of sustained fire at 900 rpm. A 25 lb. bag of shot, which costs about \$20.00, yields 39.5 minutes of fun.

Though the "Tommy gun" is not a firearm, safety precautions must be carefully observed. The #2 lead shot BBs will shoot completely through both sides of an aluminum soft drink can. Ricocheted BBs raise welts on bare skin. Eye protection is

essential for anyone shooting the "Tommy gun" or standing nearby. Heed your mother's warning, "YOU'LL SHOOT YOUR EYE OUT."

The "Tommy gun" lacks a safety. Don't load it until the range is clear and you are ready to shoot. BBs load into the "Tommy gun" through the stock with a prefilled magazine tube. Five tubes are supplied with the "Tommy gun." The loading process is similar to loading a Browning semi-auto .22 rifle.

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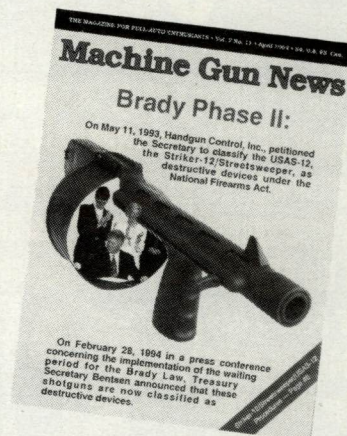
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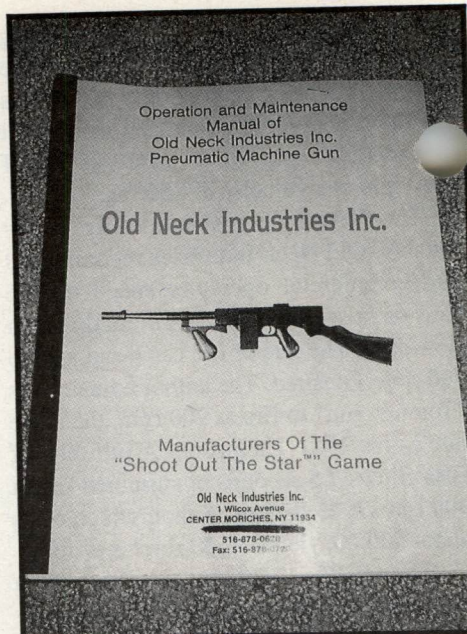
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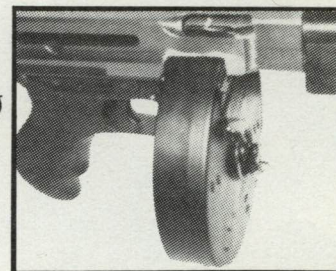
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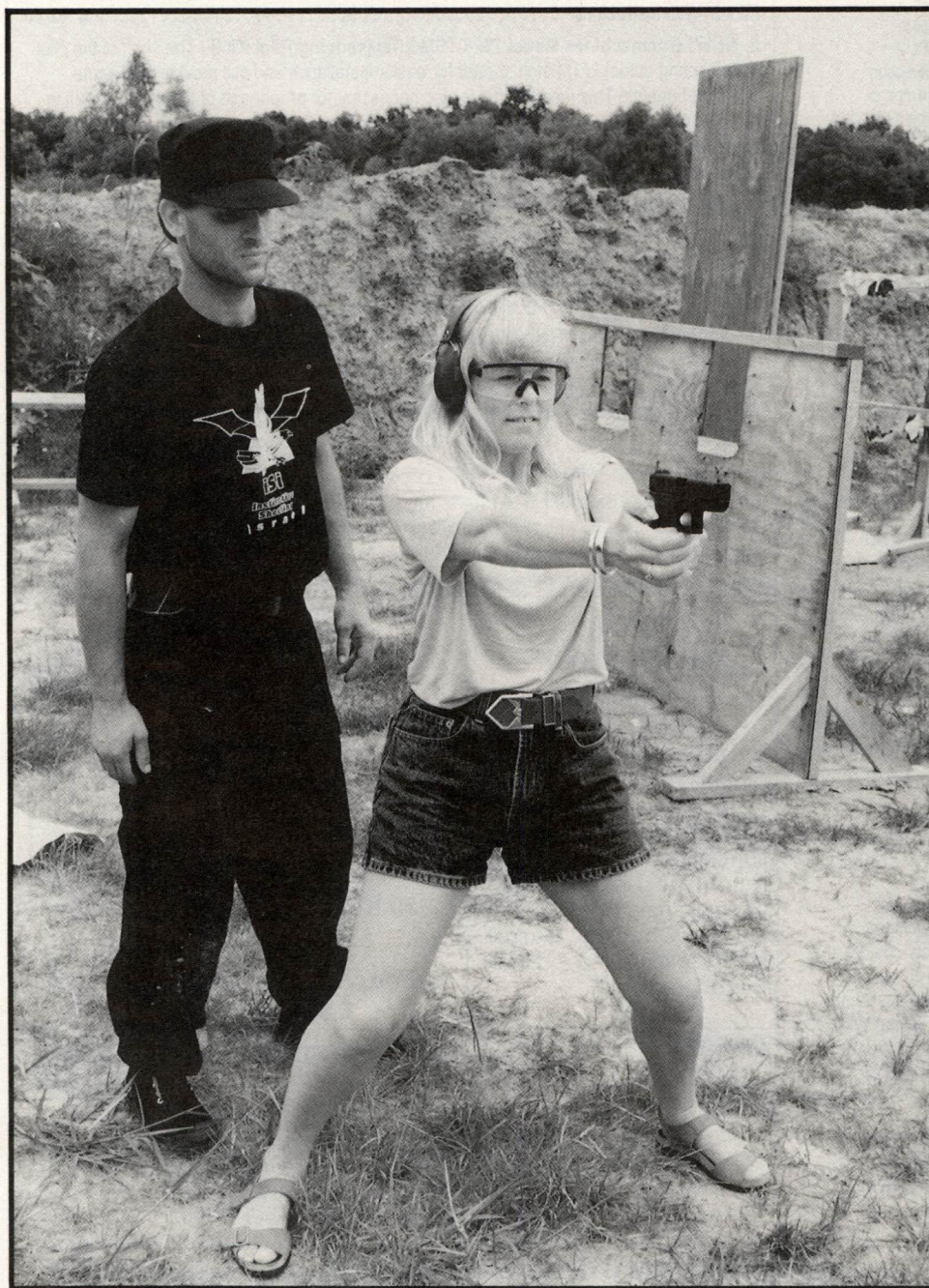
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Israeli Instinctive Shooting Method

An interview with Hanan Yadin, head instructor

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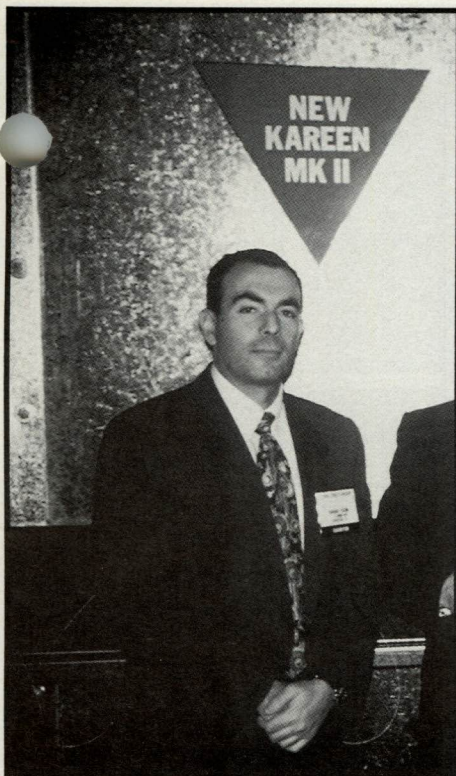
Uzi Mandelbaum an ISI instructor carefully instructs a "cadet."

About 2,000 years ago, the Romans conquered Palestine driving out the Jewish inhabitants of that country in the process. During the ensuing years, Palestine was claimed by one conqueror after another until May 14, 1948, when the modern State of Israel was established in Palestine. The surrounding Arab countries invaded Israel the same day. The country has been in a state of war ever since and has become a virtual laboratory of invention for survival techniques in dealing not only with the harsh wasteland that the Israelis inherited but in dealing with fanatical heavily armed terrorists who strike at any time, any where.

One such survival system involves advanced combat handgun tactics developed to effectively deal with such terrorists. Known as the Israeli Instinctive Shooting Method, it was designed to improve human instinctive responses by utilizing stances from the Japanese martial arts. It is now the standard shooting system of Israel and is said to be especially suited for personal protection.

In the past, for Americans who wished to undergo this type of training, it was necessary to go through the arduous process of organizing a group, traveling to Israel and then making contact with an instructor there — until now. One such instructor, by the name of Hanan Yadin (who says he has a background in the Israeli armed forces and secret service) has come to Houston, Texas and is offering to train Americans in the shooting techniques the Israelis have developed over the past years.

Initiated in January 1993, his school, known as Instinctive Shooting—Israel, trained about 40 "cadets" (as he calls his students) in the first year. While he used a



Hanan Yadin, Head Instructor Instinctive Shooting — Israel.

Houston area public shooting range for his early classes, he is currently building his own range which he says will be the most of the art tactical range in the region. He will also travel to customer locations to train groups.

Most of the training offered focuses on the handgun, and the arm of choice (which many in the U.S., most notably Jeff Cooper, would argue with) is the P-35 Browning 9mm Hi-Power. In Israel, the secret service and other special units still use the Browning as manufactured by Fabrique Nationale in Belgium and also a version produced in Israel (and now available in the U.S.A. through Houston-based J.O. Arms) known as the Kareen. Manufactured by Israel Arms, Ltd. (IAL), the only privately owned arms manufacturer in Israel, the Kareen is essentially a P-35 clone with some design improvements. Israelis prefer to give names to their firearms rather than model number designations, and Kareen is the name of the 7-year old niece of the owner of IAL and it is also the Hebrew word meaning light.

METHODOLOGY

The first principle taught cadets is that the gun and the shooter are not separate. The firearm is regarded as not a tool but rather an extension of the shooter's body and mind. This is the basic premise to the instinctive shooting method and one of the most difficult for the student to grasp. The

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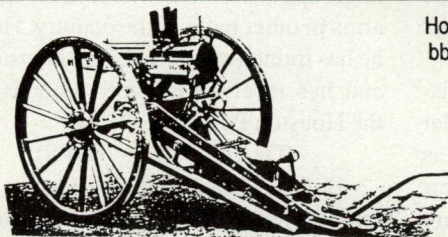
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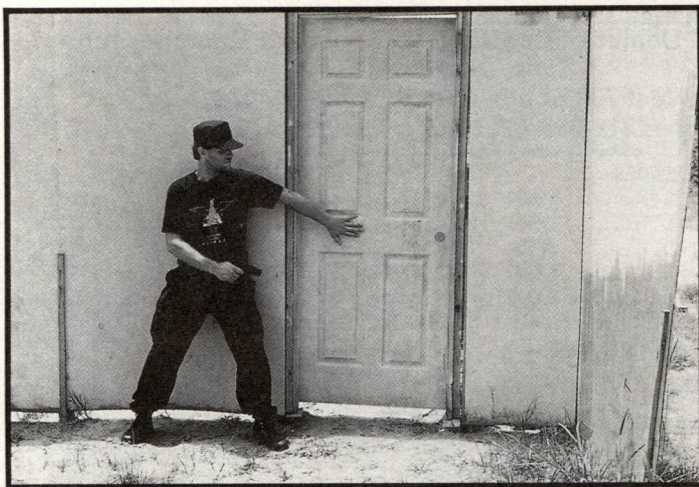


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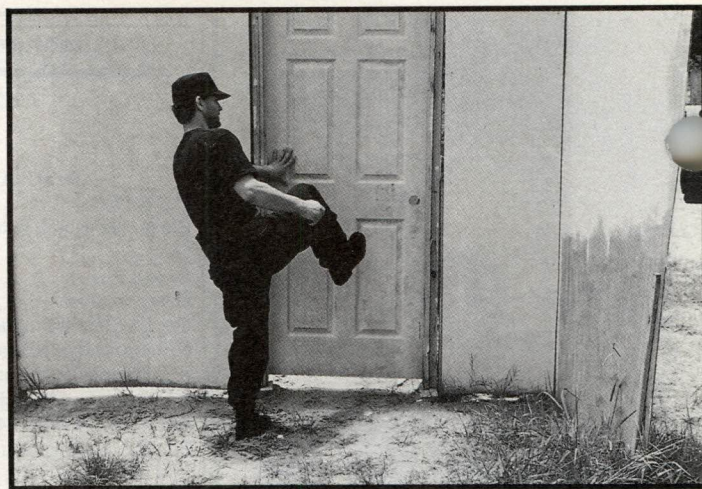
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Instinctive shooting, as the name implies, does not employ the use of firearm sights. "There is no need for the sights as most shooting scenarios involve a target engagement distance of only 5 to 10 meters. We concentrate on the target, not the sights. It is not necessary to look at the gun. For after training, the gun will be fixed on the center of the target's body automatically. What we want to do is put the life-threatening target down quickly," Yadin says.

In Israel, it is taught that to merely disable a terrorist is not enough; the defender must make sure the perpetrator is dead as many are carrying explosives on their bodies which they touch off if they are wounded. These methods of making sure an adversary is dead are not taught in the U.S. as their employment would constitute a violation of law.

Americans can only use deadly force

when faced with the eminent use of deadly force by another. Said deadly force can only be used to stop an attacker from committing an act the defender reasonably believes will result in death or grave bodily injury. Thus, doing something after an attack has been stopped, to make sure the criminal is dead would be illegal in this country.

In a further departure from traditional American schools (Gunsite et al.) students are taught NOT to carry with a round in the chamber as the Israelis feel it is "dangerous and unnecessary." There are certain situations such as when the shooter knows he is about to fire such as when entering a known terrorist location where the round in the chamber might be employed. "I can prove to anyone that it takes me no more than 0.72 seconds to put my target down on the floor when starting from a holstered position with any gun without a round in the chamber," he declares.

Yadin is especially interested in teaching law enforcement and presently offers training with the full-auto Uzi and Galil to police only in the Houston area due to restrictions imposed on him by the Houston Police Department. He says he can conduct full-auto training with these two weapons to groups of civilians who furnish their own arms in other parts of the country. He states he has trained members of the Houston P.D. and has received the recommendation of the Houston Police Academy.

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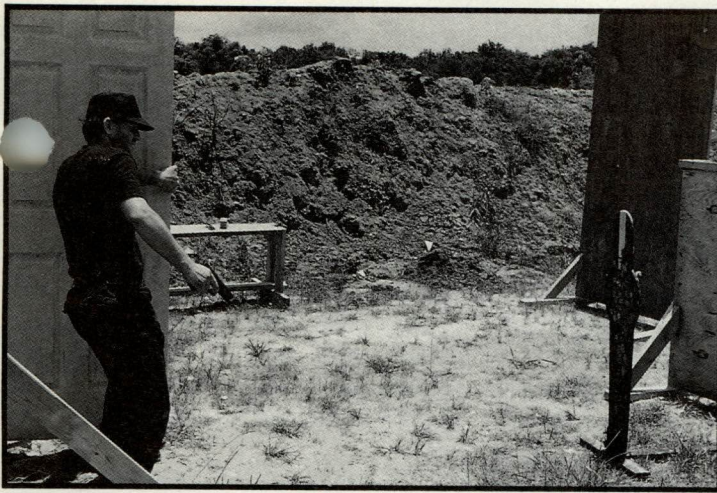
DAY ONE: Since the sights are not employed for most situations, emphasis is placed on developing a stable shooting

platform through exercise. Cadets are taught that a loss of accuracy results from an unstable shooting platform. If the mind and body are stable, accuracy is the result. The students initially do warmup exercises such as running, push-ups, sit-ups and leg stretching. Emphasis is placed on development of leg muscles and students are encouraged to begin doing leg exercises prior to coming to the course.

A terrorism discourse follows next. Explanations of the terrorist groups operating in the U.S. and abroad and their differences are explained. The terrorist's mind and reasons for his acts are delved into. "The most dangerous type is the one motivated by ideological concerns. This terrorist believes he is saving the world from a perceived evil and we are generally facing a person who will kill victims without selection. Thus the job of any person on the street, facing that kind of threat, is to act fast and with precision. I teach the techniques of how to approach a guy like that and how to be first and efficient in putting him down on the ground," Yadin asserts.

Later in the day, students are taught how to run, how to stop, how to move from place to place. How to load and unload the Israeli way and actual shooting practice begins during the last third of the day.

DAY TWO: Warmup exercises are conducted at the outset. A review of the past day's lessons is given as well as a basic discourse on VIP protection in offices. Much of the VIP lessons focus on how to tactically move through and take advantage of common obstacles found in offices. "There is a lot of common sense in the whole system. It mainly involves going with the natural movements of your body. Even if you move backwards there is a way to do it by going forward." The cadets do



And neutralizes the threat.

more shooting and are taught how to shoot from standing, kneeling and prone positions as well as from behind barricades. Most of the firing is done at a range of from 5 to 10 meters without sights. Some practice of engaging targets at 25 meters is given while employing the sights.

DAY THREE: This day begins much as the second, with warmup exercises and concentration on shooting technique. Students are encouraged to shoot with both eyes open to allow a full 180 degree view of the action going on around them. Toward the end of the day a test is conducted and certificates are awarded to those who successfully complete the course.

GUNS IN ISRAEL

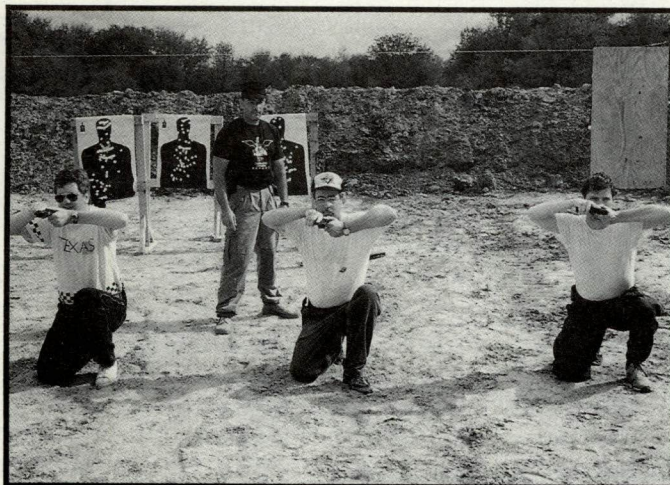
Gun ownership is not as free-wheeling as it would seem from world press photographs of civilians toting the seemingly ever-present Uzi subguns. The ownership and carrying of firearms is taken seriously in Israel, a Socialist country. In order to get a firearm license (which allows the holder to own and to carry), the applicant must first take a three month course involving three two-hour classes per week on firearms use, tactics and safety. Except for the settlers in the occupied territories, citizens must carry their firearms concealed. "If people see your weapon, within 10 minutes an anti-terrorism unit will be on the scene. Besides it is very foolish to openly carry a weapon as you will be the first target chosen if a terrorist is around,"

years of service, however are often given a Galil rifle as a gift from the government. The ordinary soldier will not get one. Shotguns are permitted to be owned by the general public.

METHOD FOUNDED BY AN AMERICAN

Yadin emphasizes that he is not the originator of the instinctive system. The founder of the now standard shooting method of Israel was an American, a member of the U.S. Army, participated in the training of Israeli secret service agents in instinctive shooting methods during the 1950's, according to Yadin. The techniques later filtered down to special army units and eventually the knowledge was shared with the civilian population. "We Israelis made some improvements to his teaching over the years and this came to be known as Israeli instinctive shooting. So the roots of this method are a combination of Israeli and American influences."

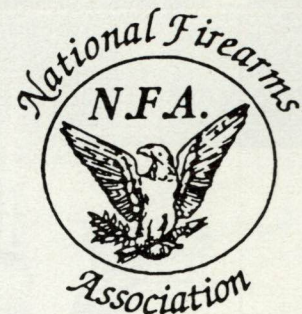
While at the present only small arms training is offered, Yadin and his two staff



ISI Cadets chamber a round "the Israeli way" under the watchful eyes of instructor Uzi Mandelbaum.

Yadin explains.

City residents are not permitted ownership of full-auto arms. Only those living in rural areas, where the army does not maintain as great a presence, are permitted Uzi carbines. Ownership of any type of rifle is banned as it is felt they are sniper's tools. Senior army officers, with many

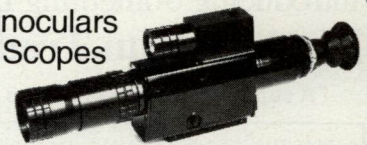


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do not believe in three or five day training courses. These short courses are more of an introduction. There is no way for anyone to get good with their gun in less than a week or ten days of intensive training," Yadin explains. When presented with the option of taking either the three or five day classes, most clients take the three day program. "I always recommend the five day class but

leverage and balance) and kung fu (the Chinese system of self-defense emphasizing circular rather than linear movements). These teachings were designed to aid where hostages could have escaped their captors, but they did not have the knowledge of how to do so. This may be offered as a stand-alone course or as part of a longer 7 to 13 day course.

"Which brings up another point. We really

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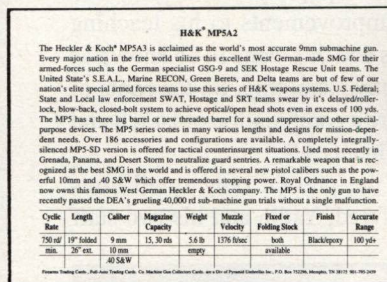
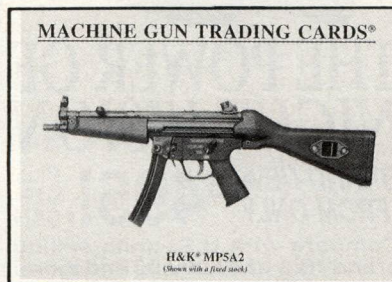
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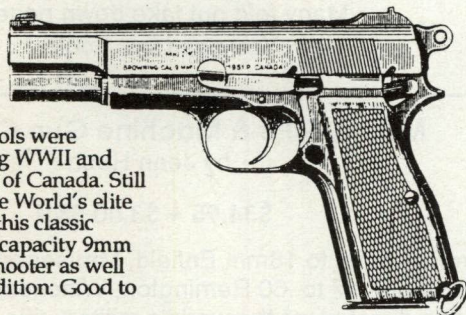


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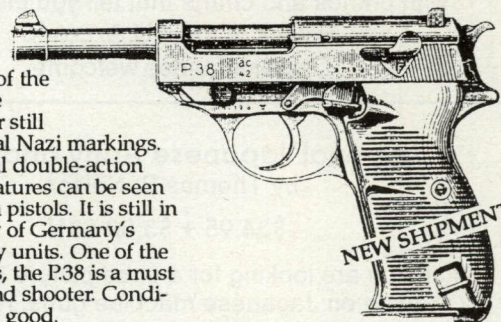
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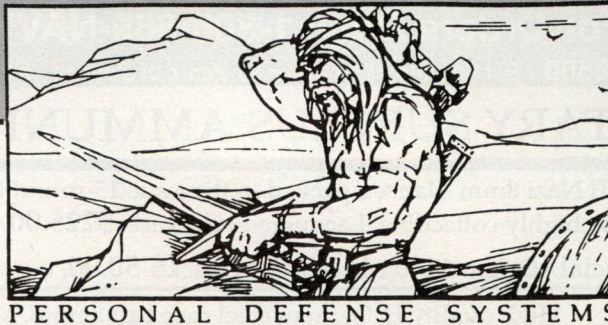
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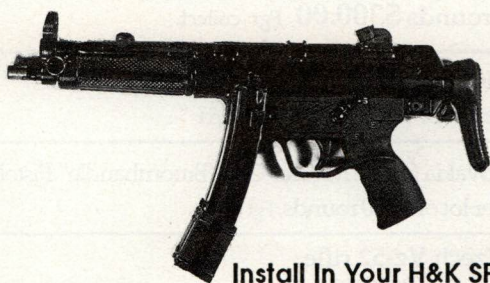
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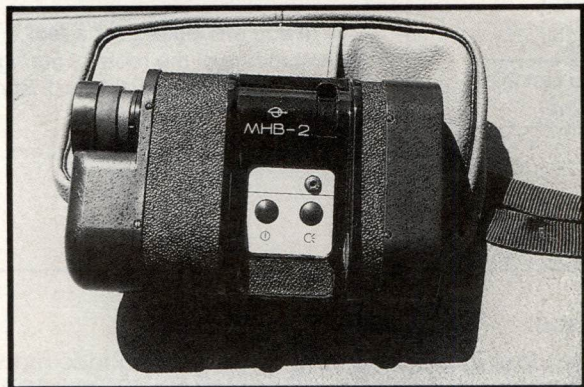
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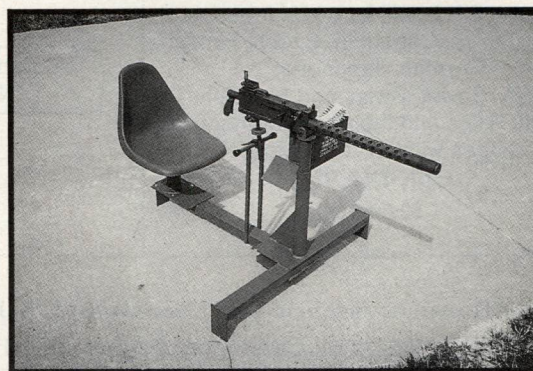
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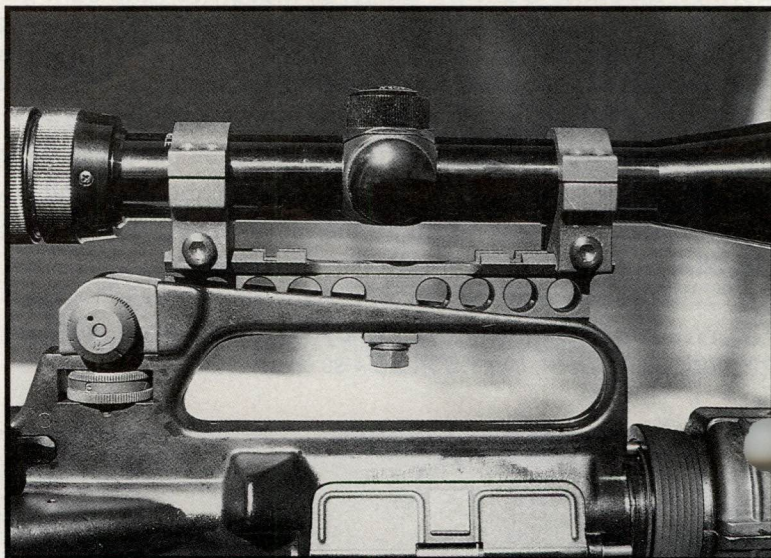
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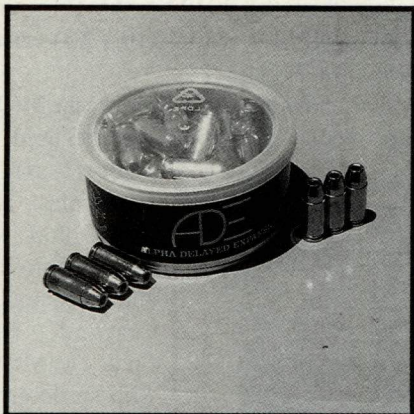
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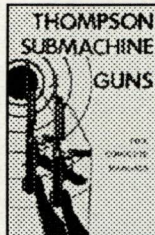
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(PART 1)

by CARL SILVER

several proven designs: the belt feed is a modified version of the German MG42, the operating mechanism is from the German FG42, and the gas system is similar to the Lewis gun.

The M60 was the first U.S. machine gun to have a true quick-change barrel system. It is full automatic only, but its slow (550-600 rpm) rate of fire allows the gunner to squeeze off single shots. The infantry versions of the M60 are much lighter than the 1919A4, A6 Browning machine guns — 23 lbs (10.5 Kg) versus 32 lbs (14.7 Kg).

Other models of the M60 are the M60C and M60D. Both of these are used in

aircraft armament roles. The M60C has its stock removed and is remotely charged and fired. The M60D with spade grips and the trigger at the rear of the gun, has been used as a door gun on U.S. helicopters.

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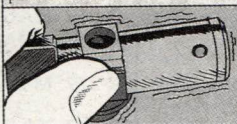
BACKING IN



Here's how:

1. Put the long end of the firing pin in the bolt first.
2. Fit the small hole in the guide on the short end of the firing pin.
3. Place the spring in the guide.
4. Put the cam actuator's roller end on the bolt first.

When the bolt's assembled, give it a shake to be sure the bolt plug pin holds.



Trigger Assembly

If the spring, plunger or sear are backwards, you've got a runaway gun. Always put the sear spring in first, then the plunger.

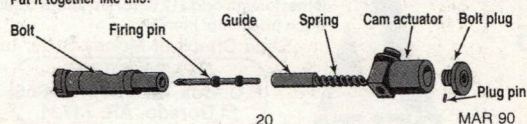


It's easy to get things backwards when putting an M60 back together. Get something in wrong and your "smokin' 60" may not shoot, and if it does shoot it'll damage the parts.

The bolt's the usual victim. If you put the cam actuator on backwards, you damage the bolt. If you reverse the guide and spring, you break the firing pin in the bolt.

Practice putting the bolt together until you can do it in your sleep.

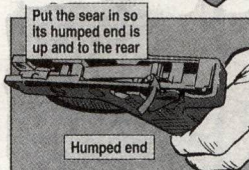
Put it together like this:



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TO PROBLEMS



Cover

The cover's hinge pin must always go in from the right, the hinge pin latch from the left. If they're reversed, the cover's bent and the M60 jams.



Backwards bolt assembly, reversed sear, reversed top cover hinge pin, March 1990.

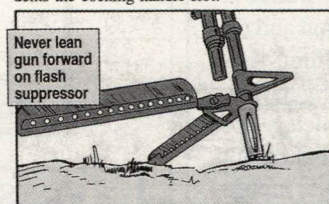
M60, M249 Machine Guns...

No Swift Kicks in the Bolt

If your stereo's turntable was sticking or your VCR refused to eject a tape, you wouldn't try to fix the problem with a swift kick. That would only turn a minor problem into a major repair.

The same holds true for stuck bolts on M60 and M249 machine guns: Kicking is not the answer.

Kicking the cocking handle to free the bolt usually accomplishes only three things: Breaks the operating rod, bends the cocking handle, and dents the cocking handle slot.



Leaning your M60 or M249 forward on the flash suppressor to get better leverage on the cocking handle is no good either. That bows the bipod, breaks the bipod yoke, loosens the flash suppressor, and plugs the barrel.

There's only one solution for stuck bolts: Call your armorer. He'll get support to unstick it.

The bolt usually gets hung up because the bolt locking lugs are stuck in the barrel socket or the operating rod is broken. So, the best way to head off stuck bolts is to eyeball the barrel socket, bolt locking lugs, and operating rod for burrs, cracks, and chips BEFORE you go to the field. Report problems.



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Welcome to the next column of FOCUS ON: a series that details a different firearm in each installment. This FOCUS ON: article is about the M60 machine gun. This gun will be covered in two installments. This first part will cover some of the history of the M60 and several Army "tips" on keeping them running. Those that swear by their M60's and those that swear at their M60's may learn some new tricks.

HISTORY

The M60 was designed to replace all of the .30 caliber Brownings except those mounted in armored vehicles. It was

designed by the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps. and was standardized in February 1957 as a companion piece to the new 7.62 NATO caliber M14.

The M60 was produced on a pilot line basis at Springfield Armory and has since been manufactured by Remington Corporation in Saco, Maine.

The design incorporates the features of

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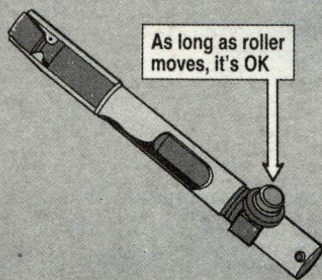
When it comes to the M60's cam actuator roller, armorers, it's usually not how much it moves that matters, but whether it moves at all. As long as the roller moves, it's OK.

But if the roller's frozen, the M60 will fire sluggishly and the cover will wear out fast. Replace the cam actuator assembly.

Replace it, too, if the roller's so loose it can come off.

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Cam actuator roller tip, November 1990.

M60E2 was used as a fixed (coaxial) tank machine gun by the U.S. Marine Corps. Finally, there is the M60E3 "shorty" which I will cover in more detail in the next article.

U.S. ARMY "TIPS"

The Department of the Army, Lexington, Kentucky, produced a magazine: PS THE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE MONTHLY. This was a 5" X 7" format, color, comic book style publication providing information for all soldiers assigned to combat and combat support units and all armorers with unit maintenance and supply

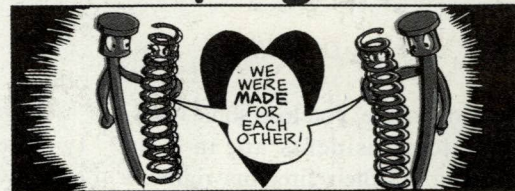
Damaged bolt — inspection and repair, September 1989.

duties. The subjects were divided into five categories: Firepower, Ground Mobility, Air Mobility, Communications, and Troop Support. The Firepower sections covered everything from ammunition to tanks. Reproduced are some of the notices on the M60 machine gun.

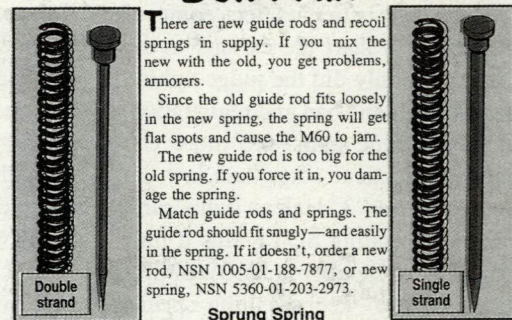
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Next Installment: Functional/Mechanical Descriptions, more tips, sources for parts.

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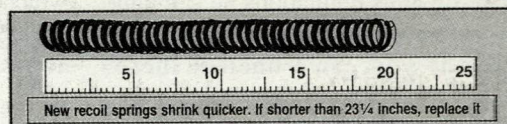


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Spring Spring

The new spring shrinks faster than the old spring. That leads to poor recoil, which causes double feeds and jamming. Measure springs often.

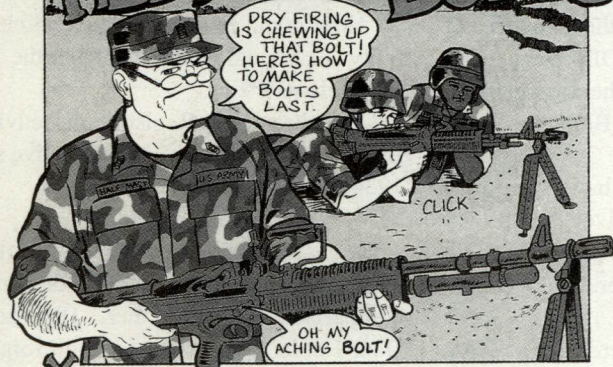


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Old and new recoil springs and guide rods, July 1989.

KEEPING BOLTS



You better be good to M60 bolts, armorers. They're in very short supply. If a bolt's ruined, it will be a long time before you get a replacement. That means an M60 won't be firing.

Dry firing is the chief reason bolts are going to the junkyard. When the bolt slams forward on an empty chamber, the bolt locking lugs are damaged, as well as the barrel socket and the operating rod tower.

Stress to your unit's gunners not to dry fire. Go over with them how to ride the bolt forward (holding the charging handle to the rear, squeeze the trigger and ease the bolt forward) when the chamber's empty. Ask people like the fire team leader, squad leader, and platoon sergeant to tell gunners not to dry fire. And provide dummy rounds for function testing.

New Inspection Criteria

To help old bolts stay in action during the shortage, AMCCOM has temporarily changed the inspection and repair criteria on bolts in Steps 1 thru 3 on Page 2-49 and Repair Steps 1 and 2 on Pages 2-50 and 2-51 in TM 9-1005-224-24. Here's how the criteria go:

Minor chips, dents, and gouges are OK on the top of the back side of the bottom lug. Stone them smooth.

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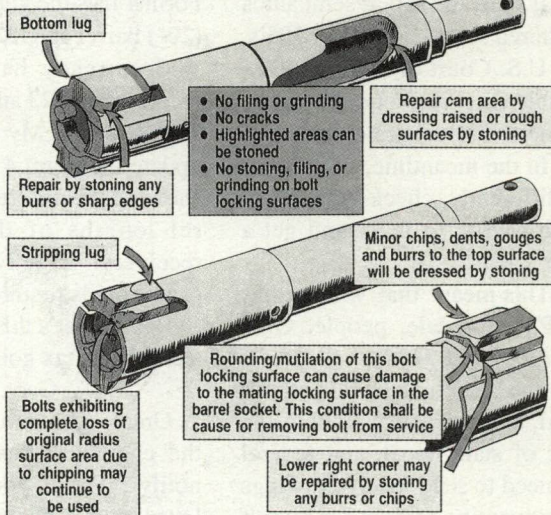
Minor chips, dents, and gouges are now OK at the leading edge of the bottom lug if they are within 1/4 inch of the front or sides of the lug. You can stone them smooth as long as the rounded area of the lug is no more than 3/32 inch. Use your machinist rule to measure.

Chips, dents, or gouges beyond this area make the bolt unserviceable.

Chips, dents, or gouges are also OK on the top lug if they're within 1/4 inch of the lug's leading edge. They can be stoned smooth as long as the rounded area of the lug measures within 3/32 inch. If they're beyond this area, the bolt's unserviceable.

After any stoning on the leading edges of the lugs, a bolt must be gaged by DS for headspace and firing pin protrusion and function checked.

No cracks are allowed on the bolt (visual inspection only).

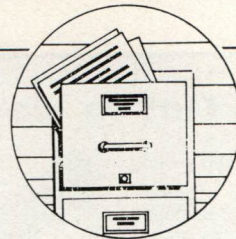


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The Forms

by DAN SHEA



You lose some, you lose some. Connecticut residents are in deep trouble regarding their firearms rights. I keep waiting for them to win one. Fat chance. You guys better unelect some of your politicians or start the exodus to the Free Zones. Not only did the judge uphold the "Assault Weapon" ban and registration, it includes machine guns. No more can come into Connecticut other than law enforcement or Class 3 dealers (who can't keep them after ending SOT status if they came in state after October 1, 1993). AND... Governor "Wiener" keeps calling special legislative sessions to see what other restrictive firearms regulations he can ram through before he leaves office. God help you guys if you can't unelect these Socialists.

A little insider info: F.J. Vollmer & Co won their suit against the ATF on a large quantity of HK-94's that they had drilled for a swing down lower and installed a registered sear into in 1987. Vollmer had written permission from the Regional ATF Chief to do so. Technology held these guns up, saying that they were Post-86 dealer sample machine guns, registered sear or not. The judge ruled to allow Vollmer to return the HK-94's to semi-auto status by filling the holes. ATF argued that, "Once a machine gun, always a machine gun." The judge didn't buy it. Since they started as semi-autos, he allows Vollmer to return them to original state and sell as semi autos or install registered sears and make MP5's. (No. 92-5385 U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit.) Very interesting ramifications here. I'll elaborate as we figure them out. In the meantime, before you do anything differently, check with Technology Branch—write to them and get a written answer.

Hot Tip—This means that Vollmer has some HK MP5's for sale, people. Give them a call at (309) 663-9494.

Q Please tell me that making a gun for myself is legal, as long as it is within the legal confines of state, local, and federal laws. Do you need to send in any drawings or patents? I'm wanting to do it for myself and not for resale to someone else.

I figure that black powder guns are pretty much unrestricted, excepting the explosive shell which would need taxing. I would like to build a black powder cannon of about 3 1/2 inches. No paper work? If so, where do I get it? Who would I send it to?

I figure a Pawzerfaust 60 would be a real cool recoilless black powder cannon and have read that the Germans even came out with a Panzerfaust 150, reloadable, but where could a guy find an indepth book on any Pawzerfaust?

If I reactivated a RPG-7 I'd probably have to answer to a judge, but if I made my own in black powder and old rifle grenades (which aren't illegal yet) I figure the tube would have to be virgin, like once a rifle, always a rifle?

EVH

A Yes, you can make your own firearms, and they don't require any paperwork unless they fall under the definition of the NFA Registry. Making for resale requires a manufacturer's license. Making firearms that do not use a fixed cartridge, such as your black powder cannon, require no license or registration. The RPG idea is probably going to run into the "4 ounces of propellant" definition of a DD. You need to be very specific and get the answer from Washington—Technology Branch ATF, in writing.

Q I own a Colt M16 and have since purchased several upper receivers for it. My Form 4 lists the gun with the factory length (20") barrel and .223 caliber.

I currently have two 10 1/2" upper receivers in .223 and am purchasing a 9mm 11 1/2" upper. My question is, do I have to update my Form 4 with a letter to the ATF showing the different caliber and short barrel lengths of the other three upper receivers? Exactly what paperwork and procedure is required?

P.S.—What's this B.S. I'm reading about the transfer tax going up to \$2000?

Gary

A Unless you are permanently changing the characteristics, it's not necessary to notify NFA. If you are, just send them a letter (with a photocopy of your Form) explaining the changes.

No—I haven't heard anything about a change in the transfer fee. This rumor comes up about every 6 months and creates a panic. No truth that I know of. I don't expect it now, either.

Q I was going over the NFA charts in the April 1994 issue. Some differences between them and the previous ones in the May 1993 issue caught my eye.

First, the chart called "NFA Weapons Inventory — By Year of Current Ownership" in the 1994 issue shows discrepancies with the same chart in the May 1993 issue. For example the 1994 chart shows 12 machine guns registered as having been made before 1920. The 1993 chart shows 13. The 1994 chart shows 12,296 machine guns as added to the Registry between 1940 and 1949. The 1993 chart shows 12,326. Others show similar changes, mostly downward. For example 1960 had 790 machine guns added to the Registry on the 1993 chart, but only 721 on the 1994 chart. Where are the guns going? Export? Destroyed? Removed from the Registry? Why is ATF still messing around when stuff that old was actually made or registered?

How come no "NFA Registration Activity — Annual Comparison" in the 1994 set of charts?

The chart "NFA Registration Activity — By State of Applicant" is cumulative since 1934, right?

James B.

A Registration Activity By State is Cumulative. Vida forgot to run the Annual comparison, so yell at her. [Excuse me Dan, I didn't run it because you forgot to send it—Vida]

Regarding the info in the charts, ATF keeps updating them in order to keep them as accurate as possible. If they find erroneous info about older records, they are bound to change them. I have been surprised how many of the readers use and interpret the info in those charts, and we will continue to get them as soon as they are compiled each year.

Q I have been interested in full-auto weapons for about 40 years but for one reason or another I have never pursued obtaining a weapon.

Now that I am reaching a point where I have more time, I would like to pursue some of my ideas on a small scale. Could you tell me if there are provisions in the law for an individual that wants to pursue mechanical and ballistics ideas and interests in automatic weapons and suppressors?

Could you tell me the procedure and costs for pursuing the above in the state of Illinois?

Clifford J.

A You need to get a Class 2 manufacturer's license. You won't be able to experiment with the suppressors in Illinois, however. Even a Class 2 doesn't help with state restrictions. This is exactly the point Reed Knight was making in his interview last month. Where are the tinkers and backyard inventors going to go with these heavy restrictions placed on them?

Cost for the Type 07 FFL, \$200 for your first 3 years, and the \$500 Special Occupational Taxpayer (SOT) fee you pay each July 1. Your state has no special fees that I am aware of. You need to read the Machine Gun Dealer's Bible. (Dan, I knew you'd get a shameless plug in here somehow—Vida.)

Q I have a Streetsweeper that I have not registered yet. I have been waiting for the ATF forward trace paperwork to get to me so that I could bring it with me to get a signature. I have spoken to a local Class 3 dealer and he says that the Chief will sign.

Questions: Can I still title it? What is this Form 1 (vs. 2, 3,4)? Can I sell it to a Class 3 dealer before I title it? Is it worth anything? (\$100?) After I title it as a DD, can I shorten the barrel from 18" to 14"?

I realize that the answers may be very obvious but I am just now looking into buying my first MG and am still learning the ropes (or forms). Thanks for your help.

KW

A You have 30 days from when you are notified to get it registered. You may NOT transfer it to other than a Destructive Device licensee or a law enforcement agency. People are saying that you can do anything you want until ATF contacts you. Wrong. At the very least, they will confiscate the illegally transferred firearms. You are recommended to file a Form 1 to register it. Any subsequent transfer is subject to the \$200 tax and Form 4 requirements. You may shorten the barrel before you register it, or after. Value is from \$150- to \$400- depending on who you talk with.

Q I have a question for "The Forms" based on a question asked in the June issue.

I currently live in a city where neither the police chief nor county sheriff will sign the Form 4. The county adjacent has a sheriff which will sign the Form. If I get a safe deposit box in a bank in that county, is that considered a legitimate address such that the sheriff will sign the Form 4? I already have a bank account in the adjacent county's bank. Or, do I have to physically live in that county for the sheriff to sign? How should submachine guns be carried into a bank vault without alarming the local SWAT team?

DK

P.S. Is it possible to accumulate a state by state record of which counties individuals have had success in getting Form 4's signed?

A You must have residency where you get the signature, and the safe deposit box, while a legal depository for firearms you already own, is not a legitimate residence as far as law enforcement certification goes. Try keeping just the receivers in the safe deposit box, and call ahead before you walk in, making sure that your firearms are in a case that does not call attention to themselves.

Q I am enclosing a letter for your viewing horror. It is from a large well-known distributor on the East coast, sent to several local gunshops. I first read about the Mak-90's months ago in *MGN*. Guess what? These guns are still for sale at the local gun shops.

Question: If an individual purchased one of the above mentioned Mak-90's and has since "sold" it, what actions can ATF take? Our local lawyer, that represents some of the larger gunshops, says that if you bought it legally on a 4473 then the individual may resell it without any legal problems.

What will happen to all the dealers and/or large department store chains that sold numbers of these contraband guns? If I didn't know better, I would swear this was an ATF plot all along with the intention of shutting down as many distributors, dealers, chain stores, etc. and then having a valid excuse for ATF to do door-to-door searches and seizures! The media would jump all over it saying they were illegal machine guns!

Save us Dan,
Alex

P.S. An unknowing buddy purchased one of the above mentioned Mak-90's. ATF did come to his door and ask for it back. He gave it up too!

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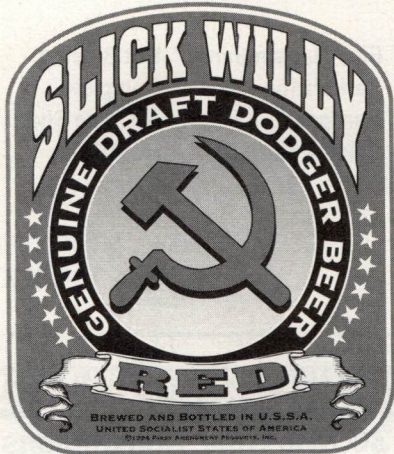
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A You're sliding down that slippery path, Alex. Get a good grip, and take three deep breaths.

The Chinese make no distinctions about those receivers having the third hole. Someone just substituted the full-auto receivers for the semi's in order to use stock at hand and save money. They think our regulations are ridiculous. Any one who is doing importing should have a "Failsafe" inspection of anything that they are going to ship into the U.S.

You are supposed to return those MAK-90's to the distributors and get re-imburshed by them. ATF is chasing these down, item by item. I don't buy the conspiracy theory as much as I buy the SNAFU theory. Just a factory shortcut that blew up in the importers' faces.

Feel better?

Q In the 6-94 issue of *MGN* Carl Silver's "Focus On" article on the MAC's, there is a sentence in paragraph 4 that really got my attention. It reads: "On 21 June 1982, BATF reclassified the open bolt semi-autos as machine guns" IS THIS TRUE? I purchased a RPB M11 380, that fires from an open bolt, from a reputable gun dealer on 5-6-85. Nothing was said about this gun being classified as a machine gun. What's the story?

Jerry

A Yes, it's true. Open bolt MAC's that were manufactured after that date had to be registered as MG's. The existing firearms that are in circulation are not considered to be machine guns by ATF. However. HOWEVER! A note to the wise... any Federal prosecutor could charge you with possession of a firearm that is readily convertible to full-auto. Dealers should stay far away from the open bolt MAC's. I am not going to explain how to convert them, it's against *MGN* policy.

Dan takes a break now, and answers some of the piles of letters on Constitutionality of Revolution that he has been avoiding.

Q Part I. It is not illegal for any American citizen to advocate the violent overthrow of government. This is a right guaranteed by Article I of the Bill of Rights under freedom of speech. The Constitution is a law which limits and defines our republic's Federal Government, not the people of our nation. Our Declaration of Independence defines certain Rights as endowed by our Creator, that the purpose of Government is to secure these rights, and that they derive their just powers from the consent of the Governed,

that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the right of the People to alter or abolish it... The Article I sec. 8 of the Constitution which you mention gives Congress the power to call forth the militia (all of us) to execute the laws of the union. Suppress insurrections and repel invasions... This does not make it illegal to advocate the violent overthrow of government by any means.

The Clintonistas and the Liberal lawyer Congress have violated their oaths of offices by supporting and defending every attempt to destroy the Constitution by all enemies, foreign or domestic. Their harmonious treason eliminated gridlock, in effect unconstipating the assault on the Constitution and our inalienable Rights.

Articles IX and X of the Bill of Rights could be used to deny the federal government its drive for total power nonviolently, just as Colorado passed House Joint Resolution 94-1035. It is up to the states and the people to enforce the Constitution, and if the states reclaim the powers guaranteed them by Article X, there may be hope. This was the South's reason for secession, and now it is even more imperative that all states reclaim their rights to enforce the Constitution.

In the meantime the people must form in groups, or militias to enforce our 2nd Amendment rights, by monitoring the ATF through peaceful armed presence, outnumbering them whenever possible when they go about violating our rights. This would prevent them from it, and if they attack, will start the Lexington & Concord effect to end their Tyranny. Anonymity may be necessary to prevent repercussions. Would Waco have happened if they had been surrounded by an armed militia (peaceably)?

There is no limit to how far government can violate people's rights when it is working outside the limits of the Constitution. Enslaving collectivism, impoverishing income taxes, religious persecution, FCC censorship & licensing of radio speech, all weapons control laws, persecution of peaceably assembled proliferers, ATF warrantless and unreasonable searches and seizures, bureaucratic deprivation of life, liberty, and property without trial or jury, seizure of weapons without just compensation, ATF's cruel and unusual punishments — all of these and more violate the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and lay perilously close to genocide, mass terror and other Nazi or Communist practices,

with no barrier between what Washington is now and what it is striving to become. The only barrier left is our weapons, including semi-automatics, Class 3 weapons, D.S., and other unconstitutionally regulated arms we yet possess.

We must alter or abolish our current unconstitutional government preferably in a peaceful way but by armed means when necessary. We must stop the federal assault on individual responsibility, which is freedom. For our children, for ourselves. It is time to expose and unseat the Council of Foreign Relations/Trilateral Commission, New World Order, HCI, and restore our sovereignty from NAFTA, GATT, and the U.N., all enemies of our Constitution: foreign and domestic.

We must keep our arms. There will be no free country to liberate us if we fall to our own Government!

"Free Spirit" South Carolina

P.S. I don't want my house burned down or my pregnant wife roughed up, so don't give my name or address to any ATF or government agency.

Part II. In "The Forms" June 1994, you answered F.W. in regards to making statements about revolution. I do not believe revolution is illegal. Before the Constitution (Art I Sec 8) could be ratified, there had to be a nation. The new nation was established by the Declaration of Independence. This legal document states "the right of people, to alter or abolish it, and institute a new government"! Inalienable rights, are to be protected, at any cost!

Don S.

A AAAAAHHHH!! Guys, guys. Come on. It IS illegal to preach armed revolt. People are arrested all the time for this kind of talk. At least investigated thoroughly. I don't buy all of the conspiracy theories either. There are certainly forces arrayed against our freedom, but I do not believe they are as powerful as you think. The "Accidental President" can barely get any laws passed. I think we need to have a revolution using Ballots, not bullets. Work for the change in November's election. No, I'm not a wuss. I've seen blood in the streets, and it is not a preferred situation. Let's change things through the courts and the ballot box!

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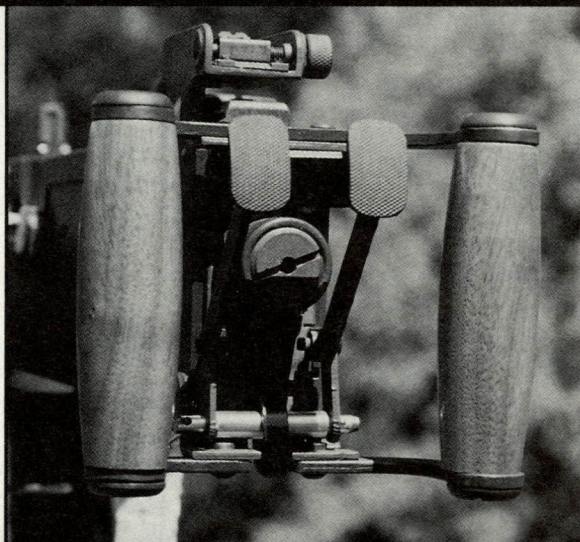
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Some questions that come to mind...

I've heard that once you own a machine gun both the local law enforcement officials as well as the ATF have a "standing warrant" to search your home anytime they so desire. Is this just to check to make certain you still have the weapon or do they really go through the place (drawers, closets, etc.)?

Would I need to install a home security system?

Would I need to have had prior experience with the firearm I select?

What things would automatically disqualify me from owning a machine gun? Is the list the same as on the Form 4473 or is it more extensive?

Is it true that if the ATF decides later they don't want me to have the firearm I have to willingly surrender it? With our country moving further and further toward the radical left I'd worry my right wing (non-violent) political stance might be viewed with suspicion by our Socialist (and even pro-Communist) leaders!! (I enjoyed the June 1994 "Raffica.")

Would I go through the qualifying

process before seeking out a firearm?

Thank you for such a great magazine!

Sincerely

J. M. W.

A Listen to the paranoia out there! You need to read the *MGDB*. It's not just for dealers.

ATF doesn't get a standing warrant to search your home when you purchase a firearm. The government must have a thing called "probable cause." You hear nightmares all the time, and there are areas of the country where the investigations could only be called harassment or fulfillment of personal vendetta. That is not the norm. Usually ATF is following a lead where they have been told of illegal activity when they go for a warrant. They need a warrant to raid you.

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Q I hear many different answers to the

question: Is it legal to put on an "after-market" or "PreBan" stock on a MAK90? How about flash hiders? At a very large gun store in OKC., they told me that the ATF authorized them to sell MAKs whose stocks had broke during shipping with "pre ban" pistol grip stocks. If I bought one of them could I get into trouble?

A hint on gardening at night. Put mags, ammo, parts, etc. in handy duffel bags or small day packs then into your tube. This will speed retrieval. After you get your stuff out, re-cap and cover it back up. This will leave the area less disturbed than if you dug up the entire tube. And be very aware of the area you place your caches in. Children notice things adults don't. I look forward to your great magazine every month. Keep up the good work.

P.S. How about an article on the Israeli's NEGEV 5.56mm SAW? How does it compare to the U.S.A.'s M249 SAW?

C.P.

A Make sure you have that ATF agent put it in writing, because it sounds like a violation to me! Keep the letter with the firearm.

I have been trying to get a Negev in for testing for years. Anyone got one?

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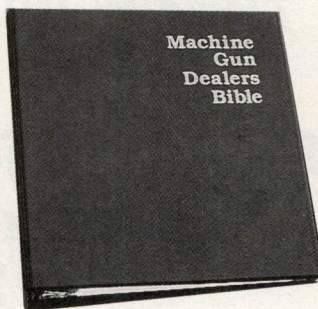
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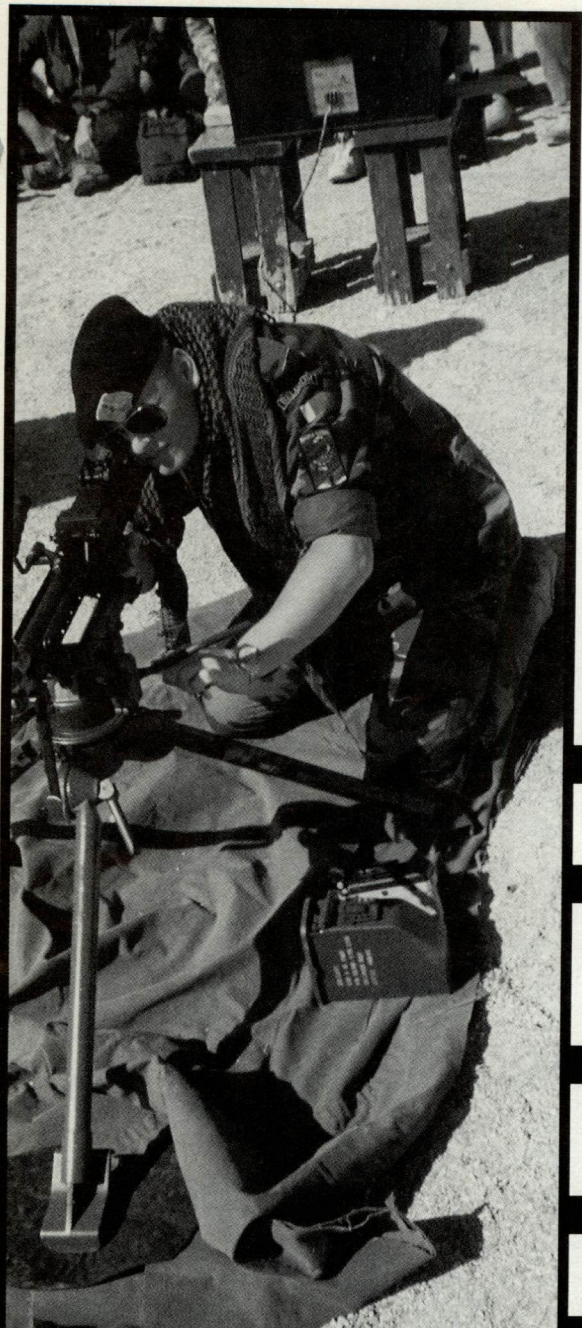
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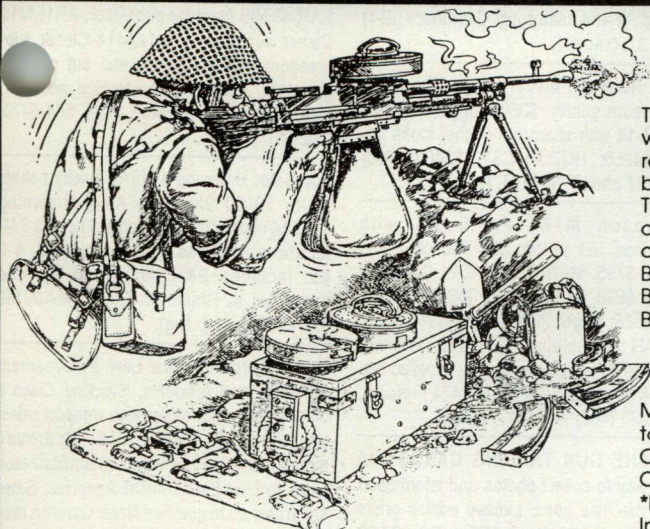
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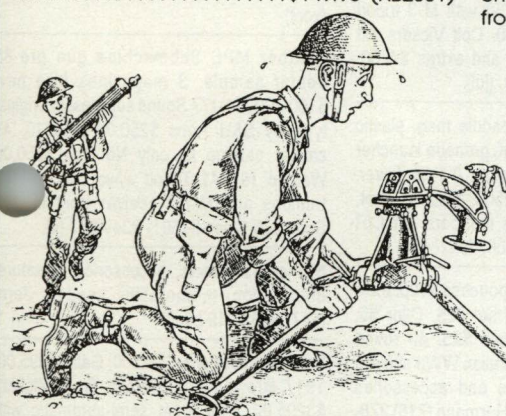


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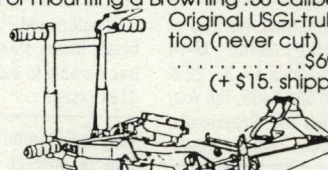
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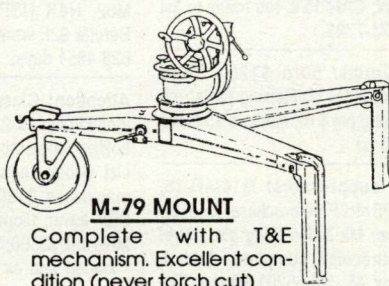
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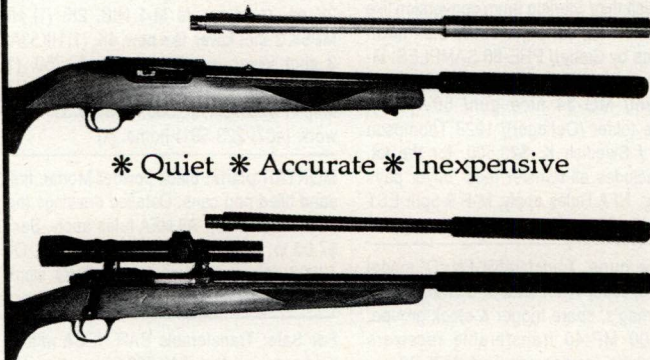
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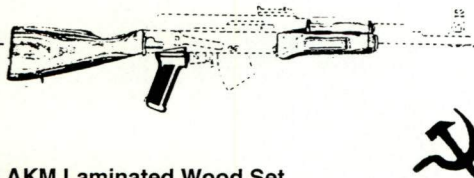
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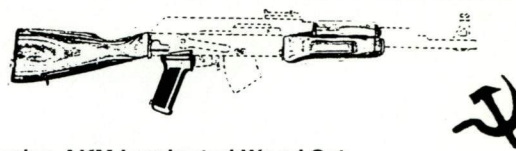
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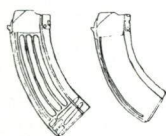
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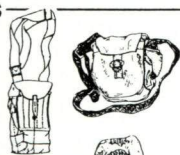
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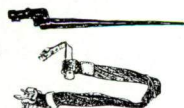
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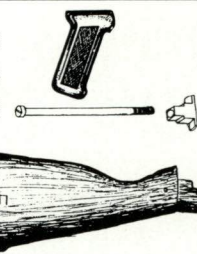
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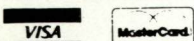
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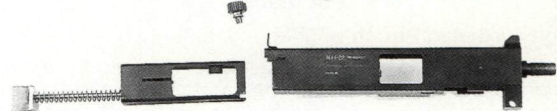
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