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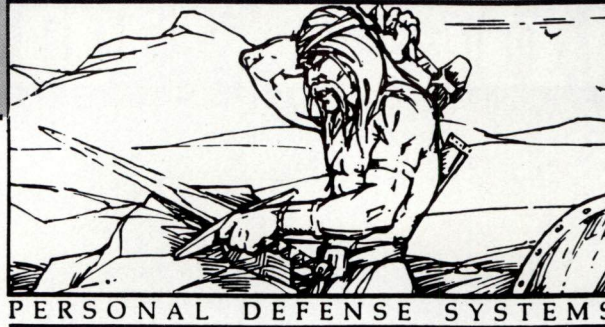
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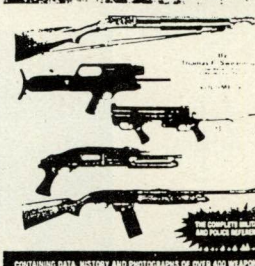
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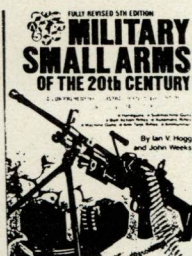
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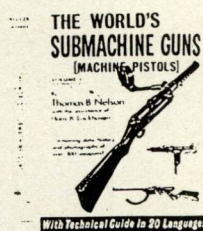


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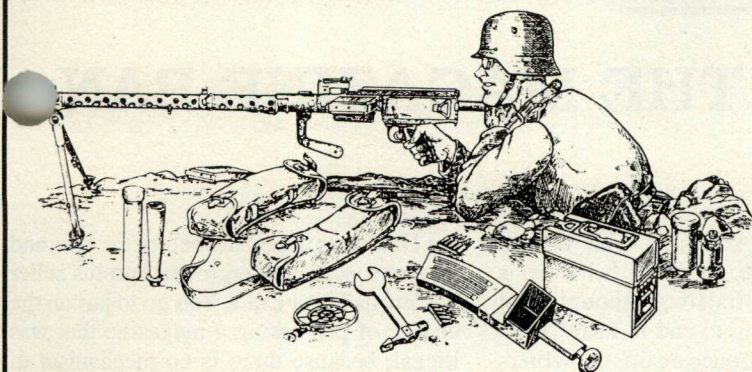
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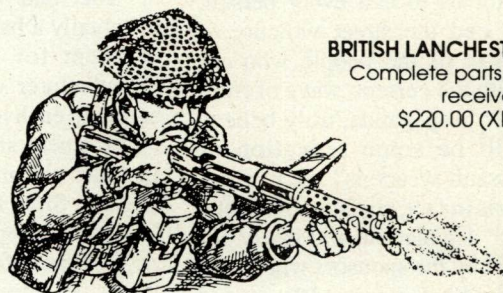
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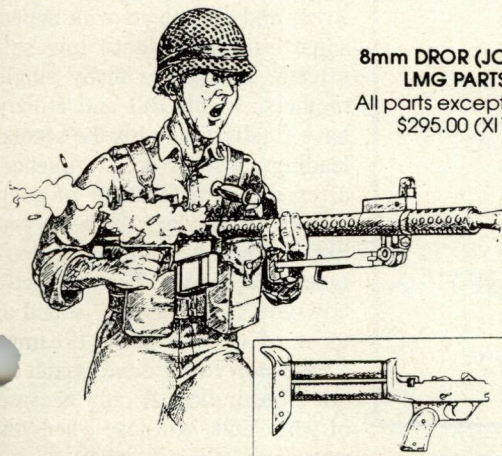
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Editorial

OBSERVATIONS ON THE MAGAZINE BAN

by DAN SHEA

Once again we are confronted with a bunch of misguided do-gooders trying to make a policy regarding things that will have repercussions they have no comprehension of. There are a few in the anti-Second Amendment rights movement that do have a secret agenda, but it would be a mistake for us to call every person, who wants to end the street violence, a communist. Most of the people who are going along with the current wave of frenzied "anti-gun" propaganda, truly believe that there will be some reduction of violence if "assault weapons" are banned. This has no basis in fact, statistic, or reality. It is "feel-good" legislation, and freely admitted to be that by the sponsors when they are confronted with the facts. It's a good "first step," they say, "we need to make a statement," they chant.

I happen to value my God-given and Constitutionally guaranteed Right to "Keep and Bear Arms" as the only thing that can keep me free in a totalitarian world. I have seen the results of living without the means to oppose a "government gone mad," where the bodies pile up under the slogans of the people who "know better than we do." That is the meaning of the Second Amendment, plain and simple, as written by the Founding Fathers. Each of the Framers of the Constitution wrote volumes about their decisions regarding the contents of those documents, and all of them concur about the intent of the Second Amendment. It is written in the previous sentences. Any discussion of hunting or sporting is irrelevant, no matter how many times our slick President impotently fires a borrowed shotgun at an unarmed duck. That is not the issue.

Today's bugaboo is the "high capacity magazine," which "allows the criminal to outgun everybody." There are so many tactical things wrong with the assumption that a magazine is the problem, that it could only

be thought up by someone with limited firearms experience. Criminal behavior is the problem, and half-way thought out "bans" are not going to end it. I say "half-way," meaning that once again, the writers don't have a clue as to the repercussions of their bill.

The "ban" on high capacity magazines is actually a ban on the future manufacture of them for private ownership. Each manufacturer or importer must date and serialize each magazine they release to law enforcement and military buyers. The ban includes the magazines for many pistols, Glocks, Sigs, Rugers, S&W, etc. You are allowed to keep and sell what you have, but no new manufacture unless the capacity is under ten rounds. Here is the big question that is going to show up immediately: How do you prove that you bought your Brown-

ing Hi-Power magazine before the ban, and not from some underground surplus seller in Canada? You can't. You go to jail on the charge of possessing a magazine that was illegal, because there is no mechanism to protect the legitimate owner. Putting the mechanism in place to protect the existing owners is extremely expensive, and the anti-gunners know it. As soon as the real costs of such a system are known, the fence sitters in congress will say "no." The positive effect of the future ban on these magazines is slight, if at all, and most Congressmen know that. They are also aware of what a Pandora's box opens when you start taking people's property "for the general good."

A note for you zealous anti-firearms people. There are a lot of us out here who don't like drug users, so we feel tie-dyed shirts should be banned, if they are made after next Wednesday. Tie-dyed shirts are proven to cause drug use because followers of Grateful Dead wear them, and they are all junkies. Vegetarian behavior needs to be stopped, it leads to weak chins and minds. If you don't eat meat after Thursday next, you will be re-educated. It will be better for you. You may no longer purchase golf clubs, as we feel that men ignoring their families is the cause of suburban violence through a loss of family values. Feminist literature is banned after Friday because it takes women, who would normally try and live happily married lives, and fills them with super-sensitivity leading to low self esteem, leading to many single mothers, which Bill and Hillary have finally figured is the second leading cause of urban violence, after the proliferation of high capacity magazines. How do you like it when it's coming at you? Ignorance, I mean. That is exactly how you "gun-banners" sound to those of us who know firearms. Please stop your insane assault on our Constitution, if only because of what YOU will lose when you start dismantling it. MGN



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

FL Feb 6 - Fun Match (open competition) Full auto subgun. Match fee: \$10.00 members, \$5.00 non-members. Start time: 0900. Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club, Palm Bay, FL. Trophies and ribbons awarded. For more information write to: Fred J. Woerner, 950 N. Cocoa Blvd. #103, Cocoa, FL 32922 or call (407) 636-0925.

MARCH

FL Mar 6 - Law Enforcement Invitational Match (open competition) Full auto subgun. Match fee: \$10.00 members, \$15.00 non-members. Start time: 0900. Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club, Palm Bay, FL. For more information write to: Fred J. Woerner, 950 N. Cocoa Blvd. #103, Cocoa, FL 32922 or call (407) 636-0925.

ID Mar 12 - The St. Patrick's Day Fun Shoot! Our first warm weather fun shoot, guaranteed to cure the "cabin fever" built up over the winter. Range fee: \$4; spectators free. Parma Rod & Gun Club Range, Pearl Rd. (off US 95) 3-1/2 miles north of Parma, Idaho, with the fun beginning at 12:00 noon. Coffee, cookies, and other appropriate seasonal refreshments available in the Range House. (Sorry, no green beer on the range!) Shooters, spectators, IAWCA members and visitors are welcome! For more information call: Michael Vickers (208) 344-3244 or Jon Carter (208) 888-2829 or write: IAWCA, PO Box 7741, Boise, ID 83707-1741.

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FL Apr 3 - Spring Fun Match (open competition) Full auto subgun. Match fee: \$10.00 members, \$15.00 non-members. Start time: 0900. Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club, Palm Bay, FL. For more information write to: Fred J. Woerner, 950 N. Cocoa Blvd. #103, Cocoa, FL 32922 or call (407) 636-0925.

KY Apr 8, 9, 10 - Knob Creek Machine Gun Shoot and Military Gun Show. The nation's largest. Located just south of Louisville. For details write: Knob Creek Range, 690 Richey Lane, Westpoint, KY 40177 or call (502) 922-4457.

ID Apr 30 & May 1 - Sixth Annual Idaho State Auto-Rifle Championship. As in the past, we will offer the semi-auto shooters a chance to fire the course on Saturday, with the full auto competition being held on Sunday. A non-tactical style competition, including five courses of fire and our famous moving target machine. Entry fee: \$25*; \$15* per additional gun; spectators free. Registration at 11:00 AM both days at the Parma Rod & Gun Club Range, Pearl Rd. (off US 95) 3-1/2 miles north of Parma, Idaho. Refreshments available in the Range House. Shooters, spectators, IAWCA members and visitors are welcome! *One-half price entry fee for all female competitors. (See Mar 12 for contacts.)

MAY

FL May 1 - Central Florida Invitational Match (open competition) Full auto subgun. Match fee \$10.00 members, \$15.00 non-members. Start time: 0900. Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club, Palm Bay, FL. For more information write to: Fred J. Woerner, 950 N. Cocoa Blvd. #103, Cocoa, FL 32922 or call (407) 636-0925.

NC May 7 - Triad Action Shooting Klub (TASK) Subgun Championship. For details contact: Monty Mendenhall, 100 Wildwood, Thomasville, NC 27360.

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ID May 21, 22 - The IAWCA TAC Rifle/Pistol and TAC Submachine Gun/Pistol Competitions. These jungle-lane style events, beginning at 9:00 AM each day, will be fired 1/2 with rifle (semi or full auto) or sub-gun and 1/2 with pistol. The course will eat up a minimum of 80 rds. (semi-auto) or 120 rds. (full auto) rifle, 60 rds. of pistol ammo. Entry fees: \$15*; \$10* per additional run with different gun(s); spectators free. Nampa Rod & Gun Club Range, Bennett Road (East off 12th Ave S., 5-1/2 miles south of Mercy Medical Center) Nampa, Idaho. Shooters, spectators, IAWCA members and visitors are welcome! *One-half price entry fees for all female competitors! (See Mar 12 for contacts.)

JUNE

NH June 24, 25, 26 - The North Country Spring Machine Gun Shoot & Show. Stratford Hollow. Minute Man Shooting Club. For further information concerning lodging, campgrounds, restaurants, airports and directions write to: North Country Shoot, PO Box 357, NewBoston, NH 03070 or call: (603) 487-3884.

MONTHLY

NC 1st Sat - Triad Action Shooters Klub (TASK). Machine Gun Match held the 1st Saturday of every month. For more info write: Captain Monty Mendenhall, Triad Action Shooters Klub (TASK), 100 Wildwood, Thomasville, NC 27360 or call (919) 475-4495.

OR 2nd Sun - The Albany Rifle & Pistol Club holds submachine gun (pistol calibers only) matches on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 10:00 AM. Shooters fee \$5 non-club members are welcome at all our events. For more information write to: 100 Cedar Dr., Lebanon, OR 97355. Or call Bill (503) 982-4741 or Dick (503) 258-6811.

FL 1st & 3rd Sun - The Port Malabar Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc. conducts full auto events on the 1st and 3rd Sunday. Unless, otherwise specified, the 1st Sunday is a match and the 3rd Sunday is practice. For more information write to: Fred J. Woerner, 950 N. Cocoa Blvd. #103, Cocoa, FL 32922 or call (407) 636-0925.

AL - Alabama Submachine Gun matches will be held throughout 1994 in Birmingham, Montgomery, and Decatur, AL. Dates have not been set at this time. For more information contact: Mark Harger, PO Box 77008, Midfield, AL 35228. SASE Please or phone (205) 925-9511.

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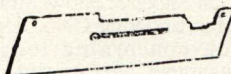
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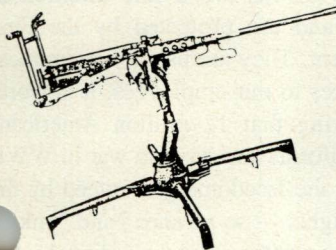


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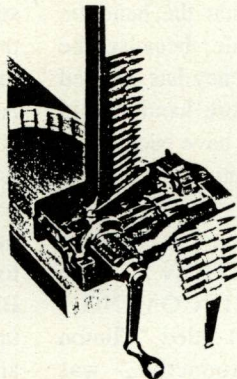
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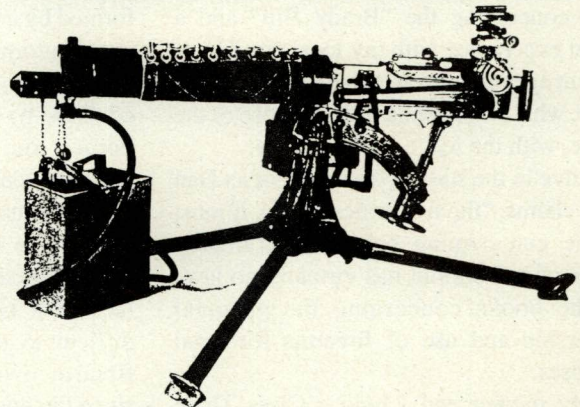
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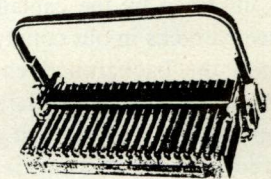
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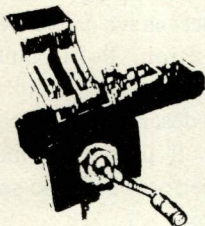


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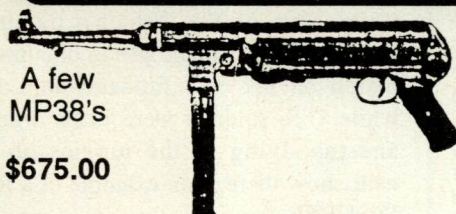
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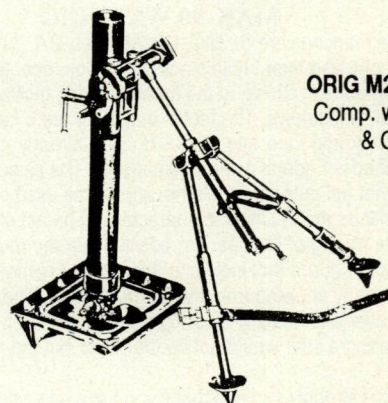
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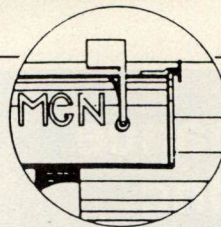
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With the constant barrage of media hype concerning the "Brady Bill" and a recent experience with my local law enforcement agencies, I felt it was time for me to share, what I consider a little glimpse of the future, with the rest of your readers.

I live in the state of Vermont, or as Dan Shea claims, "the free zones." And, if most of the gun owning public isn't already aware of it, Vermont has virtually no laws on the books concerning the personal ownership and use of firearms for legal purposes.

My partner and I hold a Class Three license in Chittenden county, and recently I attempted to transfer a NFA firearm on Form 4 for my own personal use. Since I live in a small community with no police or sheriff's department, I therefore fall under the jurisdiction of the Vermont State Police. To obtain a law enforcement signature, I was informed by the captain of the state police barracks in our county that I had to request the background check from the Commissioner of Public Safety. This came as no surprise, as I had just recently transferred an MP-40 under the same circumstances. Only this time, instead of a signed Form 4, I received a letter from the commissioner stating that "as a matter of policy I no longer provide such certification." He also stated "this is predicated upon my limited ability to do the kind of background research that I think such certificates contemplate." The letter went on to suggest that the sheriff's department or the state's attorney were authorized to do such certification. To make a long story short,

after several attempts to obtain a signature, with the same negative results, I was informed by a friend of mine who is a deputy states attorney, that the law enforcement agencies in Chittenden County had been advised, by their lawyer, not to sign the Form 4 due to the ambiguous wording of the statement requiring the signature.

Unfortunately, I can only see in the future where the law abiding citizen, who wants a handgun, can be stonewalled by the lack of a background check. It is rather difficult to gather any sympathy from most firearm owners concerning this matter since the ownership of a NFA firearm does not concern them. I only wonder what will happen when they find that the handgun they want is unobtainable, because the local law enforcement agency has decided they do not want any more handguns in their jurisdiction. I think I have been given a little glimpse into the future, and find it rather frightening.

Mike Hebert

A FINE TRADITION

The letter under "INCOMING," December 1993, (page 6) titled "Clinton Jokes and Insults Nonproductive," was amusing, entertaining, and informative. However, the writer from Oceanside, California loses contact with the reality of the situation when he recommends that insults against the Clinton Administration are counter-productive and only invites a hostile response from this Administration.

He should know better. Public figures and career politicians, especially those politicians who have devoted their lives to the goal of legislating the United States into

a Socialist Utopia with the flick of a need and benefit from learning through letters, jokes, and insults that their systematic social engineering to solve the nations social problems by disfiguring or deleting the Amendments to the Constitution, is not appreciated or permissible.

Since the time of the Founding Fathers, the voters and taxpayers of this unique nation act on the principle that government was founded by and for the people. We are the employers (we pay the \$bills), government folks are our paid employees. When our employees begin to act like our employers, we send them messages in the form of letters, jokes, and insults. If they still don't get the message, then we fire them by voting them out of office. Political jokes and insults are a fine tradition in America and are protected by the First Amendment. They are useful communication devices to our employees. It is worth remembering that 12 million Americans put on uniforms and went to war in WWII to protect the freedoms guaranteed by the Bill Of Rights — so go ahead and "yuck up" all you want, and let the political jokes and insults fly. The political dialogue that is now on-going on these issues is not an academic exercise but a blueprint for the future of our nation. Therefore, it is not a disagreement discussed over afternoon tea and crumpets as we dance the minuet with the opposition. Politicians are thick-skinned enough to take insults, and it is not in their job description to get hostile at their employers. If they don't like the insults they can perform a public service and always resign.

Finally, to the writer from Oceanside, California. An example of a real insult is a U.S. citizen posing as a student to dodge the draft while planning to become President of the United States and its Commander-in-Chief. Part of this person's training to become our President was to organize and march on his own Embassy in London while U.S. soldiers were being wounded and lay dying in the jungles of Vietnam...now there is an example of a REAL INSULT.

William Conville

10/22 FOLLOWUP:

To all those who wrote and called regarding ultimate .22 accuracy after the

MAK-90 WARNING

A California importer, whose markings are GL NIC, Los Angeles, CA., has imported some bogus MAK-90's. If you have purchased any of these thumbhole stock AK copies recently, check them for the sear position immediately. Apparently someone in China, at the manufacturing facility, ran short on semi-auto receivers. Maybe he had a quota to fill, who knows. The fact is that there are a large quantity of MAK-90 rifles made on full auto receivers, illegally imported into the U. S., and already distributed into private hands. One distributor that I have identified is Federal Arms in Minnesota. The selector side of the firearms are marked L and D, which are the Soviet full auto designations, and it was used on select fire AK's that the Chinese exported (their normal markings are in Chinese characters). The act of making a semi-auto AK into a full auto is considered to be the drilling of the sear pin position into the receiver. These MAK-90's will have 2 pins over the front of the trigger guard (not including the receiver reinforcing pin), one for the hammer, and one slightly ahead of that, clearly showing from the magazine well. The pin that is placed in there is longer than the others, extending over and actually blocking the selector lever. A patch has been welded over the sear slot in the rail, so installing a sear would not be that easy, but the receivers are still imported illegally.

These guns are contraband. I strongly suggest that if you have one, you call wherever you got it and make arrangements to get reimbursed. BATF is aware of the problem, and taking action to "round them up."

November MGN article on the 10/22 — it is nice to know that I apparently touched a nerve.

The ultimate limiting factor to 10/22 accuracy is apparently the sloppy chamber. Read C.E. Harris' excellent article on .22 accuracy on pages 181 through 185 in the '94 issue of *Gun Digest*. If your 10/22 won't shoot, the cheapest way out is to shorten the barrel 5/16" and rechamber to dimensions outlined in Harris' article. Expect to spend a lot of time hand fitting the shorter barrel into the action.

The second alternative is to drill out all the old rifling and reline and rechamber the barrel with a .22 liner from Brownell's.

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Mark White

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I am sorry, but we can be of no assistance to you in this matter.

Edward G. Rendell

At least now I and we know what "business" the City of Philadelphia is in!

Don Schwarz

PAUZA CORRECTION

The Dec. 93 issue of *Machine Gun News* listed the incorrect address for the distributors of the Pauza P-50. The distributor is: U.S. General Tech, 145 Mitchell, S. San Francisco, CA 94080, (800) 445-3300. Or you may contact Pauza at: Pauza Specialties, 1023 Gou Hole Rd., Baytown, TX 77520, (713) 383-2420.

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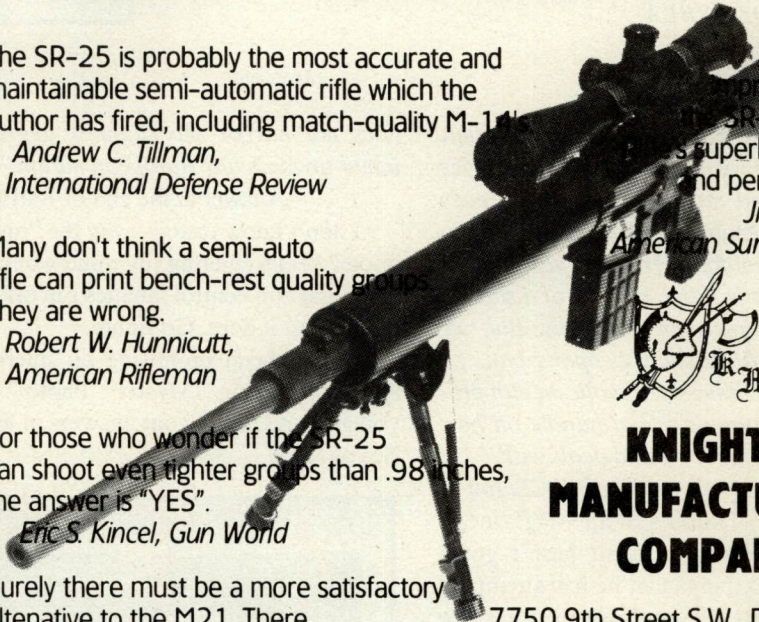
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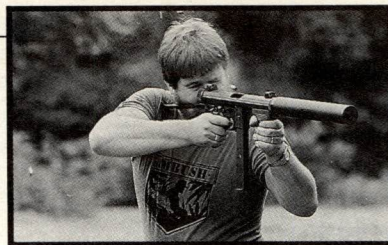
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—President Bill Clinton
(Rolling Stone Magazine)

Our esteemed President hasn't got a clue. As in all things that he has attempted in his presidency, he can't see the forest for the trees. They do not have a definition of an "assault rifle" that will work in practice. The anti-Second Amendment Rights crowd says "no bayonet lugs." We drop them off of the guns, and they say we are evading the intent of the law. Weren't the bayonet lugs the issue? Aren't the working class slobs bayoneting each other to death and causing a "health care CRISIS"? That dreaded pistol grip that protrudes below the buttstock went, and was replaced with the thumbhole stock. Now we are just changing "this or that little thing"? I thought that the thumbhole stock made it more difficult to rotate your handgrip to facilitate "butt-stroking" someone. That fearsome flash hider—we got rid of that, so the guns shouldn't be dangerous anymore. There is no distinction between a semi-auto of one type or another save appearance alone. This debate is getting ridiculously boring. I have almost reached the point of volunteering to help them draft the new gun laws, just so I can see them write something that might make sense. (Here's where I ruin my chances of being invited.) Rhodes scholar? More like a Marx scholar. Karl or Groucho, take your choice. If there was a real firearms problem here, it could be defined. Since it isn't, I have to figure that the President, et al., are running on pure emotionalism (EWWWW! That's a scary-looking gun!). Or, they have something other than our safety in mind.

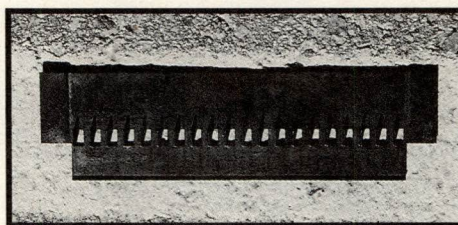
Mystery quote: "National Socialism

does not harbor the slightest aggressive intent towards any European nation."

—Answer at the end of Raffica

I don't know exactly why the "mystery quote" keeps entering my mind when I listen to the gun control fanatics run off at the mouth, but it does. Go figure.

I have been promising an interesting and challenging "Mystery Photo." Here you go, guys. Send your answers in to Raffica at MGN.



Mystery Photo.

Q I have always wondered about the highest rate of fire machine guns that have been invented. I saw in the "Archives" that Robert Bruce had a photo of a centrifugal machine gun that fired 12,000 rpm. Do you know of anything faster?

A I believe that the centrifugal machine gun self-destructed at the trials. The Gatling Gun series has to be the highest rate of fire in the industry. The electric Gatlings—Miniguns and Vulcans—can achieve some horrendous rpm's. The Vulcan 20mm runs at 2000/4000, while the .308 Mini M-134 is 4000/6000. There were a few .223 Miniguns made called "six packs," and I was told one was operated at 12,000 rpm before the inventors/operators decided it would be prudent to lower the rate to 8000. Most of the super high rates have been achieved with multiple firearms. Roger Cox shows an old Thompson catalog in his book, "The Thompson Gun." There is a picture of 28 Thompson submachine guns in tandem in an aircraft... 45,000 rpm of .45 caliber slugs hailing down from the sky!

When Ilarco was manufacturing the American 180 .22 machine gun, they embarked on a number of related projects. They had dual AM-180's on a single stock (4400 rpm) and Quad AM-180's on an M-2 tripod (8800 rpm). They also had the Quad

mounted on an ultralight aircraft. Ilarco sent me a video of this assault aircraft, and I asked them about the guys hiding behind trees with AK-47's shooting at their ultralight. It was neat but impractical as a combat aircraft. The drums run out too quick, too.

The WWII Germans had an MG-81 that fired 8mm at around 1600 rpm, and they made Duals (3200 rpm) and Quads (6400 rpm)! The guns were mounted very close together and functioned in an anti-aircraft capacity. That is faster than a Minigun!

I had an old friend who was with "Air America" Vietnam ops, trying to clear the Ho Chi Minh Trail. My friend was the kind of man who pursued an objective with the desire to excel. Ten M-134 Miniguns pointed straight down out of a C-130 was his answer to the problem. (Yes, that's 60,000 rpm.) They would fly up the trail looking for "targets of opportunity," fully a convoy headed south with supplies for the VC. Flying right over head, they would give a six second burst as they passed the convoy. This would disperse, (at 100 rds/second per gun X 10 guns X 6 seconds), 6000 rounds of 7.62x51 NATO into the area of the convoy, killing everything in sight and lifting the plane straight up like a rocket booster. Command stopped the operation because it was "inhumane." I suppose napalm would have been more delicate. Sigh. What's a mother to do.

Raffica would love to hear high rate of fire stories, so write in and try to keep them honest.

Q I've read your *Machine Gun Dealers Bible* and followed the Raffica column for many years. My favorite NFA firearm is the M-79 grenade launcher, and I have seen many articles that gave information on them. No one ever seems to address the problems an M-79 user might run into. As I am in the market to purchase one, what should I look for to clue me in that it isn't up to snuff? I figure that you are an "Thumper," and may have some good info.

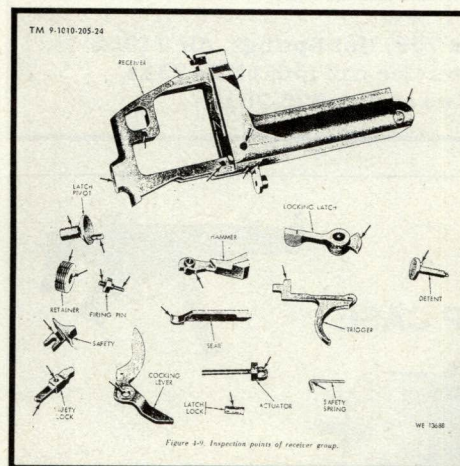
John G.

A I'm not THAT old, and I carried an M-203 on my M-16A1 for a short period

while I was in the Army. The truth be known, when I was 18 I couldn't hit the long side of a big barn at 10 feet (today I am much better with it). I had a friend who could hit a moving vehicle at 250 meters any time, using his M-79. That stuck in my mind, and when I figured out the destructive device licensing, I built my first one using a Form 1. I've since sold a number to police departments by demonstrating them as a superior tear gas launcher. At one tactical team demo in front of about 40 officers and chiefs, I accidentally drilled a rifle target with a practice round, at 100 meters. Imagine the scene... *I'm standing on the firing line explaining the ballistic accuracy differences between a smooth-bore 37mm gas gun, and a rifled barrel 40mm M-79 grenade launcher. After a short question and answer period, I turn, crack the barrel open, and insert the practice round. Conscious of all the eyes watching me, I say the "Demonstrator's Prayer": "Dear God, please, Please, PLEASE, don't let me screw up in front of all of these people." I sighted in on the rifle target at 100 meters, fervently requested once again that "Please let the round land in the vicinity of the target," centered the sights, exhaled slowly, then gently squeezed the trigger. FUMP. THWACK. A small cloud of orange powder drifted away from a round circle of orange, centered on the middle of the black rifle target. My hands shook as I made the 79 "safe," and laid it on the demonstrators table. I turned slowly and looked at the crowd, and said, "And THAT, gentlemen, is the difference between your smoothbore 37 and a rifled M-79." I walked away (on air), and left the amazed group of officers milling around the M-79. They spent the rest of the afternoon burning up all of my practice rounds, trying to hit that target, and mumbling about "That guy's amazing!" I didn't dare walk over where they were to tell them how hard the practice rounds were to get, (and would you lighten up with them, please, they're expensive), because I couldn't make that shot again in a hundred years, and to this day won't shoot ANYTHING in front of those guys.*

sive), because I couldn't make that shot again in a hundred years, and to this day won't shoot ANYTHING in front of those guys.

The best I can do for you on the examination of an M-79 is to reproduce the U.S. military's chart "Inspection Points on an M-79 Receiver" from the tech publication "TM9-1010-205-24 Organizational Maintenance Manual for 40mm Grenade Launcher, M-79." This drawing should give you the places to look for excessive wear on the receiver parts. Take the buttstock off using the flathead screw in the pistol grip section of the buttstock. Those internal parts are not cheap or easy to come by, so you can get a good idea of what you should pay based on the worn parts you will need to replace. The scarcity of parts on the market will dictate price, as usual. Barrel wear and barrel problems will be obvious as will rear sight problems. It's the receiver and internals you need some hints on, so study this chart well before you go looking.

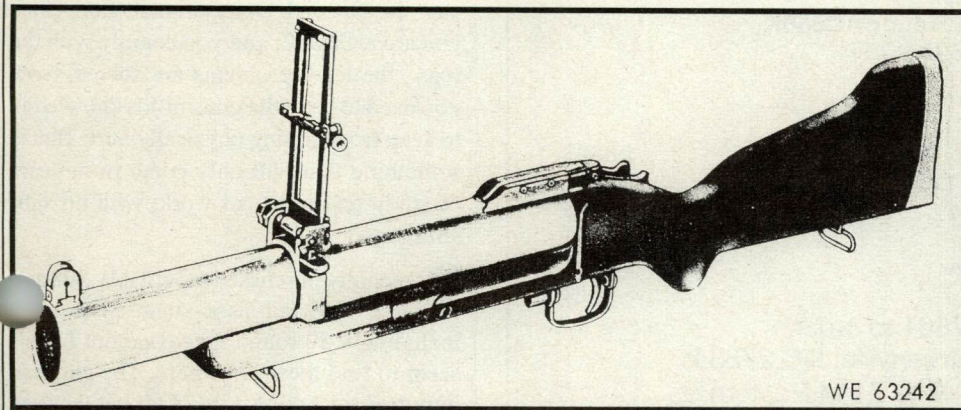


There are two other variations of the M-79 that people should be aware of. They were both "field" modifications in Vietnam. The first is the "field expedient sight." The rear sight can wear and get loose after it has been in the field for a while, making noise as the M-79 is moved. Field person-

nel know instinctively that if they want to live, they get rid of anything that makes noise, so the rear sights went. Most grenadiers could "dead reckon" a round close enough, even from a "snap." Those who wanted more accuracy fashioned a wire "peep sight" that was good for 200 meters or so. The second one is the "whippet," which is a sawed off M-79. The buttstock became a pistol grip, and the grenadier had to remember that he needed 9" of barrel in order to impart sufficient spin to the fuse on an HE round to arm it. A 7" barrel was fine for flechette or buckshot rounds. The "whippet" was worn in a leg holster (like some GI's wore a sawed off M-2 carbine), and was quite a little "back-up," when its owner would "whippet" out. (Sorry). I have seen several current manufacture "whippets," the last one at Knob Creek, made by Amtech International. Jim Pongrass showed it to me and I asked him how it kicked. He said he didn't know, he was afraid to shoot it, and would I like to try it? Having fired M-79's with both hands and an unbraced buttstock, then going with the theory that reducing barrel length proportionally reduces recoil, I tried it. I used the strong forearm grip taught in most tactical short shotgun training—no problem. I actually felt that I could get accurate with it. The next test was the "one-handed" test. Stan Andrews was there, and he jumped in. He fired a practice round, then put it down. After we got some bandages on his hand where the safety selector went through the palm of his hand, we submitted our report to Mr. Pongrass: "Whippet firing; two hands—yes, one hand—no."

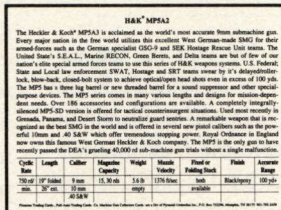
Q What can you or any of the Rafficarians tell me about a Fox Carbine, made by "FoxCo" of Norwich, CT. I think it was manufactured in the late 60's or early 70's. I've only seen one, in .45 cal, and it sort of impressed me. It had a three digit combo numerical safety, a grip safety, and was a take down model with the barrel telescoping back into the upper receiver and the stock was removable. It made a neat package.

The guy who had it said it was manufactured in three calibers, .45, 9mm and .22 cal, and that sums up my total knowledge on the piece. Does anyone have any info about dates of manufacture, numbers manufactured, who designed it, where does it stand with BATF, were any made in full auto, if so, any transferable guns out there readers? Any sources for parts, owners



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Thanks for your help Dan, and thanks to your readers. Keep up the good work. I appreciate all the great information I've gotten from you and your readers.

Thank You,
Paul

A I'm not sure the Rafficarians qualify as "readers." They tend to be passionate about their interests, and this column is just an extension of that existence. Rafficarian seems to fit. I have seen several of the "Fox" carbines, and the little that I know is that there was a factory-made drop-in pack that made the gun select fire. I am sure that somewhere, out in the ranks of the "High Priests of Rafficaria" someone has the full story on the Fox carbine, and will honor us by writing in.

Q There are thousands of individuals who illegally file, drill, and weld guns, in order to own an automatic weapon. The danger of self inflicted injury, when modifying and firing a "butchered" semi-automatic weapon, needs discussion.

How about an article addressing the dangerous results of such activity?

George K.

A George, I can't begin to tell you how much I agree. I have seen people hurt by machine guns and other contraptions, and it is almost always from an alteration that would not have been attempted if they were aware of the danger. First, the legal aspects are a total disruption of your life and finances, and possible incarceration, if you manufacture an un-taxed, unregistered NFA firearm. If caught, you will be prosecuted. Second, most semi-auto firearms are not made to handle the sustained rates of fire in full auto. Convert a semi-auto Remington 742 to full, and it probably won't be long before your face meets "Mr. Bolt."

On the other hand, if no one experimented, there would be no innovation. If you want to tinker, get the Type 07 FFL and pay the Special Occupational Tax. Once you are a Class 2, and you comply with the regs., the legal problems are solved. Now you need to have the gunsmith's knowledge to keep from getting physically hurt. That is something that will only come from years of study and practical work, with no substitutions.

Q I recently purchased a Galil AR .308 and would like to purchase some spare parts including a 50 round magazine but I can't seem to find these anywhere. The gun was imported by Action Arms Ltd. but they are

apparently out of the spares market for Galil parts (except for slings and 20 round magazines). I have been told some AK47 parts could be used but I don't think this is likely and would be dangerous to even try.

Also, I noticed the brass is damaged with a half moon-shaped dent about half way up the casing during ejection which effectively turns it into scrap. This seems to be caused by the cocking handle and I would like to know if this is normal or even a function actually designed into the gun?

A future machinegunner,
Jim M.

A You have good taste in machine guns. The Galil is considered to be a "top shelf" firearm by most shooters and military personnel. This is probably the best of the Kalashnikov style firearms, but parts interchangeability with the standard AK is extremely limited, if at all. While the dent in the brass is annoying to a reloader, it signifies a very positive ejection of the spent cartridge. This is very desirable in the military circles.

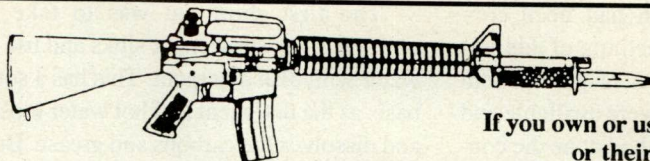
Q This month I received my first issue of the *Machine Gun News*. I have found it interesting and entertaining. I am unsure about how to submit questions to the Rafica column. I assume subscribers are able to mail their questions to you.

By any chance do you know of a source of 30 round magazines for the Belgian pattern FN-FAL rifle? I discovered that last fall D.S. Arms Inc. of Illinois had 50 of these items. They sold out in two weeks. They were of one-piece construction and fitted the Belgian pattern rifles. I was told in a telephone conversation that they were either of Belgian or South African origin. They were not two 20 round magazines cabled together or the modified Canadian type. Do you know anything about this or where a person might get something of this type?

Do you know of a source of high quality steel 30 round CAR 15/M16 magazines?

I used to live in Texas and enjoyed seeing the machine guns at various shows in Dallas and Fort Worth. I saw a number of guns I thought I never would see. I have been curious about the following matter. Is the full auto version of the 7.62 x 54R Tokarev military rifle, the AVT, made by adding full auto parts to the semi-auto rifle? Or is the AVT a different rifle altogether with a different receiver? Could you direct me to literature or a knowledgeable person on this subject?

At the gun shows in Texas I saw com-



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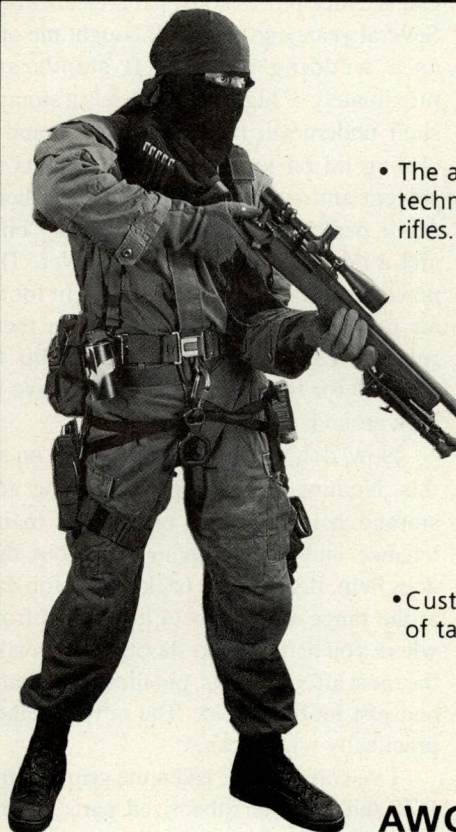
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mercial CAR-15's which had been converted to full auto. Is something of this sort safe? I was told that a set of government M16 receiver blueprints were available and that a qualified machinist had done the conversion work. I would be concerned that a firearm of this type would blow up when fired.

Sincerely,
Robert

A In these days of the "magazine panic," I don't have any reliable sources at hand. If you guys out there know where 30 round FAL mags or good M16 mags are, clue us in.

I am going to send out to the Raf-ficarians out there for more info on the select fire AVT. It is a modification of the semi-auto rifle, but there are "more than subtle" differences here that I do not know.

Regarding the AR-15 conversions... they are very simple for someone who knows what to do and has the mechanical ability. At MGN we have a standing policy that we don't publish "How-to's" on converting semi's to full auto without a registered conversion device. There is no way to make a legal M16 out of an AR-15 by drilling the sear hole, using the registered AR-15 sears that are on the market. The act of drilling the receiver for the sear position is the act of making a machine gun out of the semi-auto. That is illegal for private ownership. If you don't know the problems to look for, you should have a competent Class 2 gunsmith look at it before you buy. One very obvious one is that the sear hole is drilled on an angle through the receiver. This was a common mishap when the "manufacturer" used a drill press and drilled both sides in the same motion. Bit drift can cause the sear to be seated in an improper relationship to the bolt carrier. Nightmares follow. Many times this can be picked up by the naked eye. Look at both sides of the receiver and see if the sear hole is in the same location on both sides, using the other holes that are factory milled as a reference.

Q While in the military I'd been told three different methods of getting weapons clean (actually only one method and two short cuts). The first and what is actually still arguably the best... repeated disassembly and cleaning (three times or until your #@%*\$@! armorer passes it). This takes both time and elbow grease. But it does cause you to catch the missed spots from the first cleaning and the solvents do cause the crud to loosen up and "sweat" free.

The first short cut was to take the weapon to the showers or sinks and use hot water with dish detergent. This has a sound basis as the detergent and hot water loosens and dissolves the carbons and grease. But if you don't get it really clean after that... a couple of missed drops of water and a weapon that's put away and not checked, could result in a rusty, frozen mess.

The second way, and the one I prefer, is using a solvent. Now I wasn't able to help the individual who asked, with a source for MIL-Spec solvent. I do pass along the following suggestions; go to a bulk petroleum plant, they handle all sorts of these things. Get either straight automotive parts solvent, kerosene or the mix I personally prefer, a 50/50 mix of the two.

I found that straight solvent left the parts too dry and susceptible to rust, just from humidity. Kerosene left them with an oily film, though they were better protected. The mix breaks through the grease and carbon left after a good shoot and still leaves a slight film in the nicks and crannies, protecting the weapon from getting really gummy or rusty during storage. One thing you want to always remember though is never use gasoline!!!

Now another thing which helps to this end is a nice professional parts-cleaner bin. Several years ago, my wife bought me one as a wedding present. It stands approximately 3' high (on legs), has a storage shelf underneath (for us pack rats) and a closing lid on top. It holds 10 gallons of solvent and is equipped with a 1/2 shelf, small perforated submersible parts "bin" and a "goose neck" flexible sprayer. The newer ones even have an attachment for an air pressure sprayer line. I've seen them retail for anywhere from \$125.00 to \$450.00 for the same unit, so you have to look around.

Now, don't go getting me wrong on all this. Nothing replaces good cleaning and storage habits, proper oiling and maintenance and tender loving care...but this does help. If you come back from a fun day at the range and maybe a long drive from where you had to go to shoot, you can take the most affected parts, put them in the tank and just let them soak. The next day they practically wipe clean.

I've come home, taken the grips off my UZI and the four rubberized parts off my M-60 and dropped the whole weapon(s) in the tank! You do have to put the receiver and barrel from the M-60 in as two separate items, but the tank is big enough that all

these parts will fit at once. Then just let them soak, an hour, a day, a week or more, doesn't matter. When you get em' out, a simple wipe is all that is necessary. Corrosive salts from cheap import ammo will be neutralized and carbon and even some lead fouling will almost wipe right off. Besides that, I've never had a problem with rust on even the smallest missed spot lap welded together, thanks to the kerosene oil film. Anybody have any other suggestions, I'd love to hear them, I love to shoot, I hate to clean.

Now, one more thing before I go... You have mentioned sometime back, (when we were hashing out the causes of runaways), a book, possibly hardbound, that was out or was coming out on the history, development, changes to variants of the M-60 GPMG. I must tell you I've scoured book stores, military gun shows and book clubs for this to no avail. If you have heard about it, maybe seen it, or know the publisher and possibly the release date, and you can enlighten me on this I'd appreciate it. Keep up the good work.

Yours faithfully,
Richard M.

A Nice dissertation on your cleaning method—I'm sure that many of the shooters out there can identify with wanting to save time on cleaning—myself included. I know of another manufacturer who uses straight mineral spirits in his parts washer. I've used mine for cleaning the cosmoline off of 1919 belt loaders, among other things. They are very handy.

Sadly, I still have no word on the M-60 book. If anyone hears anything about it, let me know, please.

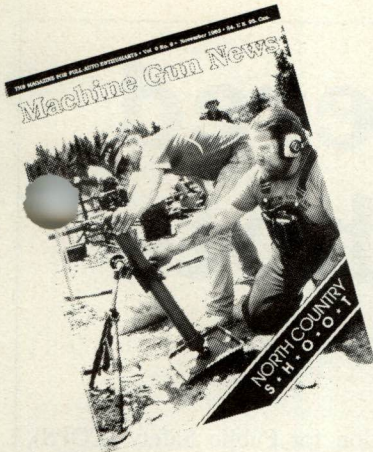
The "Mystery Quote" at the beginning was from Adolph Hitler in 1935. I use it here to remind you all that "Nazi" stood for "National Socialist," and to be aware that the people who are the most ardent supporters of gun control are almost all avowed "Socialists." It is not as innocuous a term as it appears, and we should make it a point to stand against them every time they try to disarm us. "Crime control" is not the real objective for many of these folks. Power is.

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Scattered Shots

by KEN CARTER

It was enough to make your stomach roll.

Slick Willie—pardon me; “President Bill Clinton, the hunter”—decked out with crisp new camo and a shotgun and cooling his buns in a duck blind, trying to convince America’s gun-owners he’s “one of the boys.”

Apparently, his advisors decided that recent election results in New Jersey and Virginia could bode ill for the administration unless the President softens his anti-gun image. What better way than with a little “Look at me, I’m a hunter!” photo-op excursion into the Maryland marshes at tax-payer expense?

Do you suppose we’re really as stupid as he thinks we are?

Correct me if I’m wrong, but isn’t this the same Bill Clinton who told *Rolling Stone* magazine that he thought he would be able to ban handguns within five years?

Alright, class. Anyone who thinks this guy has any moral substance at all hold up your hand.

Hummm.

Okay. How about one finger?

By the time you read this, the trial of the surviving Branch Davidians will be underway in San Antonio, where the proceedings were moved on a change-of-venue. Jury selection is due to commence in mid-January.

But the eleven members of the Waco religious commune facing charges stemming from the disastrous February 28 shootout aren’t the only ones on trial; government agents, whose actions ultimately resulted in the deaths of some 100 men, women and children, including four federal officers, face the task of convincing the jury—and the American people—that those actions were necessary.

We will endeavor to keep you informed.

In the Sept. ’93 issue of *MGN*, I reviewed the videotape, *Waco, the Big Lie*,

produced by Linda Thompson of the American Justice Federation. Included in the review was a sequence of photographs taken from the video showing a tracked vehicle with what appeared to be flames emitting from its turret.

The narration accompanying the scene states, “The following footage proves beyond any doubt that the tanks intentionally set the house on fire. It proves that the Branch Davidians were murdered.”

This segment of tape, and the photos run in *MGN*, generated intense interest, not only on the part of a public already stunned by the use of military equipment and tactics against American citizens, but among Justice Department investigators charged with drafting a report on the FBI’s role in the affair.

On page 306 of the “Report to the Deputy Attorney General on the Events at Waco, Texas - Feb. 28 to Apr. 19, 1993,” released Oct. 8, is the following comment: “The evidence shows that none of the CEVs [Ed. Combat Engineering Vehicles] was outfitted with any device capable of emitting fire or flames. We also had each CEV examined for evidence of charring or fire. No such evidence was found.”

It adds, “U.S. Army maintenance personnel who were present in Waco, and who were responsible for CEV-1, were also interviewed and shown a copy of Ms. Thompson’s videotape. They could offer no explanation for the appearance of any fire at the end of the boom. Neither CEV-1, nor any other vehicle, was outfitted with any flamethrowing apparatus.”

Granted, the statement is part of the same report that found the FBI and Attorney General Janet Reno blameless for circumstances leading to the fiery deaths of the scores of people inside the compound, a report that has been widely dismissed as “whitewash.” That being so, many have refused to assign it credibility.

I was skeptical, too, when I was told by Mike McNulty, Chairman of the California

Organization for Public Safety (COPS), that his organization had video evidence showing that what appeared to be flame was, in fact, sunlight reflecting from debris clinging to the front of the tank.

You may be aware that COPS, described by McNulty as a grassroots think tank, was a prominent player in the fight to force the issuance of handgun carry permits in Los Angeles and is combatting aspects of the California “assault rifle” ban.

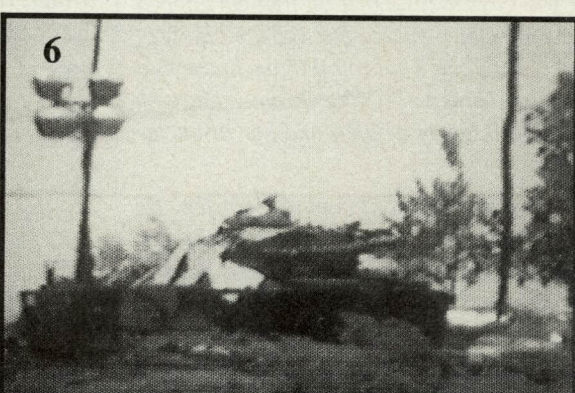
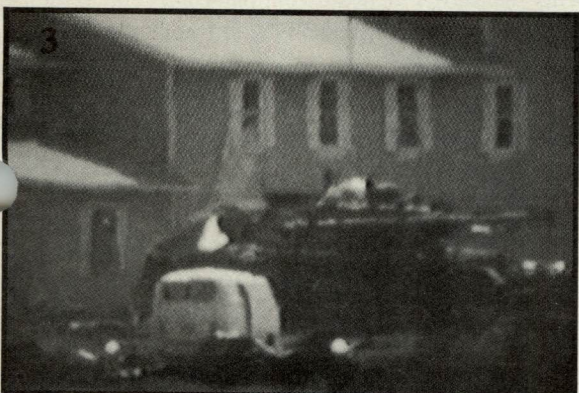
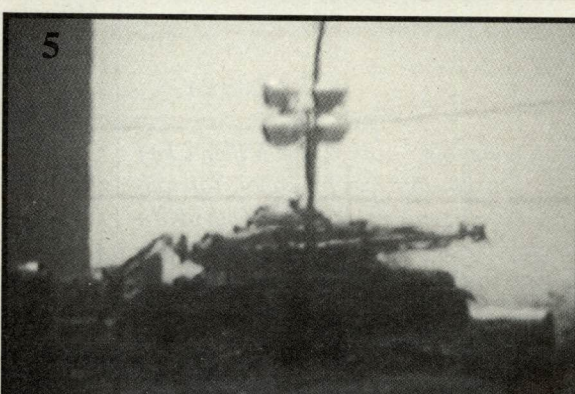
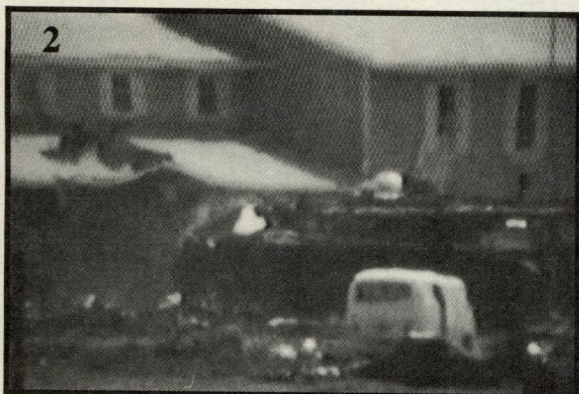
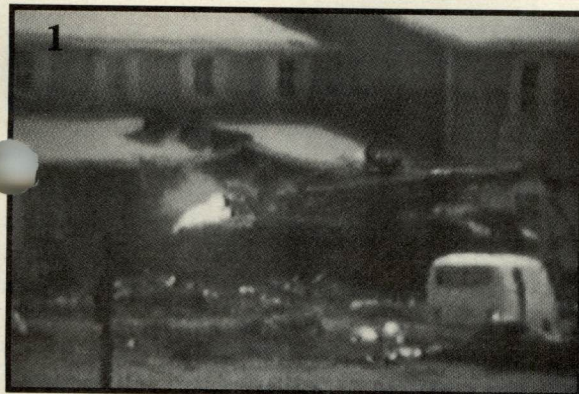
McNulty said that he, too, was convinced by the Thompson tape...until he viewed an uncut version of the same CBS footage used in making *The Big Lie*.

After he agreed to supply me with a copy of the tape, I dug out my American Justice Federation videotape for another look. Although determined to keep an open mind, I had difficulty believing that I wasn’t seeing fire; the flame-like image appeared to flicker, and there was a puff of what seemed to be smoke. On close examination, I noticed that although the “flame-thrower” tank was shown entering and withdrawing from the building two times, this was actually the same scene, repeated.

As I mentioned in my review, there were other conclusions drawn by the narrator with which I disagreed, or that I felt were questionable. Nonetheless, when the COPS tape arrived, I was on the alert for any signs of high-tech tampering.

There was really no need. The videotape is fairly unsophisticated, consisting of continuous, evidently unedited segments that show the tank as it backs away from the building, for a distance of approximately 50 feet. To be doubly sure, I enlisted the aid of an experienced video engineer who works daily with such effects as digitalization and morphing, which is the blending of one image with another. He expressed virtual certainty that no “doctoring” had been done.

Compared side-by-side, the video image is obviously the same as that used by



created by reflected sunlight.

Is it conceivable that whoever was responsible for editing the segment used in *Waco, the Big Lie* also saw the tape in its entirety, and deliberately cut it to create the impression given? I would like to think not.

The COPS tape goes on to present credible evidence raising the possibility that tank-happy federal agents themselves started at least two of the three fires attributed to the Davidians...if not on purpose, then accidentally, as they set about demolishing a structure known to be constructed of tinder-dry lumber and illuminated by kerosene and Coleman-fuel lanterns.

Those in the government have enough sins to answer for in this matter, without having the issue clouded by false charges. To do so only damages the credibility of their accusers.

Those who would see justice done will be better served by sticking to the truth.

At present, COPS is limiting distribution of its tape to major news

organizations. Any qualified media interested in obtaining a copy should contact:

Michael J. McNulty, Chairman
California Organization for Public Safety
1451 South Rimpau Avenue, Suite 214
Corona, CA 91719

Best Quote

"Bill Clinton says his gun control policies don't have anything to do with hunting. Tell him neither does the Second Amendment!"

- Paul Harvey, Dec. 29, '93

1) Photo shows alleged "flame" as depicted in *Waco, the Big Lie*. What appears to be smoke is actually debris pulled from building that subsequently collapses across left side of bright area, creating "flickering" effect.

2-4) This sequence, not included in *Waco* tape, shows pattern of brightness has stabilized and no longer "flickers", maintaining essentially the same shape as tank backs away from building (note hooked "tail" at top of triangle);

5) Camera pans right to follow tank as it clears corner of building. Debris on front of vehicle is now plainly visible;

6) As tank turns away from camera, reflection spreads to reveal what appears to be a large section of tan wallboard leaning against turret.

Thompson, although the quality is somewhat better. However, in the COPS version, rather than stopping the video at the point where the illusion of flame is most apparent, as in the AJF tape, the camera continues to follow the vehicle as it backs clear of the building and executes a turn until the front of the tank is quartering toward the camera. The result is shown in the accompanying photos. (The progression is easier to follow on the tape, of course, and the image is clearer, due to the limitations imposed by photographing a

video screen.)

McNulty also includes another take of the same sequence that was taped by the local NBC affiliate, viewed from what appears to be a slightly greater distance. This tape has the station's logo superimposed in the lower left-hand corner of the frame, which would make it even more difficult to edit.

As certain as I previously was that the tank was spewing fire, I am now more convinced that what appeared to be flame was nothing more than an optical illusion

The Interview: Wayne Miller, Chief of NFA Branch, ATF

by DAN SHEA

There has been a long-standing offer from Wayne Miller, Chief of the National Firearms Act Branch, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, (NFA Branch, ATF), to sit for an interview with MGN. I have tried to get down there for many months, but I am usually carrying a load of machine guns to a show, and have an aversion to Washington, D.C. when I have firearms. I finally made a special trip to interview this key member of the government team that all NFA licensees deal with. I went "sans firearms" (well, most of them anyway, it wouldn't do for you guys to read that an RKI got zapped by a street punk with a "Raven" while walking through the "Belly of the Beast"- Washington, D.C.). Class 2 gunsmith Stan Andrews was along for the pilgrimage to Aberdeen Proving Grounds Museum (another story in an upcoming issue of MGN), and sat in on the interview.

Mr. Miller was an attentive and pleasant man to interview. He showed us around the Branch, introducing us to various people who had been "voices on the phone" until this meeting. I had a preconceived notion of NFA Branch being one open room with a group of examiners huddled together under an avalanche of paperwork. Instead I found a thoroughly modern office, partitioned into reasonably sized working cubes that are the signpost of efficient, modern offices. There are security concerns regarding much of the physical activity that occurs in NFA, and I chose not to photograph the examiners and the general work stations, although I was free to do so. Many of the systems that were in place for processing the paperwork were instituted under Wayne Miller's direction. He seemed the proudest of his achievements in streamlining those procedures, and continually referred to the NFA Branch as a "service," with customers to deal with. I got no feeling of hypocrisy in those statements, as some politicians seem to elicit when they make similar remarks. Miller seemed sincere in his desire to keep NFA Branch as a high quality Registry, trying to reduce errors and increase service levels to NFA dealers, law enforcement and the public.

This interview was agreed to on a "non-adversarial" framework, meaning that the purpose was to increase awareness of the Class 3 world for the system that they deal with, not to attack the agency for any current situations. We did hit on some controversial topics, and Miller stepped right into them. In all, I felt that I was dealing with someone who was comfortable in the control of his agency, and at the same time a man who "rides hard, shoots straight, and speaks the truth," somewhat of an anachronism in a modern government position. Make up your own minds, from straight talk that was taped during the interview....

Evan Wayne Miller is a native of the North Carolina mountains. He graduated from North Carolina State University in 1968, and then went for the other 1960's degree, serving in the United States Army from 1969-71, with one tour in Vietnam. I was doing the normal "check out the bookshelf" routine while in his office, and noted many wildlife guides to birds, mammals and tracks, mixed in with the business books on efficient management. Good clues into what interests and motivates a person. He lists hunting, fishing, and music as hobbies, and I couldn't help thinking that Miller might have preferred looking out at a hazy dawn over the Smoky Mountains, than the rough section of D.C. that is framed in the window of his fifth floor office in the new ATF building. Miller's career spans twenty-five more years of public service after fulfilling his wartime military obligation, all with the ATF. Miller had five years as an inspector, then two years as Firearms and Explosives Coordinator for the midwest region, two years as a Specialist at headquarters, nine years as Chief Analyst in Atlanta, and three years as Chief of the Firearms and Explosives Operations Branch. He is currently in his fourth year as Chief of NFA Branch. Wayne Miller lives in the D.C. suburbs with his wife and daughter.

MGN: Wayne I want to thank you for taking the time out to talk with us.

Miller: It's my pleasure, I've heard your name a lot and never had the chance to meet you. Stan it's also nice to meet you.

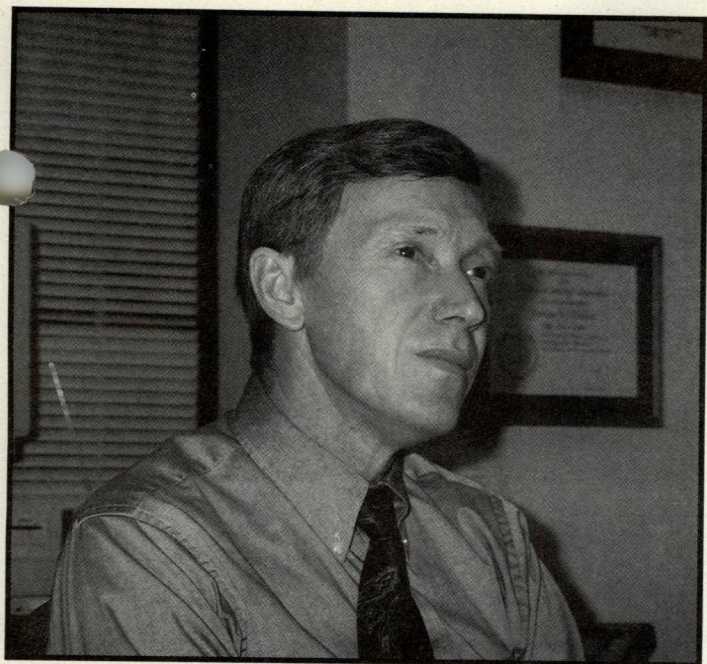
MGN: I've been looking forward to this conversation for a long time. Suppose we jump right in—let's start with the working relationship between the public and NFA Branch...

Miller: In starting this I'd like to state up front that I see our relationship with the NFA industry as very positive, a good relationship. We have rough spots occasionally, where problems come up, but I don't think its anything we can't solve through better communication. Increased communication, well, that's a key to any business venture, in any relationship you have to have open communications. We try to do that through the Firearms Newsletter and through people writing to us. I think communication about NFA matters is best written because it's very technical in nature and there are a lot of variables. We encourage people to do it in writing. That sounds very bureaucratic but it protects everybody for the historical record. If it's in a letter the question is clearly stated and the answer is clearly stated. If I need any Technology input or any Counsel input I can get that. I can have my research specialists look into it. Gary Schaibel, Colleen Davis or Denise Brown or one of the other specialists can get back to you.

MGN: Colleen is back? She is very sharp, I've always enjoyed dealing with her.

Miller: Yes, she came back over from Operations and we are glad to have her back. It was a good experience for her to work over there, away from the NFA realm for awhile, but she is such an NFA expert, and a resource to the Branch. I'm very glad to have her back.

MGN: There have been quite a few instances where people have misinterpreted what they were told in a telephone conversation. There was a period of time when NFA branch was coming down to the Knob Creek Shoot and actually having a meeting where they could get out and talk to the dealers and people in the NFA Class 3 business. Is that something that has been stopped?



Miller: Its been budget trouble, we have very little money. The people here have to travel to attend court cases and testify in court and that sort of thing. There is very little incidental travel. We don't go to conferences or seminars either. We get a very small slice of the pie in terms of travel budget, but if money were available we could come to the Knob Creek Shoot. We get the flyer on it each year. It's not something we're told we can't do, money is just in short supply.

MGN: About the National Firearms Act Registry itself....

Miller: The NFA system was a file card system from the start in the 30's. We automated in 1983 and put all those cards on a database.

MGN: I've seen references, in charts, of firearms that were registered before 1934. The record keeping goes back to 1920.

Miller: That would be older files. The Registry was actually formed under the National Firearms Act, which was passed in 1934. The Registry was as it is now, and was kept by serial number and manufacturer, under that law.

MGN: The nature of the information that was kept in the Registry is specialized tax information. I've had a lot of requests for information from readers to try and learn how many of each type of firearm there are, how many Thompson guns, how many BAR's, etc. Is that something that is feasible to do?

Miller: That would be a major undertaking. We just automated in 1983, and we are still trying to get the database to the point where we would like to have it. Money is hard to get, and we can't get the equipment or software for things we need to carve out as much specific information as we would like. We do have total numbers of weapons by state, NFA weapons, machine guns, silencers and that sort of thing. You're talking about much more detail. That information wouldn't really have a bearing on what we do here as part of the Registry.

MGN: You have stated that you want 100% accuracy of the Registry. It is a pretty common observation among the long term dealers that the Registry is pretty far off. Estimates range 20 to 30% off. Many times I have been called and told that you don't even have the gun I'm trying to transfer in the Registry. Sometimes it's

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A little common sense goes a long way when you are transporting firearms. We try to work with the industry and these are little things but we think it means something out there in the trade.

an NFA firearm that I have manufactured myself. That's scary. At one point I had a 60mm mortar that I manufactured and a year later you had no record of it in the Registry. When I was told that it wasn't even in the Registry and I had to produce paper and turn it in, it made me awfully nervous.

Is there some solution to get the Registry caught up?

Miller: Let's address errors in the Registry. It's far below any 20 or 30 percent. The Registry isn't 100% perfect, but it doesn't have the level of errors you might think it does. Let's say a manufacturer goes into business as ABC Guns as a partnership, and then formed a corporation, becoming XYZ Guns. Our system can't automatically cross-reference. If an Inspector calls in and says he needs everything registered to XYZ Guns, we'll pull up a list of everything XYZ Guns made. The inspector will come back and say, wait a minute, they've got 50 more guns than you show. It's gotten so we ask if the dealer had another trade name, or give us a serial number off of one of the weapons and we'll go into the system to see if there was another trade name. Then we can put the whole picture together. Many times it's something as simple as a name change that's occurred or a serial number transposition, maybe a misspelling in a name. If the examiner put "Shea" in as "Shae." That weapon might not come up in your name. Generally speaking, if you have a specific serial number, it's been my experience in the 3 1/2 years that I've been here, I can turn to the computer and call up that serial number, and I can find it virtually 100% of the time. None of the minor errors resident in the Registry has ever resulted in a serious problem in a court case. If you start talking names you have more variables, but with serial numbers's, the system is very accurate. Error's concern me very much. In the data base enhancements we are talking about doing, I would like to be able to cross-reference everything. We aren't to that point yet but we are striving to get there. A problem might show up in the serial number of a weapon, if somebody put an S in front of it or left the S off, the firearm might be in the Registry with or without the prefix. It depends on how the paperwork came in. There are some little glitches in the system but our records have stood up in court consistently over the years. When we do a certification it goes to court and the evidence is reviewed. The Registry has held up consistently and there hasn't been any evidence of a 30% failure.

MGN: Occasionally an Amnesty piece shows up where somebody has to prove they have the paperwork.

Miller: That is going back to a period that was a heavy transition, 1968. In a case like that, remember the manual card file updating was all done by people keystroking information into the machine from the cards. Suppose a number got transposed. If you send me a copy of your Form 4467, 2 or 3, and it's legit, we look at that

particular document. We have microfilm rolls of the original documents. We look at that date on the film and if we find the form we'll probably find a mistake. Generally we accept your documentation unless we find there is some fraudulent aspect of the document you are submitting. If you have a Form 3 Wayne Miller approved March of 93 and you send it in and we start checking around and that weapon never existed, then we probably won't go along with that document you furnished. If we can go back and find the Form 2 and Form 3 and make the connection there (we'll find it 9 times out of 10 or better) on the microfilm. There is nowhere near a 20 or 30% error rate in the system. I will stand by the Registry.

MGN: At *Machine Gun News* we have tried to open the communications up and tried to clarify for the general population what the laws are. One of the things I've run into is a hesitancy by Class 3 dealers or individuals who own firearms to contact NFA. Many of them have firearms that they believe were registered during the Amnesty or before, possibly brought back from World War II but they are afraid to contact the government and give a serial number or a name. I get asked quite frequently if there is some way we can rectify that problem.

Miller: Calling is not going to trigger a problem, unless the weapon is not registered. If they write to me and say they've got serial number such and so Thompson SMG or German machine gun, and think granddad had it registered but he's dead and we just don't know, we'll try to answer that person's question. If it isn't registered it's contraband, and we would advise them to contact the local ATF law enforcement office and make arrangement to abandon the weapon. There is no provision to register an item that wasn't registered during the grace period of 1968.

MGN: Is there a provision to donate the weapon to a museum?

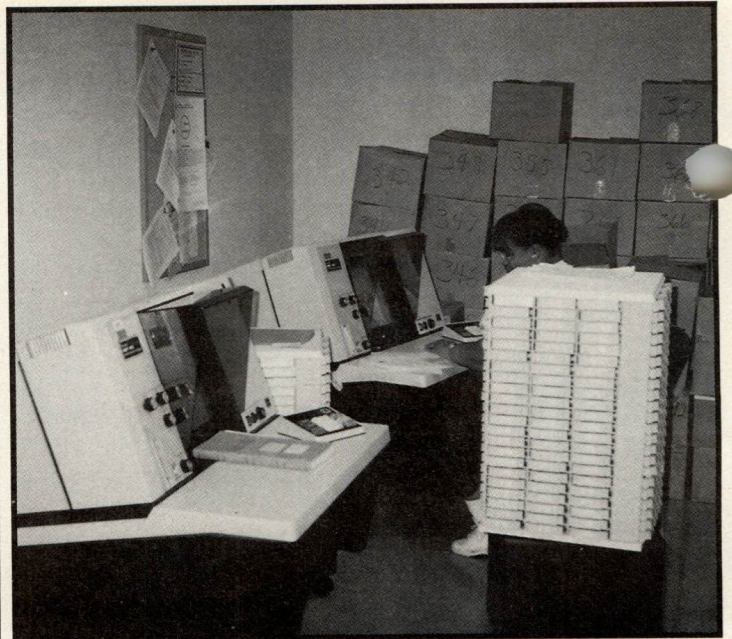
Miller: You could donate it to a police dept, or to a state or government sponsored museum, even have your granddad's name associated with it. Private museums are just like individuals or corporations, they can't register contraband items. A sheriff's department or police dept or a qualified museum can register these items on a Form 10.

MGN: That brings around an interesting question. Is it necessary for a law enforcement agency to register NFA firearms that are in their possession?

Miller: The Federal agencies are exempt under the National Firearms Act. It says any NFA firearms except those in the hands of the U.S. government must be registered. Police departments have to register NFA firearms. All they need do is call us and say they seized this gun in, for example, a drug raid, it's something they can use and they would like to register it for official use. We send them the Form 10 and they register it. It's not a complicated process.

A note about the M14's—the Defense Department is now giving out to police departments, they have to Form 10 those weapons. We are trying to contact the P.D.'s through the International Assoc. of Chief of Police, various trade publications, telling them to contact us and we can help them get them into the Registry using a Form 10. The military is working with us telling us who got what, when.

MGN: It is my understanding there are over 20,000 M14's put out to police departments. That's a major consideration. Interestingly enough most police officers are under the misconception they can personally own non-registered items.



The microfiche system that the NFA Registry is stored on.

Miller: These weapons were never previously registered. They were made under contract for the U.S. government, so when they Form 10 them into the Registry they are being registered after May 19, 1986. An individual possessing a Post-86 weapon would be in violation.

MGN: Back to individuals. Can they just call in and see if the firearm is registered?

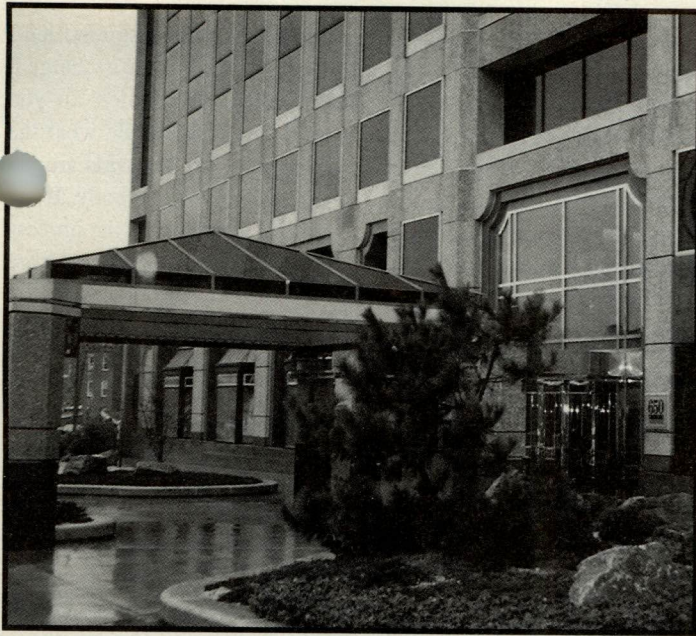
Miller: Right. Let's say granddad's dead and you think it's his gun. Before we disclose information to an individual who calls in, we are going to need some evidence of a relationship between the caller and the registered owner. If the person is deceased, we need to know who the executor of the estate is, and if there is a power of attorney issued to this person. My people have constraints. They can't just talk to people or put in writing anything about what is contained in the Registry. It is tax information. It's protected just like your tax return is with the IRS. It's under 6103 of the Internal Revenue code. If I or my people disclose it, they are personally liable for making that disclosure. So, we try to be very careful about who we are talking to.

MGN: Because of the tax status of the information involved, does that extend to being unable to give information to the different states about who the owners are?

Miller: Yes; we can't disclose information to the different states. Law enforcement has certain exemptions to 6103, if there is imminent threat to a person's life, if we know of a mental defective, someone who has gotten deranged and might be a threat to the public. If the Sheriff's Department calls in, the Associate Director for Law Enforcement could authorize a disclosure of information. Any agency who gets this information has to guarantee the same level of protection as would be provided by ATF, which is "non-disclosure."

MGN: What about with individual dealers? Lets say a Class 3 dealer discloses that somebody owns a firearm, is he violating a tax law?

Miller: No, this is strictly a requirement imposed on Federal employees. You can tell anybody what you have in inventory or what you see and you're not violating 6103. I think it's very wise



The NFA Branch is located in this building in Washington D.C.

for you folks to be self-policing and particularly conscious because this is your stock in trade. The more aberrant things that happen with firearms, the more restrictions the legislature is going to try to impose on your business. It makes good sense for you to be self policing of your customers, and we encourage that. The same is true if someone writes to me and says they know something about a transaction that occurred in 1986, then it's incumbent on us to look into that. There is voluntary compliance, industry self-policing, and people who won't comply—then we get law enforcement involved.

MGN: (Stan) A lot of the people that Dan and I deal with tend to police themselves, and tend to have more records than needed. I have a copy of every transaction I've done.

Miller: We appreciate the fact that you do this and it's refreshing to run into the dealers that go beyond requirements. However, we are not implying that people keep more than they are required to.

MGN: (Dan) Most knowledgeable dealers do. Let's get into the transfer process...

Miller: What we look at first is if the dealer or manufacturer who is selling the gun is properly licensed, is his license current, has he paid the special occupational tax, is the tax stamp information identical to what's on the license. If you're "ABC Guns" on your special tax stamp and you're "XYZ Guns" on your license, it must be corrected. You will get your paperwork back, to resubmit when you've got SOT and license in agreement. The reason for that is you've paid the liability of the special occupational tax payer, and if you just had an SOT stamp without an FFL, you couldn't deal in or make firearms. You've got to have all of the necessary qualifying documents. So the first thing the examiner does is make sure the licensing is correct.

A Form 4 is a transfer of a weapon to an individual or to a non-licensed, non-special taxpayer, and the \$200 tax is due. Say you're going to sell a gun to a private citizen in your State and you submit the Form 4. The first thing the Form 4 does is come into our mailroom. It's delivered to our box, the envelope is opened, the form removed, and the date is stamped on the back. Then it's sent

over to the control clerk's desk, he or she will put that Form 4 and fingerprint cards in the folder and they will put a control number on the documents. It's usually a PC, a PJ, or PB number, depending on the alphabetical designation of the transferor. Then that file with the fingerprint cards and all the enclosed documents will go to an examiner. The examiner studies the documents, and examines the fingerprint cards to see if the cards are classifiable. Generally you can tell. If a police department takes your hand and dabs your fingerprints on, that card is not classifiable. Each finger has to be rolled nail to nail. Some departments are good at that, while some don't know how to take prints. We may have to send the cards back. Let's say the cards are okay. One of the cards goes to the FBI for processing. That can take as long as ninety days, but generally it takes around sixty. The FBI has even more paperwork than we do. They do fingerprint cards for every agency, every police department all over the country, so they have a back log too. That is why it takes so long for individual transfers. We check your FFL status, your SOT status, make sure that every thing matches up and that it's current. Then we will check the state laws, check to see if this individual has ever had any guns before, any NFA weapons. We make sure that (based on what we see), the transfer is legal and that the individual is qualified. We do our own criminal records checks. The FBI fingerprint card comes back, which may be sixty or seventy five days down the road. If there is a hit, it will show the arrest, the arresting agency, the nature of the charge, and if there was a court date. It should show the disposition of the case, often times it doesn't. The department that arrested and the court system didn't close the loop. So we have an unresolved arrest record. I then have to send out a letter to the transferee and inform him we have a record of an arrest. Here is the date, the name of the arresting agency, and we need a disposition of that. We give them 30 days. If we haven't heard from him in 30 days, we have to close this transfer out. The reason for that is we can't keep pending applications forever. When I came over here we had some applications that were two years old. People were complaining so I put the burden back on the transferee. Here is what we need, you get it to us in 30 days or let us know that you are trying to get it. Then we will work with you. We won't necessarily close the file if we hear from you in 30 days, but we want some response from you that you are getting that issue resolved and that you are getting the information that was requested. He gets the information to us, the clerk of court certified that the case was dismissed and he was put on six months probation and it's not a felony. That comes back to me, we can then approve the transfer. All of these are questions that the examiner has to resolve. It's not a case of just get the paperwork in, and rubber stamp it and send it out. It's an involved process. Maybe the industry at large doesn't realize the level of steps that the examiner has to go through to make sure that the recipient is qualified.

MGN: What about the state laws.

Miller: We go over the state law books that we have and any addenda that we have added to that. I've written to the Attorney General of all the states and I have asked them to give me current state laws. We keep files on all state laws. Suppose they suddenly say all machine guns are banned in the state of Maine. I would know that and would then notify all my examiners. Private citizens could no longer own machine guns in the state of Maine and that would slam the door.

MGN: (Dan is visibly agitated) That IS just an example, right?

Miller: Oh yeah, it's just hypothetical. I was using Maine as an example, New York would be a better example. If I get an application to transfer a machine gun to an individual in that state, I can't.

MGN: In New York there are exceptions as I recall, for peace officers.

Miller: The state laws are specific as to what they require and if they have an exception it's listed in the state statutes. My people will pick that up and say yes you are a qualified police officer and you are exempt in that state.

MGN: Do you have a chart that specifically goes state by state that shows what can and can't be done ?

Miller: Our examiners use a publication that we call our Branch Guide. We have a little summary of state law requirements and what is required such as permits from the sheriff or state permits or whatever.

MGN: Would it be possible to get a copy of that?

Miller: No, I'd rather not give out an internal guideline. State laws are changing so fast that the chart is constantly changing, and I wouldn't want anyone who doesn't have full access to our info to use it as a guide.

MGN: I had to make my own up and it was a lot of work. Just wishing. You made a comment about the applicant with a police record getting his Form 4 APPROVED....

Miller: That's one of the reasons we require law enforcement certification on the back of forms for individuals, we want to know who you are dealing with. Even though the FBI cards and our criminal records check come back, the Sheriff may know this person is a narcotic trafficker, he just hasn't been caught yet, hasn't been convicted. That's why it's important, he may know something that is not part of the criminal record per se. That's why when people ask why you just can't waive that, we still want that input. That is becoming a problem in some areas, because in some jurisdictions chief law enforcement officers are saying they don't want to sign any more. What we do there is say check with the Sheriff, check with District Judges and prosecuting attorneys. There are various people listed in the regulation itself. If they write to us and say "I've tried all the people in the regulations and I can't get an officer to certify," then we will come back with some other alternatives, we try to give them as wide a scope as we can. If the bottom line is they have checked with everybody they can think of and everybody we can recommend and nobody will sign it, I'm not going to approve that transfer without that law certification.

MGN: What is the law enforcement official certifying when he signs that?

Miller: He is certifying that he has access to the criminal records, that he is the chief law enforcement officer in the jurisdiction where that applicant resides, and he knows nothing that would prohibit that person from owning a firearm.

MGN: Things that would prohibit a person from owning an NFA firearm are?

Miller: Any felony conviction, or if he is mentally defective, or he's under active investigation of the department, narcotic trafficking, or he is a violent person. He may go down to the local bar and fight every Friday night and the Sheriff or chief of police may know these things. If he knows the person is an upstanding member of the community, I still can't force him to sign. Liability is a concern.

I can't tell him he's not liable, because when a court suit is filed I can't guarantee they aren't going to say Wayne Miller is charged, or the Sheriff is charged, the manufacturer, the dealer, all you people may be liable in a courtroom. I can't guarantee what the courts are going to find in terms of liability. I'd say odds are very slim that liability is going to come back on anybody. If we have done our job, checked the person out, that's what the process is good for. It makes sure that weapons are going to people who are eligible to have them.

MGN: The officer is also certifying that you signed the form in front of that certifying officer. Is that correct?

Miller: No, he doesn't have to sign any certification. The person in front of him should be the person whose photo appears. In other words if I walked in to a Sheriff and wanted him to sign and the form has your picture on it, but that's obvious. I'm probably going to get fingerprints and have the form signed at the same time.

MGN: Looking at the form I'm noticing next to the photo it says you must sign in the presence of the law enforcement officer.

Miller: That is what the form tells the applicant but the Sheriff doesn't have to actually see this, it's not a liability on the Sheriff's part. He is certifying that he has access to the criminal records in that jurisdiction and that this person resides in that jurisdiction and that he has no information that person would be ineligible to have the gun. The gun issue is becoming more and more sensitive around the country and you see areas where it is becoming harder and harder for individuals to get Form 4's signed.

MGN: Are you aware of registered NFA firearms that have been used to commit a crime by their registered owner?

Miller: Yes

MGN: I'm not sure I want to know this. More than one?

Miller: Yes, it's not widespread but firearms are firearms. If someone goes berserk or if they're in the heat of the moment, it doesn't have to be a Title I, it can be a Title 2 weapon. So that's why we try to keep the procedure, it may seem bureaucratic, and it may seem hard nosed, but we try to hold the line on these requirements. We want to make sure who we are dealing with, who our customer is. That's why all I'm offering to the dealers is try and make sure you know who you are dealing with. If you are selling firearms to someone and you are not sure who you are dealing with, dig a little. If the dealer tries to do it off record then obviously there are repercussions that go beyond administrative.

MGN: Your personal view of your mission in this, you came to NFA from the Firearms and Explosives Operations Branch. You were the chief there until July 1990. What was the plan?

Miller: Each person brings his or her own management style to a job, and one of the first things I did was try to make each examiner responsible for their work from start to finish. When I came over we had temporary data processors inputting information into the system for the examiners. I felt like that caused a chance for increasing human error or that if there was an error, (not that I want to affix "blame"), I want to know if somebody needs more training. If there is a problem; what is the problem. If I went to person "A" about a problem, well, I could be told person "B" did it. I want to make the examiner accountable and responsible for his or her work. We don't want temporary data processors, anymore. We are going to give the examiners the full scope of the responsibilities. We had

a contract to hire temporaries so we dissolved that contract. We were then able to hire, not on a one to one basis, but we hired some more permanent employees and got up to the level of examiners that I now currently have.

There are two goals, actually. First is to get 100% accuracy in the National Firearms Registry, and that is like Zero Defects in the Army, you try to get everything perfect. That is our goal and we are working toward that goal. The other goal is to be a full and responsive service to the NFA industry and to the ATF personnel that we serve. Because we have customers in the industry and we have law enforcement and compliance inspectors and agents. They have to have this information when they go out to do an inspection or when they are doing an investigation. Our goal is to be 100% accurate and be fully responsive to our customers.

MGN: Was that "temporaries" contract let out recently?

Miller: No, this goes back to when I first came over here. It wasn't a problem so much with errors, than if you want to make sure the process works, you need to know who you can go to. I want a person who is trained, responsible, and knows the mission; is accountable for his or her work, and we've got that now. That is what one of my goals was. These people take pride in their work. Obviously, they get complaints if the work doesn't turn around as quickly as an industry member thinks it should. I take the complaints to the examiner. If there is a pat on the back I take the commendation letter to them also. We make sure if there is a need for more training for that employee or for the group as a whole, if it's a problem for one examiner it might be a problem for the whole group. I encourage people to let me know how the examiner is doing. I'll take the good with the bad, the bitter with the sweet. How is the system working? If it's not, then we can fix it. The employees try their best, I've got a good group of people. Some of them are new, we sometimes have to redistribute the work load a little, we get a new examiner or somebody leaves. That could mean the examiner who was handling your file is now handling someone else's. If there are complaints with someone's responsiveness, you are certainly within your rights to send a letter to me about it, the same with commendations. If you're not getting satisfaction from your examiner, you can ask to speak to Dave Marshall, the Supervisor. You can ask to speak with me if you're not getting satisfaction from Dave. I used to have two supervisors, I lost one and can't fill the position, so Dave and I are trying to run the ship. He's the first point of contact, because if I took every call that came in, I wouldn't ever get any of my work done. If you can't get to me on the phone you can fax it in, send it by letter, what ever you want to do I will have somebody look at it or I will look at it personally.

MGN: It seems to me the names of the people I talk to down here have pretty well stabilized.

Miller: You have people who leave due to promotions, some examiners aspire to be inspectors, some aspire to be specialists, some to be a program analyst, like Nancy Smith who recently left us. We have an upward mobility program, I hire people at the clerical level, most of the people starting have a high school education at the clerical level. They start working their way up. They'll take business law, accounting, various types of courses that help them improve their learning skills and their educational background. If they get enough business law and accounting courses and they work their way up, if they qualify they can become an inspector in the field. We try to help people up the ladder, high

morale comes from keeping your people trained and giving them opportunities to move ahead. So you could keep them here, you get a good examiner you'd love to keep them here, but you can't do that always. You groom them, they move on to other jobs. But then you have other groomed people to take their place.

MGN: Everybody's tightening their belts right now. Feeling the pressure?

Miller: I now have a total of 23 people in NFA Branch and we're down due to a budget constraint across the board. We're trying to reduce the deficit and federal budgets are being scrutinized very closely. We're not able to keep the 25 people we had. If I lose a person I might not be able to fill that vacancy. I have 10 examiners. Last year we processed 221,000 applications. Factor it out to 22,000 per examiner. Most dealers seem to lack an awareness or an understanding of the heavy work load that the examiner has. Obviously, as a dealer, if I want my work processed from a selfish point of view, I want it to be first and I will try to push it through and do what I can to get it done. As an examiner, if I have the A letter of the alphabet for instance, I may have 20 dealers and manufacturers that I have to process work for, I have law-enforcement agencies, I have dealers and then I have individuals. These are different types of forms that come across my desk so I've got to sit here and process in order of receipt because if I start taking your work and put it at the bottom of the stack, you're going to be mad. We have to be fair and we have to process the work as it comes in. Law enforcement comes first, if the sheriff's department needs weapons, we'll process those before the dealer-to-dealer work, and the dealer-to-dealer work comes before individual work.

MGN: I've noticed in the past when I manufacture for a police department, those transfers go right through.

Miller: That's right! I think from the logical point of view, and the industry point of view, that probably makes sense.

MGN: I have seen a number of times where dealers who had inventories had to turn over the firearms to the local police, because of imminent riots that the police did not have the firearms they needed. In one instance, I ran into a department that had the President come into town and they wanted a sniper rig with a suppressor for their tactical team instantly. Is it reasonable to assume that a dealer that has a department in need like that can call up and try and get an expedited transfer? What would be the procedure that one should follow?

Miller: Certainly, we have the fax machine, and the telephone and if the police department has an emergency, they can call the local ATF law enforcement office and say here's my problem, and get an emergency dispensation. As an emergency service.

MGN: It's not legal for a dealer to turn over registered firearms to the police department without a transfer.

Miller: Well, as a dealer, you're in a storefront operation and there's an imminent riot, it's perfectly feasible to take your inventory of weapons and store them in a bank vault or a sheriff's vault for security purposes, or to law enforcement for their emergency use, but you have to log in your record where the weapons went.

A dealer doesn't have to have my permission to move the storage location of the weapons for the security of them. If you're a licensed dealer or manufacturer, you can make business decisions that will protect the public and will protect your inventory, but you've got to record what you've done with it. If you're an in-

dividual, and you've got a gun, and you want to move it across state lines or something, you've got to get permission.

MGN: Anything we can do to speed up the responses from NFA Branch?

Miller: We're not sitting on our hands, we're trying to process our work as quickly as we can. I think the industry should know that. I want to highlight some things that we have done to enhance the industry's life out there. One of the big things, we had requested internally that NFA industry be given its own Special Tax Return. This used to be a Form 5630.5, which was a blanket form, every liquor dealer, every retailer, wholesaler filled one of these out and sent it in. In these great big sacks of mail. It sat there until the sacks got processed. I talked to the Cincinnati people and their division chief and made arrangements to have the NFA people get a separate return because these people can't do business until they can prove that they have satisfied this tax liability. Now they can give this form priority processing. Every new person going into business should use this form.

MGN: Form 5630.7. It's yellow.

Miller: Don't use the white 5630.5 to pay your SOT, because that's going to get you into the hopper with all those liquor dealers and it may be a while getting out of there. It may be next June before it gets processed, (I'm exaggerating). They now start with these yellow forms first. They process every one of those, then they start on the white forms. This gives the NFA industry preferential treatment and I feel this is necessary because of the commodities they deal in. You may not want to ship to someone until they can prove, here's my FFL and here's my special tax stamp.

MGN: Is this form being sent out this year for the new tax?

Miller: For the last two years I've been sending that form. If somebody calls me and says they want to go into the NFA business, what I send them is that form, a Form 7, and a letter that says here's what you have to do to become qualified in the NFA business. I try to get them started on the right foot.

MGN: I'm going to have to get a copy of this into the new *Machine Gun Dealers Bible* update.

Miller: Another thing we've done, for private individuals who need to move their guns across state lines, we have changed the procedure on the 5320.20. It is the authorization to temporarily transport a firearm. Some of the requests we get are to go to re-enactments or to Knob Creek. If a person knows where he or she is going with that weapon, they should list where they routinely go. An example: to (address) in Pennsylvania, I live in Ohio I go across into Pennsylvania to shoot and I usually go in June, July and September. If they would put on there the trips they want to make and the places they want to take the gun we will try to get them a blanket type authorization, instead of trying to do one form per trip. That is something we are trying to do for the NFA weapon owner.

MGN: They would do that in section five "Reason for transportation"...

Miller: Write Knob Creek Range, (Town) Kentucky, May and October or whatever. Grampa's farm, his address, three times a year, at that address.

MGN: That would really cut down on the paperwork flow on the 5320's, wouldn't it.

Miller: Yes that's what we are trying to do. If they will give me

the specifics, I'll try to come back with a more general authorization. If they are going to Ohio and Kentucky and then suddenly decide to go to Illinois and they don't have it on the Form, then all bets are off.

MGN: But they are covered for passing through states to get to their destination. If they go out of the area, they are not covered.

Miller: Right, The GCA change of 1986 stated if you carry your weapon from state "A" to state "Z" across other states in between it is okay as long as you have the weapon unloaded, in a locked container, or removed from the passenger area so it's not accessible to the passengers. If they are not complying with that part of the GCA and they get stopped in, say, New York, I'm not saying the state police won't take your gun, because I can't speak for the state police. Federally if you are in compliance in state A and where you are going in state Z for the re-enactment it's legal for you to possess the gun then you can travel through all the states in between. If you stop in New York and pull it out of your trunk and start showing somebody, you may be in trouble.

MGN: It's been done. I talk to people and they say they got into trouble and can't figure out why. You're authorized to go from point A to point Z, not to go to Uncle Henry's in New York and go shooting out back.

Miller: A little common sense goes a long way when you are transporting firearms. We try to work with the industry and these are little things but we think it means something out there in the trade.

MGN: I think these two changes are quite a help.

Miller: That's the sort of things we are trying to be responsive to, and make life easier for them and easier for us. Obviously the paperwork burden we impose on you, we have to handle. If we can find a way to stream line things, and meet the requirements law, we will. If you are aware that the state law changes, say in Pennsylvania for instance, and we have given you a 5320 for a six month period, then after three months Pennsylvania suddenly slams the door and says no machine guns or assault weapons in the state, you would be well advised **not** to go over there to grampa's farm and start shooting your gun. If state law changes you have this form that says you notified us and we gave you permission but it doesn't mean it gives you any right to violate state law. Again good, common sense.

MGN: Sometimes there isn't a lot of common sense out there. Off the subject for a minute—are you a firearms enthusiast yourself? Do you shoot at all?

Miller: I have shotguns and rifles, I like to hunt. The exposure I've had with automatic weapons and grenade launchers was in the military and I really don't have any particular enthusiasm for anything but hunting. Sporting weapons are more what I like in that regard. I don't have anything against NFA firearms. I've shot the M16's, the M14's and that sort of firearm. I've always prided myself on my marksmanship. I'd rather be able to have a small grouping with bolt action rifle or a semi-automatic than to spray the hillside. I know its exciting to fire a full burst, but my preference would be the accuracy. I do like to shoot.

MGN: I'm well aware of the differences. There is a certain thrill to standing behind a Mini gun full of tracer and hosing down a load of dynamite. From a distance, of course.

Miller: Yes, I'm sure there is.

MGN: Most of the people who use the NFA firearms as a sport are very far removed from the idea of using them militarily. They are just as enthused about using them as any other re-enactor is. Those of us who deal with law enforcement and military have an entirely different way of dealing with them.

Miller: I've always liked shooting but don't get to do too much of it here. I have to go all the way to Pennsylvania to find a place to hunt. I've got deer in my backyard but it's in a subdivision and you can't go hunting there.

MGN: What would be your major problem areas—how about public relations?

Miller: I don't think we have any complaints. We feel like we have a good working relationship with the industry and based on the letters I get, I get a good number of letters from the trade talking about how good the examiner was. Based on that and comparing that with the number of complaints, we are doing good, though we've still got some room for improvement.

MGN: Most people will send a letter of complaint quicker than they will send an "Atta-boy" letter.

Miller: That's human nature and we understand that. I don't discount complaints, when I get one I'll sit down and talk with the examiner and get to the bottom of it, find out what the circumstances were from the examiner's perspective. There may have been extenuating circumstances that the complainant knew nothing about. The complaints don't go in the round file, they get looked at just like the letters of appreciation do.

This ends part one of the Wayne Miller interview. Part two in next month's issue of MGN. Mr. Miller talks more about law enforcement, the mission of NFA branch, what constitutes an "immediate" transfer of possession, ATF's working relationship in the law making process, and other timely subjects—Don't miss it!

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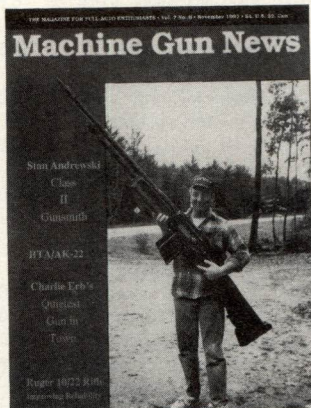
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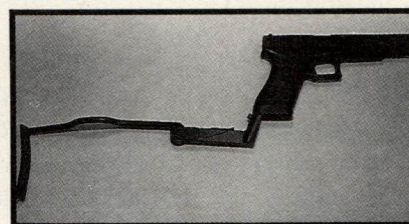
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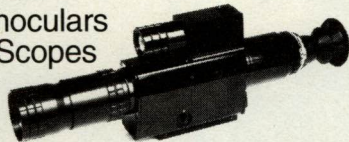
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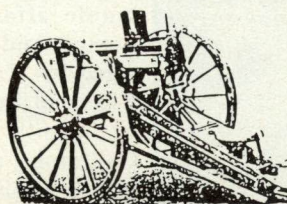
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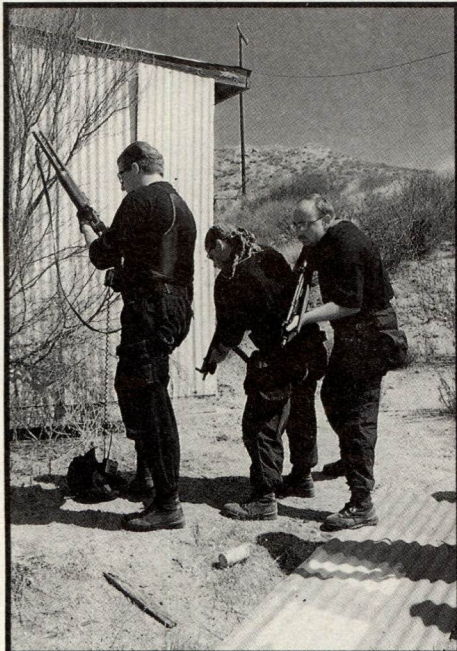
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SWAT The Challenge

by LANCE W. MAHONEY photos by OWEN KONDRATUK

The San Francisco SWAT cop burst into the last room in the "kill house" and opened up full auto on the array of steel targets with his MP5. The bad guys went down in droves—but so did the one white-painted "hostage" target. "Stuff happens," the safety officer indifferently stated, pronouncing final judgment with his pencil. Pushing back his Oakleys on his exit from the house, the shooter shouted back, non-plussed, "He was a collaborator." Sour



SFPD in prep.



SFPD in action.

grapes...? Overdose of macho...? Too many late night reruns of "Uncommon Valor...?"; it still cost thirty seconds of penalty time.

The guys from SFPD SWAT call themselves "The F.A.G.S." which—I was informed—stands for "Fast Action Gang Suppression." Really. Ask team leader Dino Zografos. Although finishing respectably in the competition, they finished last in this event. You can't shoot hostages and get away with it. The press will excoriate you; to say nothing of "Recon Max," or "Mad Max" Joseph—depending on who you talk to—Director of Competition, separated now from the Corps, but still ramrod straight, tobacco spitting, with a bone deep tan, and more-Marine-now-than-those-with-a-green-ID-card. "Better to deal with the press on a real bad shooting than Max on a rampage," remarked a cop from Sacramento Police, who had run afoul of Max and his assistant director of competition, Alan Roy, another "former" Marine, over a scoring decision.

All these cops had thrown down the gauntlet at a semi-annual event called "SWAT— The Challenge," a high speed-low drag special operations team championship held at Lake Elsinore, in Riverside County, California.

Teams from throughout the state clashed on these more or less friendly fields in order to sharpen their proficiencies for more serious social situations. The whole affair was hosted and sponsored by "Lawman Sales and Training" of Santa Ana, California, a company specializing in tactical police weapons and training. I think I saw them listed in Dan Shea's Bible. The General



Long Beach SWAT.



"Covering Fire" Bakersfield PD.

Manager is a gent named Bill Ungerman, retired policeman and veteran of numerous terminal encounters in various climes and places. "Tyrannosaurus Max" Joseph of the Tactical Firearms Training Team honcho'd the actual shooting scenarios.

There were six team and three individual events that had goose-bump raising names like "Time To Come Home," "Full Auto Frenzy," and "Shotgun Assault A La Mozambique." There were even scenarios that tried and tested the individual officers' use and control of the sub gun and assault rifle. The ripple of automatic weapon's fire sounded throughout the days and nights from the fourth through the seventh of October, 1993. The competition was also an opportunity for the participants to meet the National Rifle Association

casual basis and cement old relationships and quash any misgivings of incompatible goals that have been propagandized by HCI and other anti-gun groups. There was nothing but observed solidarity between the cops and the representatives of the NRA. The Second Amendment was in good hands with this group of guys.

The level of competence and training was high and each event was hotly contested. Unlike other similar competitions, this one leaned heavily upon weapons usage and tactical decision making and was certainly... "challenging." Indeed, at one point, the extractor on the Remington 700 of the Corona, California team sniper broke at a critical time as his team mates waited for him to ring the 6 inch steel that signaled the stop time. After frantically manipulating the bolt, he heroically stood up and made a 100 yard shot to stop the clock—WITH HIS BERRETA 92F. One shot—One kill. True story!

Typically, a scenario began with a series of sniper-initiated shots that kicked off the assault

...m. With events calling for the integrated use of the sub gun, assault rifle—both in semi and auto modes—shotguns, and handguns, the scenarios were ruthless in extracting the last bit of energy, stamina, and skill from the shooters. The house entry and clearing events were initiated by Def Tec "Flash-Bang" munitions. The door is kicked in. BLAM!! A flash and concussion effect with the explosion of the entry device. The set decorations are blown down. Rattle of machine gun fire. Swirling smoke. Shotgun and pistol fire reverberates along with rebel yells, banshee screams, and a team banzai charges down the corridors and into the rooms where the bad guys waited. It was great sport, great fun, and more. Everyone said this was a top-notch fete that warranted every last cent spent on bringing their team to the competition. Much of that money represented the investment of the individual officer, inasmuch as, in these financially troubled times, many agencies could not afford to send their teams to far flung mock warfare. It speaks well of the quality of the individual who is willing to invest in something special to improve his own skill and proficiency.

Heckler and Koch demonstrated its enhanced eidetic death grip on the law enforcement weapons market by virtually

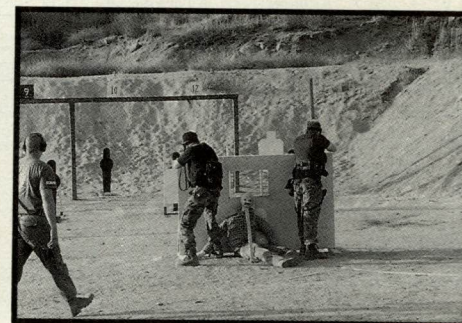
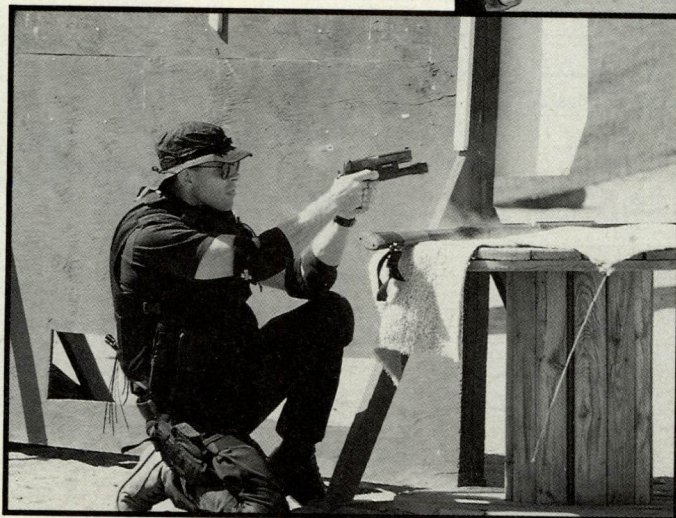
monopolizing the sub gun and assault rifle (real assault rifle) market. All teams carried MP5's with "K," "PDW," and "SD" variants both in A2 and A3 stock configurations. Bakersfield and Santa Ana Police were the exception in sub guns. BPD carried Calico



Above: Urban assault.

Left: Tony Levatino, team leader, Santa Ana, PD.

Below: Officer rescue scenario.

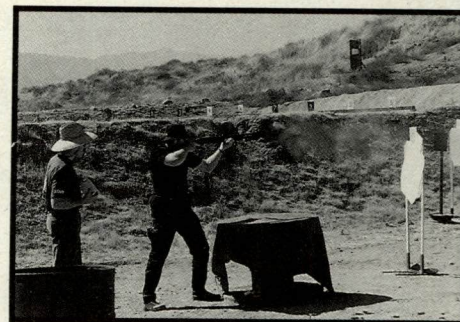


subs—and loved them. The helical feed, although not new, having been introduced in the Johnson, has proven to be reliable, compact, and ergonomically sound. The fact that Bakersfield came in last had nothing to do with their selection of sub guns, the team leader insisted. Maybe they were still reacting to the new TV series of the same name...Santa Ana Police carried the Colt 9mm SMG and swore by (not at) it. They said anything good enough for the DEA was good enough for them.

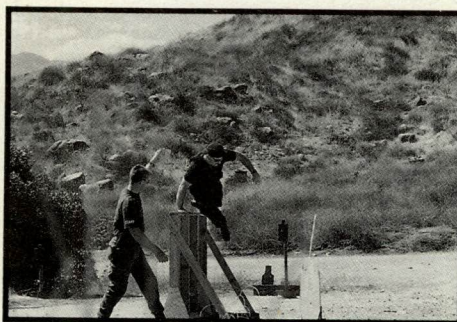
The attached trade show was modest but featured heavyweights such as Glock, US Armor, Calico, Protection Development, and La France Specialties. Tim La France paraded out his entire line of state of the art goodies including suppressors, "M14K," and M16K along with other high-

ly modified specimens of his craft. Even a company named "Warrior Films International" was there marketing their line of action video tapes.

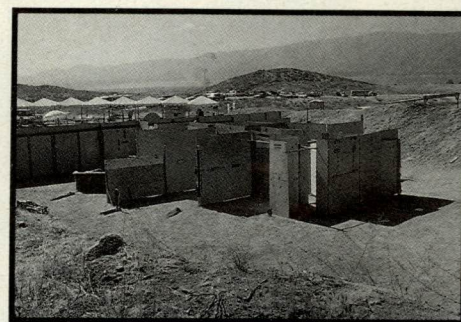
The sun was an inferno on Lake Elsinore and it baked the shooters, range officers, and observers alike. Gun barrels



"Shotgun A La Mozambique."



Hogan's Alley run.



The Kill House.

remained hot as the troops holstered and sheathed weapons and feasted on the barbecue lunch served on site. Shop talk rattled like the four days previous gunfire as adversaries baked in the camaraderie and fellowship engendered by membership in

the law enforcement community in general, and the special ops teams in particular. There was the "Good Guys" shooting and "100 California Street Caper..." Good shootings and some bad times. All in a day's work. One cop from Long Beach sat

in a corner reading an issue of *MGN* which had been found in his shooter's package. "Hey Devin, did you know these things are legal for a private person to own in some states...?" Devin examined his HK53 and yelled back, "That's what America's about..." Right on.

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| 2 | 2 | Sacramento PD | 23 | 844.37 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| 3 | 5 | Long Beach PD | 21 | 863.78 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| 4 | 7 | San Francisco PD | 22 | 877.73 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 | 6 | Santa Ana PD | 30 | 893.63 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 7 |

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| 1 | 64 | Darren Davenport | Long Beach PD | 7 | 186.56 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| 2 | 34 | Bill Bailey | Bakersfield PD | 12 | 186.56 | 3 | 1 | 8 |
| 3 | 3 | Rick Guilbault | Sacramento PD | 8 | 192.33 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| 4 | 6 | Bill Beermann | Sacramento PD | 26 | 207.18 | 5 | 4 | 19 |
| 5 | 39 | Anthony Levating | Santa Ana PD | 26 | 225.26 | 4 | 15 | 9 |
| 6 | 54 | Mike Taylor | San Francisco | 31 | 238.63 | 6 | 22 | 3 |
| 7 | 29 | Jerry Manduca | Sacramento SD | 57 | 239.91 | 14 | 6 | 37 |
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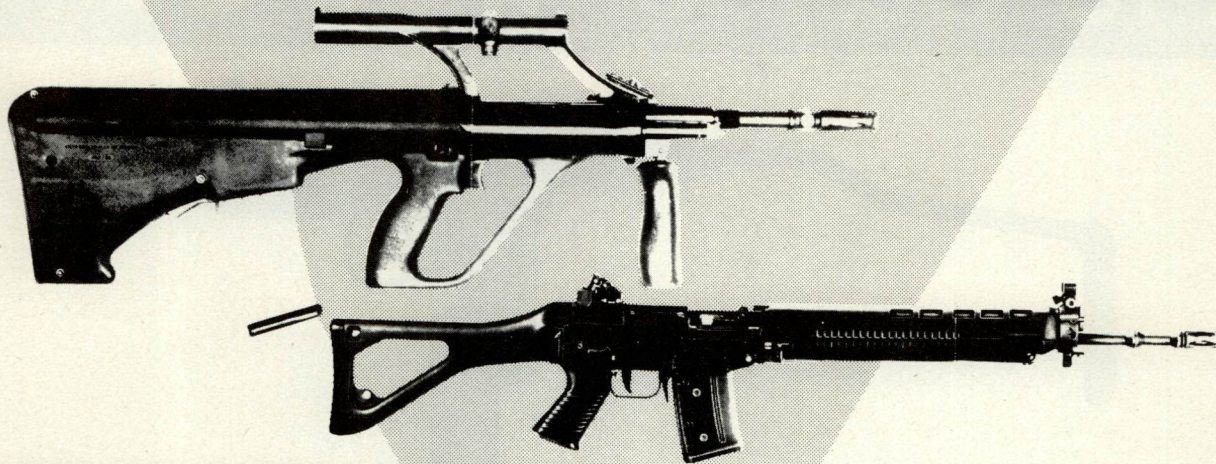
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The

.45 Caliber Mini Uzi



Speaks with Authority

by AL PAULSON

While Israel Military Industries made .45 ACP conversions for the full-sized Uzi submachine gun, the semi-automatic Uzi carbine, and the Uzi pistol—IMI never manufactured a .45 conversion kit for the Mini Uzi. The conversion kits were simple, consisting of a special barrel, bolt, and a single-column magazine. So it was not the complexity of such a conversion that prevented the introduction of a .45 caliber kit for the Mini Uzi. Several other considerations played a pivotal role. Since the 9x19 mm Mini already had a cyclic rate of 1,200-1,260 rounds per minute (the published rate of 950 rpm was either marketing hype or wishful thinking), folks assumed that a .45 caliber version would probably have a prohibitively high cyclic

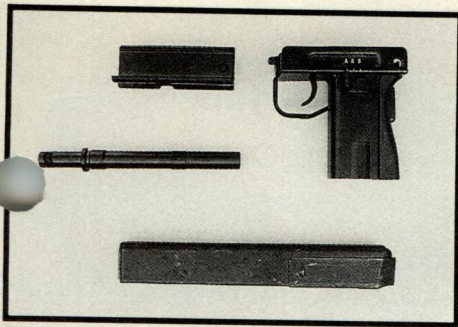
rate. Furthermore, a high cyclic rate combined with limited capacity of IMI .45 caliber magazines (10 and 16 rounds) suggested that such a conversion would not be practical.

Tim Bixler of SCRC thought otherwise, especially if a conversion accepted 30-round magazines. Submachine gun designer Utah Conner agreed and served as a consultant on the project. The result was a .45 ACP conversion kit for the open-bolt Mini Uzi that consists of a counterbored barrel with integral compensator, modified bolt, trimmed ejector, and an extensively redesigned pistol grip assembly.

Bixler and Conner started with the premise that the magazine is the critical component for a submachine gun. They

decided to use greasegun magazines that had been modified to work in the Ingram M10 submachine gun. Bixler started with an IMI .45 conversion kit for the full-sized Uzi SMG from Action Arms Ltd., a spare pistol grip assembly from Class Three Supply, and an M10 pistol grip.

The .45 bolt was tested for Rockwell hardness, and then the bolt was heat treated to remove its temper. A bar was welded across the ejection port to keep the bolt rail from warping as the bolt was cut down and machined to match a 9mm Mini Uzi bolt. The .45 bolt was annealed between the welding and machining, and then the bolt was heat treated again after machining to return the steel to its original Rockwell hardness.

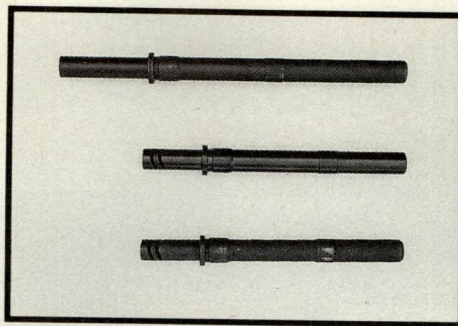
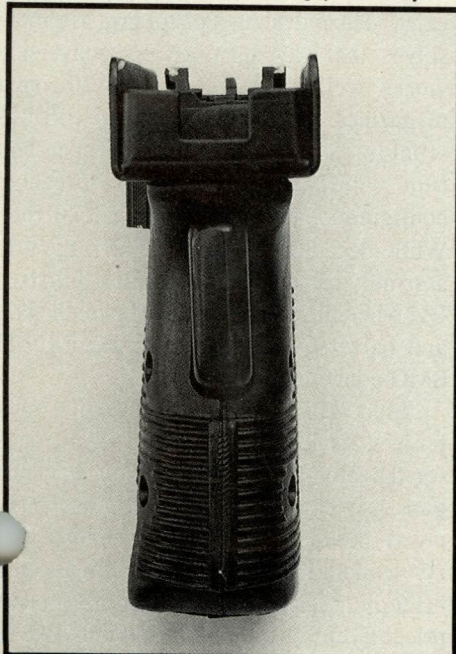


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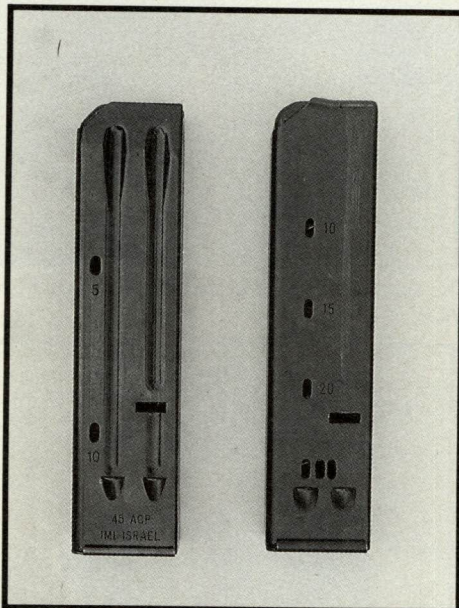
An original Mini Uzi pistol-grip assembly was completely disassembled and the magazine well was cut off. The magazine well was removed from an Ingram M10 grip assembly, and a full day was spent building a jig to precisely align the well (with magazine inserted) with the upper portion of the Uzi pistol grip. The jig locked into the Mini portion of the grip with two pins, and the magazine was held in place with a cartridge-like appendage that inserted into the magazine. This left about a 0.15 inch gap between the magazine well and the upper portion of the grip, which explains why such a wide bead of weld was used to join the two components.

The next job was to cut down the .45 Mini SMG barrel to Mini Uzi length, counterbore the front of the barrel to reduce the rearward velocity of the bolt during a firing sequence, and machine muzzle brake slots into the barrel to match the factory 9mm Mini barrel. The barrel, bolt and pistol grip were then reparkerized and coated with black Teflon S.

Rear view of standard IMI Mini Uzi grip assembly.

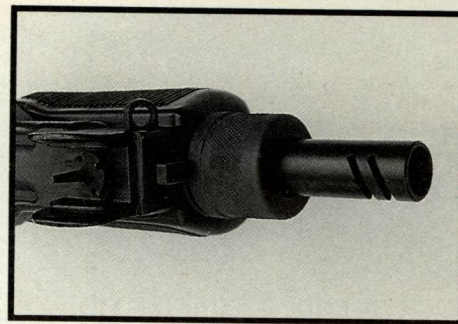
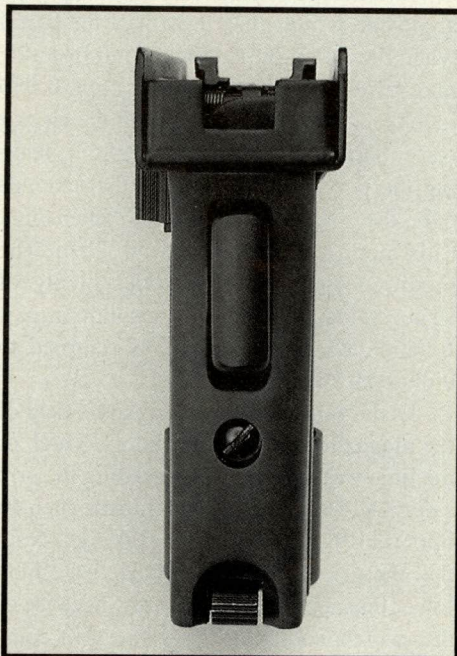


A standard Uzi barrel (top), a 9mm Mini Uzi barrel (center) and Bixler's counterbored .45 caliber Mini Uzi barrel (bottom).

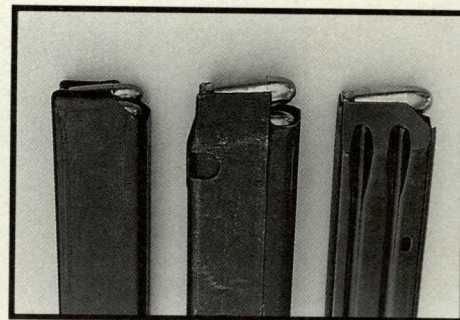


The standard IMI .45 caliber magazines do not have sufficient capacity for a practical submachine gun. The 10-round .45 variant shown on the left is compared to the 20-round 9mm magazine on the right.

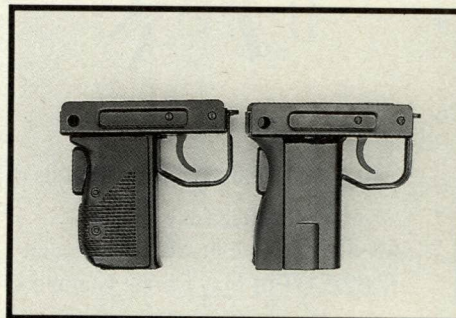
Rear view of Bixler's .45 caliber grip assembly. Fashioning the plastic grip at the rear of the magazine well took 12 hours. Note that the grip screw was relocated 1/2 inch lower than an Ingram grip screw because of the grip safety.



Close-up view of Bixler's .45 caliber counterbored barrel installed on the Mini Uzi.



Notice that the top cartridge in the .45 caliber greasegun magazine (center) points upward at a greater angle than the IMI .45 magazine (right) or the IMI 9mm magazine (left). This requires a slight modification of the ejector to function with Bixler's conversion. The modified ejector will still function flawlessly with 9mm ammunition.



The standard Mini Uzi pistol grip assembly (left) was too narrow to accept greasegun magazines, so Bixler married an Ingram M10 grip assembly to an original IMI assembly and then redesigned components as necessary.

Since the new .45 caliber magazine was much wider than the original 9mm well, the grip assembly no longer had room for the spring detent mechanism for the selector switch to the left of the magazine well. Bixler built a plunger-type detent mechanism in front of the magazine well, and machined new detents in the selector bar. The grip safety bar was too thick to fit between the .45 magazine and the side of the grip assembly, so the bar was machined to thinner dimensions to accommodate the magazine.

A problem appeared with feeding when the conversion was test fired for the first time. The ejector pushed down on the base



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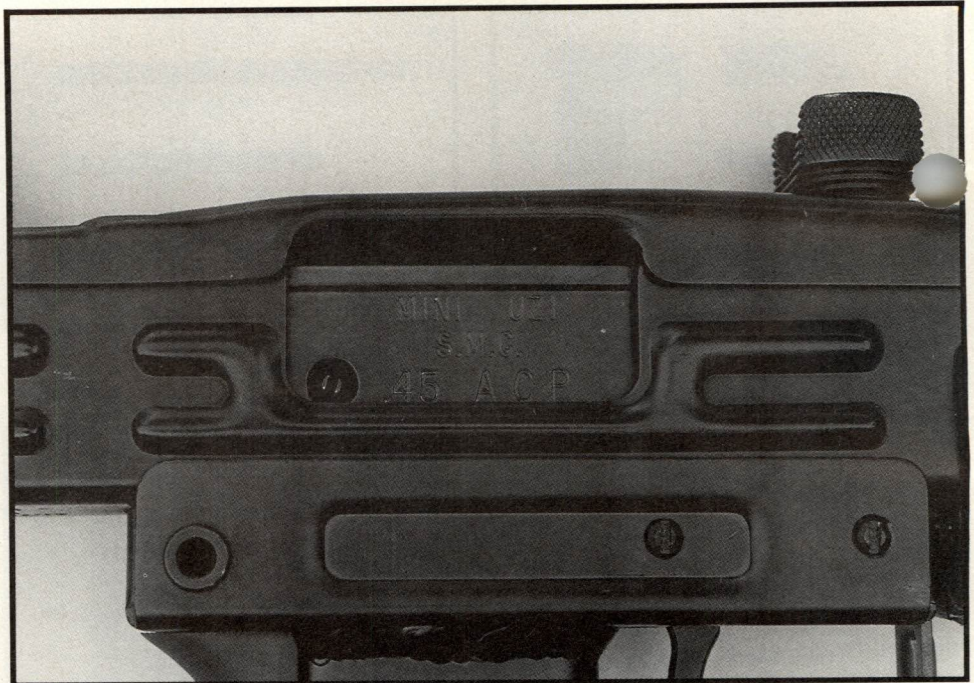
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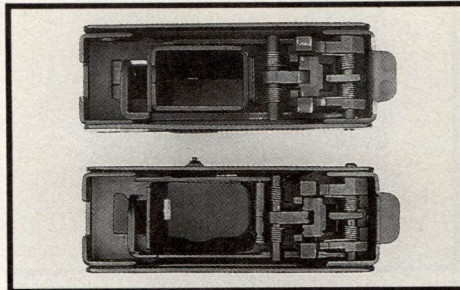
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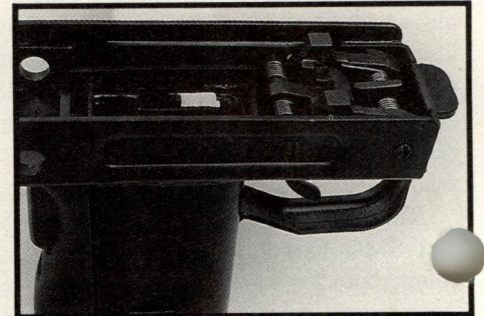
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The engraving on Bixler's modified bolt can be seen when the bolt is closed and reads "MINI UZI SMG .45 ACP."



Standard 9mm grip assembly (top) compared to Bixler's .45 caliber assembly. Note that the grip safety bar is much thinner on the .45 assembly, which also incorporates a plunger-type detent mechanism in front of the magazine well for the selector switch.



Details of Bixler's .45 caliber grip assembly. Note the new detents in the selector bar.

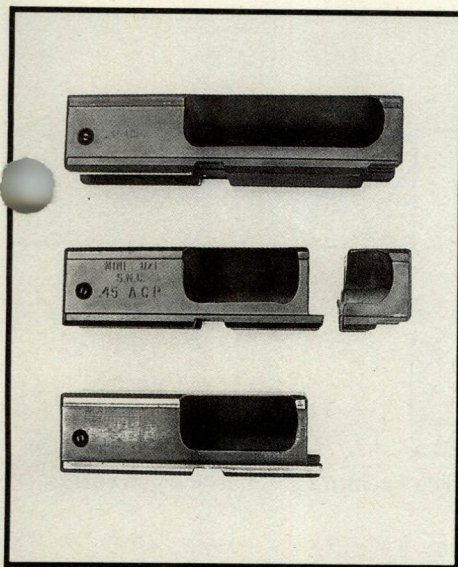
of the top cartridge, which caused the front of the cartridge to point upward at a greater angle and jam against the top of the barrel when the bolt stripped that round from the magazine. Bixler removed about 0.050 inch from the radius underneath the ejector (essentially squaring the underside), leaving the portion of the ejector that extends over the magazine well 0.150 inch high. This modification cured the problem. The modified ejector still provides plenty of structural strength and does not impair function when the weapon is returned to 9mm configuration.

Fashioning the plastic grip at the rear of the magazine well took 12 hours. Much of the time was spent accommodating the grip safety, which Uzi Gal thought was such an important part of his original design. Note that the grip screw was relocated 1/2 inch lower than an Ingram grip screw because of the grip safety. Fashioning the grip com-

pleted the .45 caliber conversion of the Mini Uzi.

As Tim Bixler said, "A submachine gun with a 10-round magazine has no reason to exist." His redesigned pistol grip assembly solves that caveat, since his conversion works well with inexpensive 30-round magazines. The .45 conversion works as reliably as the standard 9mm open-bolt Mini with ball ammo and the .45 caliber configuration cycles at about 1,620 rpm. While designed for the Mini Uzi, the grip assembly can also be used with a full-sized Uzi when the weapon is fitted with the bolt and barrel from an unmodified IMI .45 SMG conversion kit.

Since Bixler is quite busy with other projects (such as a series of tripod adapters for the Stoner 63 and 63A light machine guns, as well as his normal suppressor business), he has no plans to market the conversion. Bixler would be willing to sell his tooling for this conversion for a modest price. Even if someone would only like to



Bixler built his .45 caliber Mini Uzi bolt (center) from a .45 caliber Uzi bolt (top). A 9mm Mini Uzi bolt (bottom) is shown for comparison.

build one or two units, purchasing the tooling would be cost-effective.

The .45 caliber Mini Uzi speaks with authority. I have only two real criticisms of the weapon. The cyclic rate is too high for casual shooters; this weapon requires a skilled operator to keep the burst length manageable. And the circumference of the pistol grip is too large for someone with small hands, which makes operating the grip safety awkward. I solve this latter problem by using the modified grip taught by Ken Hackathorn; I place the palm of my firing hand more to the side of the pistol grip. This forces the base of my thumb firmly against the grip safety and provides positive engagement of the safety.

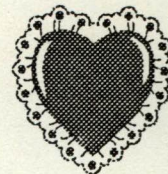
The .45 ACP Mini Uzi handles much better than an Ingram M10 in the same caliber, and the Mini provides superior hit probability. Unfortunately, only one prototype exists, and it's not for sale.

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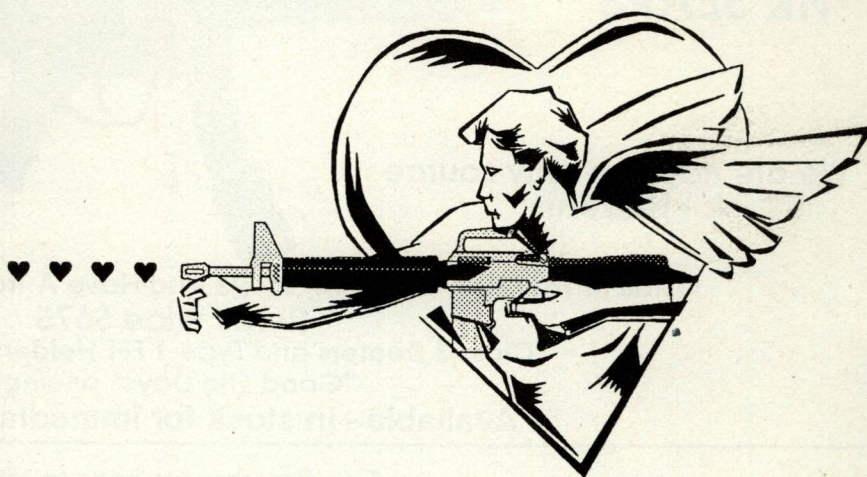
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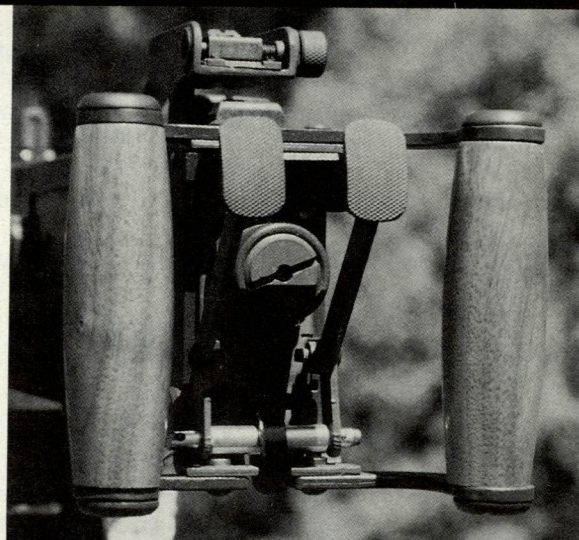


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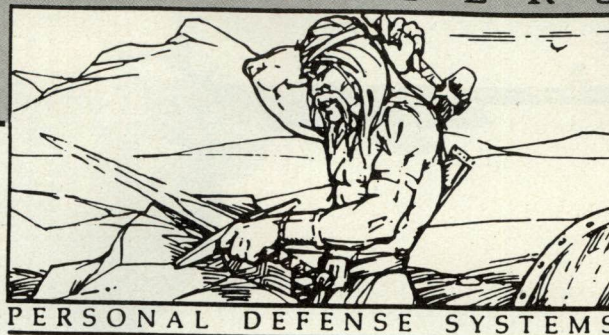
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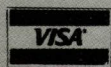
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Type D

Several years ago, I purchased a Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR Model 1918-A2). After extended use, it was found to be reliable, and spare parts or magazines were inexpensive to acquire. On the other hand, it wasn't very pleasant to use. Its 1500 yard sight was almost useless, the lack of a carry handle made it tiresome to lug around, the absence of a handgrip caused accuracy aggravations when firing full auto, and the bipod was a joke. Disassembly and reassembly left a lot to be desired too. Eventually, the BAR was sold, and not missed. Enter the BAR "Model D."

The "type D" BAR was introduced by FN after World War II. This Belgian gun was intended to correct the previous problems found on the American BAR. After handling the example I purchased, I agree they succeeded.

Engineering

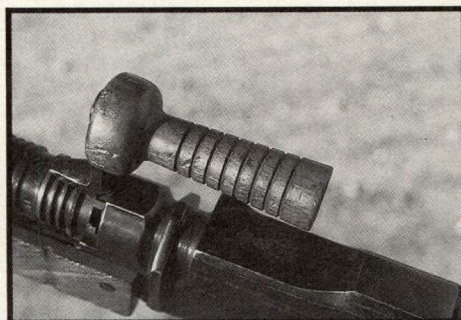
The original BAR didn't have a quick change barrel, but the Model D does. It also

is equipped with a large carry handle making the firearm easier to tote — especially when hot! The 1500 meter sights are of the tangent style, and quite easy to use. A pistol grip provides more stability when firing full auto bursts, be it in the underarm or prone position. Balance of the Model D is superb. The buttstock is hinged (as in the 1918) but the Model D is so stable during fire, the operator really doesn't need it.

Caliber

According to the knowledgeable gun publications, the D was chambered mainly in .30-06 caliber, with some being offered in 7.92mm for Egypt. I have seen conversion kits available in .308 and 7mm although we aren't told where they came from.

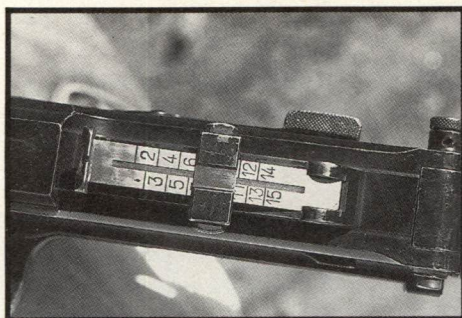
Obtaining magazines for the 1918 has always been easy, with new ones selling for



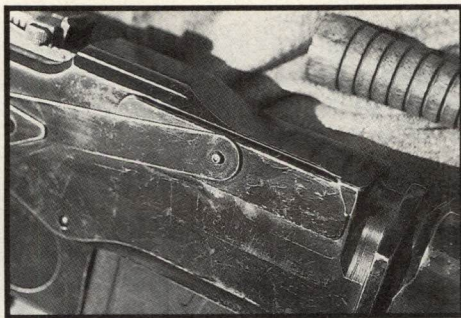
The carry handle makes a Model D easy to tote in the field.



The pistol grip provides much needed stability in full auto mode.



1500 meter sights are far superior to those found on the Model 1918 BAR.



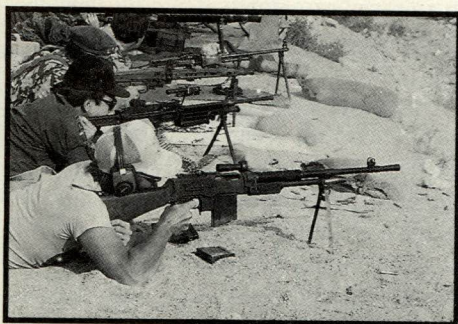
Dust cover keeps debris out of chamber—a nice touch.



Cone shaped muzzle brake is unusual.



The balance of the Type D is excellent, and it's easy to carry.



Another Model D being fired in the prone position. This is one SAW which can compete with more modern guns.

as little as five dollars. The Model D 20-round mags are usually ten bucks. Century International Arms (1-800-527-1252) has imported some well-used surplus .30-06 mags for either gun at \$1.50 each, they also have FN Model D parts sets for \$195.95, so if you need any, give them a call while they're cheap. Finding mags in 7.92mm, 7mm, or .308 is a more expensive and time consuming operation.

Cost

When the "dealer demonstrators" were first imported into the U.S. about eight years ago, they sold for \$695 in excellent condition. Today a sales sample Model D (pre-86) brings \$1,600-\$1,800, which is slightly less than a BAR-1918. Fully transferable units are available, but scarce.

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The walls of the Iron Curtain have crumbled and a wealth of formerly unobtainable items are finding their way to the West. Among the items available are huge quantities of equipment, arms and ammunition. A large quantity of 7.62x39mm East Germany Gallery Ammunition is available from Paragon Sales and Service as well as a number of other dealers. I first saw this ammunition in quantity at the Fall '93 Knob Creek Shoot. I obtained a test sample of approximately three hundred rounds which I took home for evaluation.

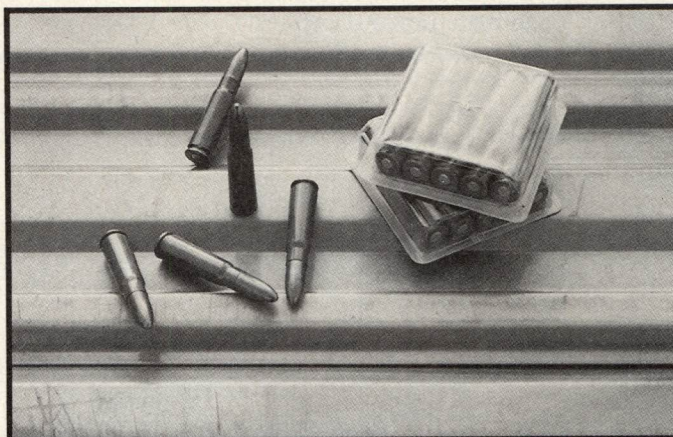
Examination showed that each round consisted of a standard cartridge case loaded with a special low density projectile. The low density projectile was a full metal jacketed plastic-cored slug designed to lose energy much more rapidly than a conventional high density lead or hardened steel slug. The projectiles were weighed on the extremely accurate D-Terminator Electronic Scale available from Dillon Precision. The gallery round projectile was shown to weigh only 61.0 grains compared with the 123 grains of a normal Norinco ball projectile despite a much greater physical size.

The low density projectiles would initially mirror the performance of normal loads but would not maintain the momentum of their heavier counterparts past relatively short target ranges. These gallery rounds could even be fired in indoor ranges normally limited to pistol caliber cartridges because the projectiles lack the mass necessary to create normal rifle caliber performance.

An added benefit is that these projectiles would also effectively lose their energy upon contact with any target thus greatly reducing the hazard from ricochets. I have always said that every shooter should observe the firing of tracer ammuni-

tion at least once to learn just how common ricochets really are. A few years ago, *MGN* ran a cover photo of a G.E. Minigun firing a long burst of tracer ammunition at the Hill Country Shoot. The photograph clearly illustrated that the normally unseen bullet rarely continues a straight path after striking a target. The photograph showed rounds ricocheting off in countless directions.

Dozens of rounds were fired through a Siminov SKS Carbine, a Norinco AK-47 and finally an RPK Squad Automatic Weapon. In each case, the gallery



cartridges functioned the actions flawlessly. Ballistic performance was almost indistinguishable from ball ammunition when fired at a 100 yard target; although, felt recoil and muzzle blast were perceptibly less. Inexpensive and reliable, these rounds are ideal for plinking, especially at rifle ranges in populated areas. A normal rifle round can travel more than two miles. These rounds are designed for practice firing in a densely populated nation and peter out after a few hundred yards.

It is important to note that, while these rounds are intended for practice, they are quite lethal at ranges up to several hundred yards and should be treated with the same caution as all normal cartridges.

Until recently, I belonged to a rifle club

in a nearby community. Unfortunately, the club's once sizeable impact area was slowly taken over by encroaching housing developments. The last gossip I heard was that the club was considering banning center-fire rifles and limiting the range to pistol shooting. "Gallery" ammunition of this sort could delay or forestall the implementation of such a policy. The greatly reduced range of such rounds would make them ballistically similar to pistol caliber rounds while maintaining the short range performance characteristics.

Another benefit of these rounds is that they hold some potential for serious use indoors when overpenetration may prove a problem. The Special Operations Command has experimented with low density rounds in use in its "Kill Houses" as well as in potential indoor use during actual operations. It is significant to note that some of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) personnel, injured during the Waco raid, were apparently the victims of friendly fire which overpenetrated and struck agents behind walls.

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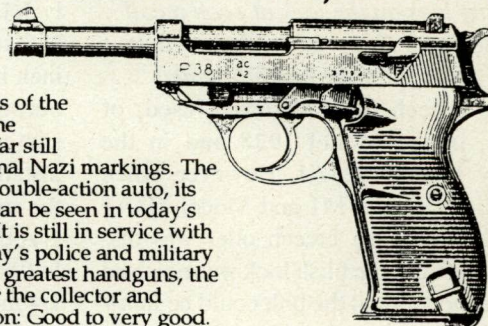
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The Breech Oiler

When the Colt Model 1921 TSMG was being designed, some of the proto-types cycled at 1500 rounds per minute. It was thought then that because of this high cycle rate, it would be necessary to develop a mechanism which would keep the bolt lubricated as well as the lugs of the blish lock (bronze H-piece) so that the TSMG would cycle reliably. The mechanism developed to do this was the breech oiler.

The *Handbook of the Thompson Sub-machine Gun, Model of 1921*, a very thorough manual which was supplied with the Colt 1921s, in its Description of Parts section describes the breech oiler thus:

*"The breech oiler *** is formed of sheet metal to hold a felt pad on each side of the undercut portion of the receiver. It is held in place against movement by the buffer pilot."*

The same handbook, under the General Description of Gun and Operating Principle section goes on to say:

"Held in place by the buffer pilot and extending forwardly in undercuts in the receiver is a breech oiler formed of spring steel which holds oil saturated felt pads to relubricate the locking lugs on the lock at each recoil of the bolt. These pads also tend to keep the sides of the bolt lubricated."

The breech oiler also was used, of course, in the Model 1928 and in the military Model 1928A1. However, when the military Model M1 and Model M1A1 were designed, the breech oiler was discarded, because the blish lock was not used in these models and the bolt could be lubricated in the normal way any firearm's moving parts are lubricated: taking the firearm apart and putting oil on the parts that move. This wasn't the sole reason. Production costs under wartime conditions also had a part in this; but the general thought at the time was that the blish lock

concept was an extra frill that was unnecessary and didn't really work with the low chamber pressures developed by the .45 ACP cartridge; and further, the lock contributed to reliability problems with the 1928A1 as the British found out in North Africa in World War II. Hence, the breech oiler was abandoned. Also, as a point of information, the Auto-Ordnance Thompson carbine does not use a breech oiler.

I have dealt in depth with the blish lock problem and its relation to reliable bolt cycling in the Gunmachines TSMG 13-Step Trouble-Shooting Manual and in a previous article, "Making Thompsons Work!: Step 8, Blish Lock," (MGN Vol. 3, #9, Dec. '89) and the Tinkering With Thompsons articles, "Firing the 1928 Without a Blish Lock," (MGN Vol. 4, #5, Oct. '90) and "Field Expedient Blish Lock," (MGN Vol. 6, #5, Oct. '92).

The breech oiler resembles a large "U." The base of the "U," as it faces the rear of the receiver, measures approximately 1 1/2 inches wide and 3/4 of an inch high. The hole in the base through which the pilot goes is 3/8ths of an inch in diameter. The thickness of the sheet metal is approximately 1/16th of an inch thick. The arms of the "U" measure approximately 4 5/8th of an inch in length and both arms tend to angle outward by one inch to provide spring tension to securely hold it in place when it is installed in the receiver. The thickness of the arms where the metal holds the felt pads is approximately 3/16th of an inch and the felt pads themselves, when new, are about 1/4 inch thick.

Is the use of a breech oiler really necessary in the 1921, 1928 or 1928A1 TSMG? When Gunmachines developed its basic reliability kit for the 1928 model consisting of a telescoping pilot and a lugless lock, the use of a breech oiler made the insertion of the telescoping pilot difficult. And if one

needed the lugless lock to also insure reliable bolt cycling the function of the felt pads lubricating the lugs then became superfluous. As to oiling the bolt, this could be done in the normal way as with any firearm. Therefore, I suggested that the breech oiler not be used in the Model 1928. However, after thinking about this for some time and discussing the matter with other TSMG shooters, I have now come to the opposite conclusion and strongly recommend the use of the breech oiler.

I have changed my position on this for three reasons. First, the new modified Gunmachines Telescoping Pilot for the Model 1928 is easier to install and the use of the breech oiler no longer interferes with its installation. Also, if one enlarges the hole in the breech oiler through which the pilot goes through to about 1/2 inch in diameter, installation of the telescoping pilot is easier still. This slight modification of enlarging the hole also makes the installation and removal of a standard pilot easier. Secondly, because the breech oiler was originally designed to only oil the bolt and lugs on the lock, it has been generally overlooked by Thompson shooters (including myself) that the breech oiler also helps to properly center and position the bolt in the bolt channel by the pressure of the felt pads against the sides of the bolt. This contributes to reliable bolt cycling and further enhances the effective use of the telescoping pilot to protect against cycling-related malfunctions.

Thirdly, the use of the breech oiler puts about 1/16th of an inch of metal across the inside rear of the receiver which would add some additional strength to this area and somewhat help to protect the rear of the receiver from recoil stress.

In my last article concerning the possibility of 1928 TSMG cracked receiver, I concluded that, after all is said and done, the problem is really due to the design of the rear of the receiver. If a breech oiler and

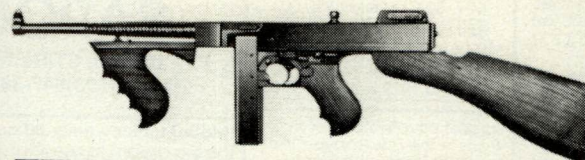
blish lock were not used in the original 1921 and in the 1928 and 1928A1, the metal removed from the inside of both sides of the 1921, 1928 and 1928A1 would be there, assuming the original one and 3/4 width of the receiver. This means that the side of the receiver would have been 3/8ths of an inch thick the entire length of the receiver and the bolt channel would have remained one inch wide all the way to the rear of the receiver, thereby making the rear of the receiver stronger.

In the articles "Gunmachines Combat Competition TSMG," Parts 1 and 2, (MGN Vol. 5, #9 & #10, Feb. & Mar. '92), I wrote that the GM version of the Thompson would incorporate a lugless lock and not use a breech oiler. The receiver would be made from an 80% receiver. For a Model 1928, then, only the bolt channel would have to be machined out, and not the recesses on the internal sides of the receiver to accommodate the lugs and breech oiler. This would make the manufacture of a 1928 TSMG by a Title II manufacturer much easier, plus it would have the additional advantage of resulting in a 28 receiver with a stronger rear area.

It has been about six years now that Gunmachines has been marketing the Model 1928 Telescoping pilot and the instructions which came with it suggested not using the breech oiler. About that time, I began hearing from my customers, and still do, that their West Hurley AO 1928 came without a breech oiler. My West Hurley AO 1928, however, had a breech oiler in it when I received it, as do most AO West Hurley 1928s.

In conclusion, although your Model 1921, 1928 or 1928A1 TSMG will work without a breech oiler, for the reasons mentioned I now recommend its use, particularly in the West Hurley 1928. I have had to backtrack on some things during the course of doing these articles as more information is assessed concerning the mechanical functioning and operation of Thompsons. My readers may recall my articles concerning recoil springs and their contribution to cycle rates, which I later found erroneous and said so. Well, I am now doing the same concerning the breech oiler. If your 1928 or 21 doesn't have one, get one and put it in.

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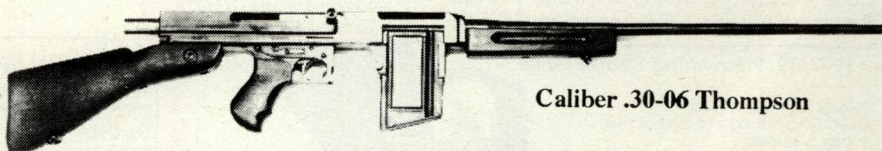
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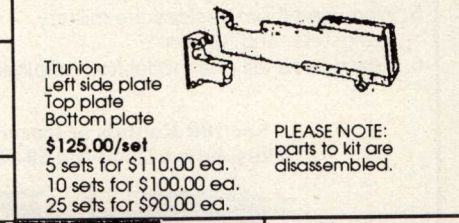
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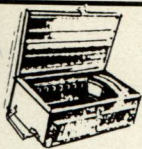
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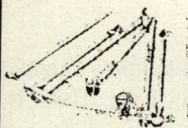


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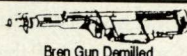


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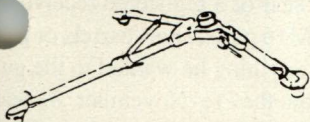
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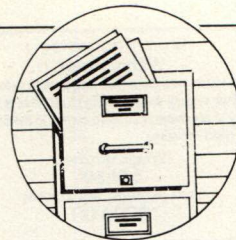
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The Forms

by DAN SHEA



There have been BS sessions and phone calls and miles of fax flying for the last few months. The anti-Second Amendment Rights crowd has achieved some narrow victories, and now feel that they have the "momentum." A victory is a victory, but it is not always a "Victory!" Most of these laws are squeaking into existence, not roaring in with the power of a mandate. The death of the power of the NRA and the American firearms owner, may be trumpeted a little too soon by these folks. Sign up with the gun organizations again, and get your friends and customers to join. I'd like to see a six million member NRA. November 1994 is the time to remember all of the turncoat Congresspeople. Vote them out.

I can't give you a good feel for the laws that are coming up until Congress comes back in session, I am writing this 12-10-93. What I can do is clarify one little point that you should trumpet to the heavens, or at least into the face of every anti-gun fanatic. Calmly explain it to the undecided.

The framers of the Constitution of the United States of America and the Bill of Rights felt that there were two distinct forms of "rights." Some were God-given, and precluded anything that man said or did. These were enumerated and guaranteed in the "Bill of Rights." Other "rights" were man made, and these were enumerated in the Constitution. The Second Amendment, which all of the framers agreed in their other writings was about the individual right to own military weaponry, is of the God-given variety. This right exists with or without a man-written instrument such as a constitution. I have a friend who reiterates that you don't need a license to exercise a constitutional right, and he is correct. In practice, the carrying of a firearm without a permit will get you put in jail. Interesting point. In these days of judicial activists inventing "rights" that would have made the Framers draw their sabers, you might want to clarify the issues for the liberals. If the states are allowed to restrict or ban any type of behavior that is specifically enumerated in the Constitu-

tion, what about these currently invented "rights?" Constitutional law sets precedents that may be anathema to the liberal agenda. Good. Maybe this will help us get their attention and drive home the severity of the path they are on with the "Gun Bans."

Some info for those manufacturers and importers who have been wondering why they keep getting their annual reports back— "not deliverable, left no forwarding address." BATF did not move out of their apartment and disappear into the night, leaving the power company and cablevision "holding the bag." You do not need to do a "skip-trace." It turns out that the old address that is on the back of the form is no longer used, and no one made arrangements for forwarding the mail. The correct address for Form 4483-A, the Annual Firearms Manufacturing and Exportation Report is;

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They would prefer the report be faxed in to reduce the chance of it being lost or misdirected in the mail. Fax to: 202-927-8601, with a cover letter Attn: Linda Diehl, F & E Ops Branch.

Next month I should have the NFA Activity charts for 1994.

Q I have a friend who has a Russian 1910 Maxim that is in Poland. He would like to import it into the United States as a "parts set." Does he need an importers license, and what form would he use? He was going to cut off the right side plate.

Glenn

A He does not need an importer's license to import firearms parts. Tell him to get a Form 6, and fill out the info, sending it to the address on the form that is in Washington, D.C. The restricted item on that Maxim gun is going to be the left sideplate, looking from the firing position towards the direction of fire. Have your friend call Technology Branch, BATF (202-927-7910) to verify that before he files his import permit (Form 6).

Q The first thing I need to know is how to go about looking up gun laws. There is a law library in my town but it's such an overwhelming place to go to because I never know where to start or find anything in there; and I've been told that they only want the second or third year law students to use those stupid computers that they charge people to use, ha-ha silly me. I know that our state laws are found in the "Idaho Code" series of books but where are the Federal laws and BATF rulings found?

Next, I'm interested in these Pre-November '81 AR-15 sears sold by Suppress-on and Global Sales. I know BATF has classified them as "not a machine gun," but what does that mean? Do I have to send anything in to the B-place to be able to put it in my AR-15 with the M16 parts that make it work? I read in one of your earlier articles that if someone has a registered sear or a registered receiver could have M16 parts, short barrels or pretty much do anything he wanted to the gun, but what about the Pre-November '81 sears that don't need to be registered? Are they considered to be the same? I just need some basic straight forward legal advice. Can the three-round burst sets be made to work with the sears to make a four position selector pack if one adds a fourth indentation slot on the selector, and if so, does the sear need to be married to the receiver?

On the letter that came with my sear it said a little filing would have to be done on it because of the different tolerances in the different brands of receivers. Now, the inner walls of my SGW receiver were built up so much that I had to file the walls of the sear body (the numbered part) to half their thickness to get it to "drop-in." Is this what they meant? Will this increase the likelihood of it breaking or are they made with plenty of metal to begin with? Would it have been legal to have milled that out of the receiver to begin with as long as I didn't drill any holes? Now that this terrible thing has been done to my sear by my hand, would it be legal for me to extend the length of the sear pivot pin (by using a different one) all the way through the receiver to

relieve the stress on the thin sear walls? (That hole would be larger and in a slightly different place than the hole that would allow a regular M16 sear to be put in with.) Is it legal to file off half of the selector stop so the auto selector can be moved into position or file off both of them for the four-position trigger pack?

I really liked that 6" Shorty upper that was put out by SGW and I was wondering if it would work good on this AR-15 pistol I was "assembling." Since my Pre-'81 sear didn't come with or need a tax stamp and I don't have or particularly want an FFL at this time, how can I get them to send me one? Do they make any 6" Shorty's in their pistol caliber uppers?

I have a Pre-'89 Import Ban Spectre pistol. How do I get around this Post-'89 import ban nonsense so I get the dreaded stock and long barrel to make it into a carbine? Can I buy them as imported machine gun parts from someone since no one that sells semi-auto parts seems to have them, even F.I.E. who I bought it from?

Is having an AR-15 receiver enough insurance of being able to put together a complete AR-15 after the Clinton era or do I need to spend other money that I don't have and get an upper receiver w/barrel, plug, front sight base with bayonet lug, flash suppressor, bolt carrier with key and a good supply of magazines or am I just getting paranoid?

Sincerely,

Doug

A Whew. I don't know any nice way to tell you this. You are a walking felony. Be glad you wrote in to *MGN* with these questions, because most dealers would shoot you on the spot if you walked into their shop and asked them. Let's start at the top: Get a copy of the publication "Your Guide to Federal Firearms Regulations" also known as the "Red Book," or ATF P 5300.4, from the local BATF. They are in the phone book. Have it sent to a friend, until you figure out where you are going wrong. Next, get a copy of the *Machine Gun Dealer's Bible*, (Written by—Me) and study the section on "Things that get you in trouble," concentrating on "Really stupid things to do." Don't do anything in this section. Then, try and apply the "Spirit" of that section to all of the things you want to do.

Everything that you have done in the above letter has concentrated on circumventing the laws of the United States. Try tailoring your activities to the legal ones, once you have learned what they are.

Point one: Those Pre-November 1981 drop in AR-15 auto sears are not restricted because November 1981 was when the ruling was made that they were a conversion part and must be taxed and registered as a machine gun. These Pre-'81 drop-ins are legal to own, as long as you do not have possession of an AR-15. Possession of both rifle and drop-in is possession of an **untaxed**, unregistered machine gun, a felony. This is not a joke. If you get caught, you will be prosecuted. Having altered your AR-15 internally without drilling the original sear hole in the lower receiver is not manufacturing a machine gun, it is the act of drilling the sear hole that is. Possession of ANY of the five M16 parts (hammer, trigger, disconnecter, selector or bolt carrier) and an AR-15 is considered possession of an untaxed, unregistered machine gun. I guarantee you that having that Pre-'81 sear and an AR-15 that is altered for it to fit will be damning evidence against you. And, how are you going to PROVE, in court, that the Pre-'81 sear was made back then. Present that question to your lawyer, and I am sure he will enlighten you.

Point 2: Putting that 6" barrel on an AR-15 that previously had a buttstock on it is making a "Short Barreled Rifle" requiring an approved Form 1 and \$200 tax payment before you do it. Another felony, and that damn "Pre-Nov '81" sear isn't going to protect you, it's going to dig the hole deeper. To build an AR-15 semi-auto pistol, start with a virgin receiver, that has never been assembled into a rifle, and has never had a buttstock on it since it was manufactured. Document this. Make sure you don't possess a buttstock unless it is attached to another AR-15. THEN, you can make a true pistol out of it.

Point 3: Your Spectre semi-auto is a pistol. If you add a buttstock to it and a barrel over 16", and do not possess the original shorter barrel, you should be alright. These pistols were not banned from importation until Bill Clinton signed the "Assault Pistol Executive Order" this year. Whoa...wait a minute, here. Isn't that the same as adding a buttstock and pistol grip to an MAK-90? It's illegal to take an imported firearm and return it to the original configuration, adding the features that caused it to be banned. The Spectre carbine is banned in the 1989 Executive Order. Here, again, you are concentrating on circumventing the law in order to get what you want. Why not leave the "Spectre" as is and

not risk losing it or being prosecuted? Try looking at these situations the way I am outlining, and you save yourself a lot of legal expenses, and possible jail time.

Buy registered, transferable machine guns. Pay the Transfer Tax. You'll sleep better, and you won't have to go to the law library as much.

Q I have recently become a certified police officer in my local Sheriff's Office. I know individual police organizations handle things differently concerning their officers obtaining machine guns through their departments, but are there any benefits on the federal level concerning obtaining Class 3 weapons if you are a police officer? Can a police officer purchase a Post-'86 machine gun? I now own several Class 3 weapons and have purchased them directly to me on a Form 4 with my FFL.

So that some of your readers know that the cops are not the enemy, I've found very positive response to the Class 3 world with our local police officers. Quite a few officers I've met own and shoot machine guns, etc. They do not fit into the category of the big city chiefs who want to see the Brady Bill and other restrictive gun laws enacted. I've found the rank and file folks are just like most machine gunners we meet at Knob Creek, etc. Some of them may need education concerning the laws of ownership, etc., but most would love a chance to shoot a machine gun. To be honest though, I'm a lot more comfortable when I'm out in the woods shooting my machine guns knowing that I carry a badge in case somebody calls the law on me for making too much noise.

Steve

A That can't possibly be your only reason for becoming a police officer. Or... Nah, never mind. First, you are right about the police not being the enemy of the armed public. Anything but that. BATF is not the enemy either. This gets me in trouble with some of the readers, but get used to hearing it. Many of the readers are police officers. There are people who, as you have pointed out, don't understand the sport of machine gunning, the history some of the collectors are studying, or the benefit the Class 3 personnel are to law enforcement personnel who have some RKI's in the area. They also think that anyone involved in the business is a "Rambo" or "Sandlot Commando." You will find that most professional law enforcement personnel appreciate the knowledge and candor available from the Class 3's. Where else are they going to get

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the real information about these firearms? From factory reps? I doubt that.

I am glad to see that you have paid the tax on your personal firearms. That is the correct way to do it. The only time that you may transfer them into the department and then to yourself, tax-exempt, is if the department is requiring you to supply your own firearm. Expect to be questioned about it. If your chief really wants you to have the machine gun, suppressor, or other NFA firearm as a duty firearm that the department budget can't handle, he will back it up. I know quite a few departments that have tactical teams that are made up of volunteer officers, who have bought their own gear, including Witness Protection shotguns and transferable MP-5's, some through the department. You cannot have a Post-'86 machine gun transferred out to you on a Form 4 or 5. It can be the property of the police department, and be signed out to you as a "carry" weapon. I have known departments that allowed officers to purchase inexpensive "Dealer Sample" machine guns, transfer them into the department, and sign them out as "carry" weapons, but when the officer left the department, the machine gun had to stay at the P.D. It could also be transferred to his new police department. Once again, should not be abused. The department you work for should really want you to have this machine gun, not just allow you to have a toy. Police departments that don't have the budget and help their officers provide tactical firearms in this manner are more common than you might imagine.

Q I would like your advice on a situation which is taking place in Gainesville. I have a friend who purchased a machine gun a couple of years ago and got the police chief to sign his Form 4. A year or so later, my friend purchased another machine gun, and he got another police officer to sign his Form 4 (the chief delegated this administrative duty to somebody else). On both of these occasions, my friend simply mailed in the forms, and he got them back signed without even having to meet the chief. I know this form doesn't require this, but it goes to show the chief obviously understood what this form meant.

The problem now is this: I want to purchase a machine gun. I contacted the police chief's office and was told he doesn't sign these forms anymore because his city's attorney told him not to. She didn't give me a reason why, but I figure the city doesn't want a liability suit if this gun is used in a

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crime. (I know this form doesn't make the signer liable.) Or worse yet, they want to impose their own illegal gun controls and "convince" the chief to follow along. The secretary said they now refer these matters to the sheriff's office. Well the sheriff doesn't sign unless you are law enforcement or a certified antique gun collector. That sure makes a lot of sense, doesn't it.

I purchased your *Machine Gun Dealers Bible*, and in it you said this type of thing is illegal, and I might be able to do something through the court system. Even though I am going to talk to a lawyer and sue the bastards, I would like to know of your experience with your readers of any successful lawsuits of this kind or just plain useful information which I could use in my case, (ex: specific court cases and or laws).

Although you probably get many letters of this kind, I would really appreciate a prompt response because I want to get this show on the road as soon as possible. Keep up the good work at *MGN* and thank you for your time.

Michael V.

A This illustrates what many of us fear happening because of the Brady Law. It is

a de facto gun ban. I don't have the knowledge of any successful cases for our side, and I really don't know of any defeats either. There have been quite a few cases where the lawsuit started the process for the police chief to cave in and sign the form, as soon as he knew the plaintiff was serious. In the present political climate, I wouldn't be surprised at any result that you got. So, all you followers of The Forms, write in and let me know of any cases for the next issue.

Your letter raises another point. There have been a few prosecutions of NFA firearms owners lately, for fraud on their Form 1, 4 or 5. In the Certifications section, the instructions specify that you (the transferee) sign the Form in the presence of the certifying officer. How many of you NFA firearms owners out there signed that in the presence of the chief when he was certifying that it was your signature? I thought so. Start making sure everyone is in compliance with this one—there are several cases in court right now. If you don't believe me, look right next to the photograph position on the back of a Form 4. "The transferee must sign the Applicant Certification (Item 2 below) in the presence

of the law enforcement officer signing item 3 below." Personally, I think that this is stretching things pretty far, and I will be interested in the outcome of the trials. I'll update you all as info comes in.

Q Thank you for providing the Class 3 public with so much important and needed information. I wish your magazine came out weekly!

Here are my questions: A neighbor of mine recently lost his father. Upon settling up his estate, he came across what sounds like a Reising Mod 50 his father brought back from WWII. I have never seen the weapon and my neighbor's father resided in another state, hence I use the word sounds like, since I live across the country. To the best of my knowledge it has never been registered. Can it be now? If so, what's the drill?

Next, at one of our local shoots, an acquaintance mentioned that he owned a Thompson, originally a dewat of again WWII vintage. One day fooling around with it the weld popped out of the barrel. He said he registered it in the late 60's, but since he couldn't find any numbers on the weapon he just made one up and sent in the

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paperwork. This sounds like something out of the "Twilight Zone" and I doubt if this gun is legal. My question is: If I purchase the part (I don't know what makes a Thompson a machine gun) from someone like Jim Klodzinski of Gunmachines, could I then register the weapon?

I currently have three Class 3 items and am saving up for a belt fed... I don't play with assault rifles, only crew served weapons.

Confusion to our Enemies,
C.D.

A Yup. Twilight Zone stuff. The Reising is contraband, and as such must be turned in to the BATF or other authorities. You may have the owner donate it to a police department, who should then file a Form 10, registering it to themselves. If the receiver was torch-cut in 3 pieces, it would no longer be a firearm, but that is an illegal act. The only legal act is to turn it in. That Thompson is another story. If he registered it as a "DEWAT" in 1968, and can't remember the serial number, he should be able to obtain a copy of the Form 4467 Amnesty registration from NFA Branch (650 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20226), requesting a list of firearms that are in his name from the amnesty. By all rights, he is supposed to have marked that serial number on the gun when he registered it.

Q RE: The Forms October '93, pg. 53

Transporting Class 3 items and having Xerox copies of paperwork! Police will hold you until BATF can confirm ownership. Question—what good are the registration papers in the first place? Attorney General Janet Reno "did not read written documentation carefully" regarding the deaths of innocent Americans in Waco, TX.

If you or I or any other American do not "read carefully," can we be held unaccountable just like the Attorney General? Ignorance of the law...Your comments.

Thanks,
Don

A Aww, you're just trying to get me upset. Your paper work should suffice to get you out of any unpleasanties. If any one knows what those papers mean, that is. If you are traveling, take some precautions as I outlined in that article. Regarding "General Reno," remember you are not talking about the person who is best qualified for the job of Attorney General of the United States of America, owing to her deep understanding of our Constitution and the way that the law works. She is the last pick they had who was

still politically correct. If you take a clear look at all of Clinton's appointments, you will find the same pattern of zealous adherence to failed socialist ideology, the "we know what's best for you" maternalism, and the abuse of children as an excuse for any policy they want to pursue. These people are not fit to shine the shoes of the framers of the Constitution. At least we had the satisfaction of seeing Reno's face blanche, as the fact that she was personally responsible for all of those deaths in Waco, sank in. I was impressed when she said she accepted responsibility, but disgusted when that didn't mean anything. I really thought she had some character. To accept responsibility is to "take the hit." She should have stepped down. But, NOOOOO. Once again—liberal symbolism over substance every time.

Q I'm a Type 01 FFL holder and have been so for 10 years or so. With the Clintonista's in power now, and with their personal agenda to disarm law-abiding Americans, I've decided to allow my FFL to expire in two years and keep a lower profile in case Janet Reno and her "professionals" decide to make a few more martyrs like they did in Waco. Using my Type 1 FFL, I acquired two Class 3 weapons for my personal collection using my FFL business name. I put my personal name on the Form 4's under the "Transferee name and address" column. My company trade name is also listed under the "Trade name" column. When I allow my business to dissolve (or stop selling firearms), do I need to have this information updated?

This may sound a little paranoid, but I don't want "Biliary & Company" to come knocking some day and take my Class 3 toys based on some technicality on a Form 4 that wasn't updated.

A.N.

A Nope, you are all set. That company name doesn't mean anything as long as your name is on it, and you were a sole proprietor. I am not going to "bite" on the political stuff this time. The current political climate tends to breed pessimism, realism and survivalism in a lot of the dealers I talk to.

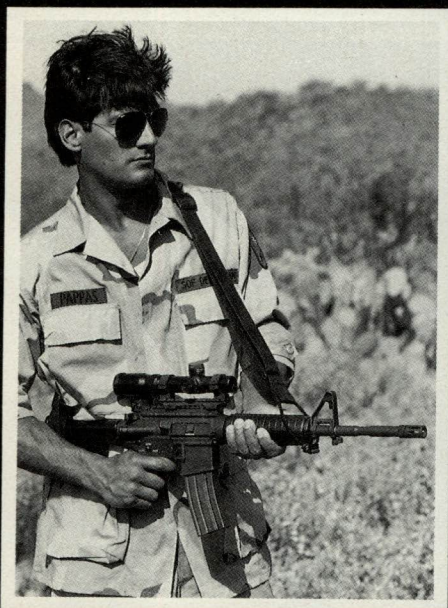
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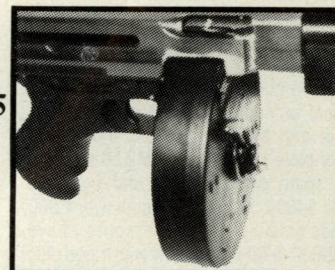
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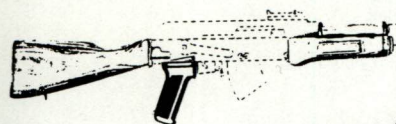


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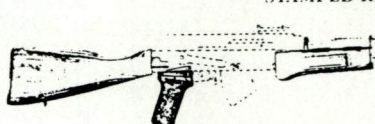
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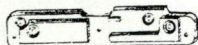


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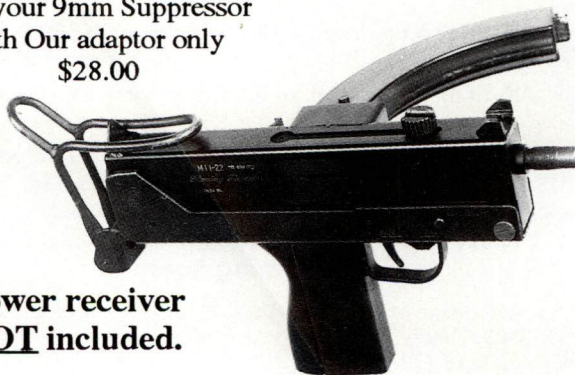
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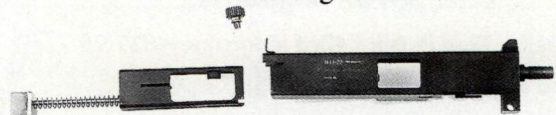
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