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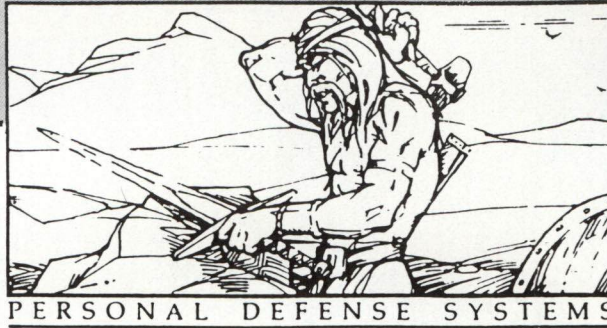
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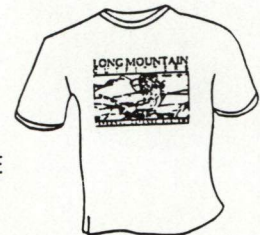


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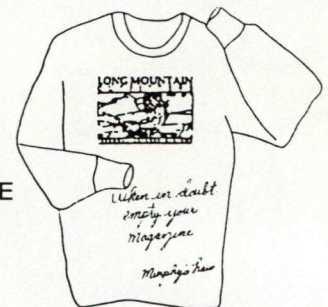
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MG379. Russian paratrooper AK47
MG380. Denmark M-50, 9mm mag. exc.
MG381. Sedgley 9mm 1 of only 10
MG383. Czech ZK 383 very rare gun
MG384. Breda Model 1935, 7 Mauser vg

MG385. Sten MK 5, new receiver
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MG601. HK G3 reg. rec. full stk.
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MG393. Jap M-11, 6.5 hopper feed
MG394. German 08/15, 1917 souvenir
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MG397. Colt .50 mm, 52a, 1942 exc.
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MG410. Colt 1925 Chilean Group rec.
MG411. Russian DPM, 1935 exc.
MG412. French Chauchaut 8 Lebel
MG413. Breda M30 7x57 bbl. & 6.5 ITI bl
MG415. Czech ZB 26, 8mm Chinese
MG416. Belgian Israeli FN FAL .308
MG417. Springfield 1909 Benet-Mercie
MG418. 1938 Krieghoff, M15
MG575. Valmet 78 exc. HB Pre-86 DS
MG578. Vickers 8mm Erb transferable
MG579. Colt Thompson 1921/28
MG580. H&R Pistol 12 ga. New RR 9"
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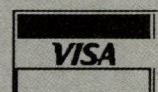
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On the Cover: U.S. soldier with standard M-1 Garand smiling, despite the head injury.
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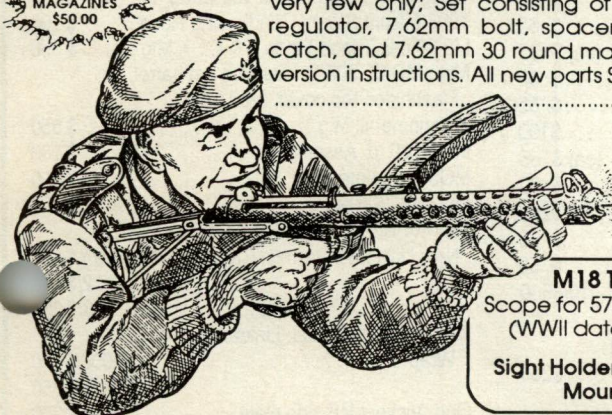
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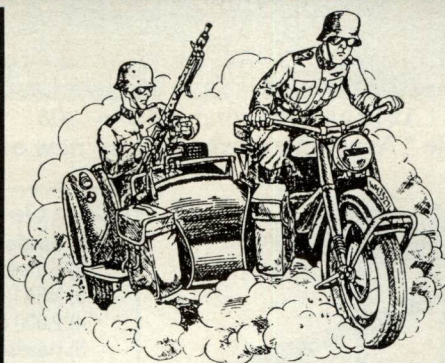
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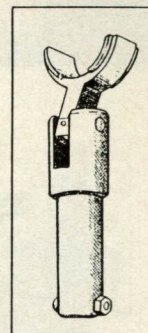


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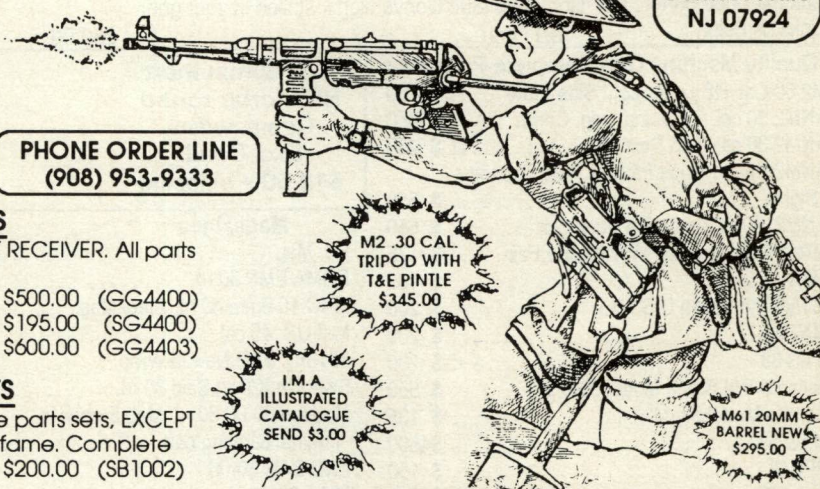
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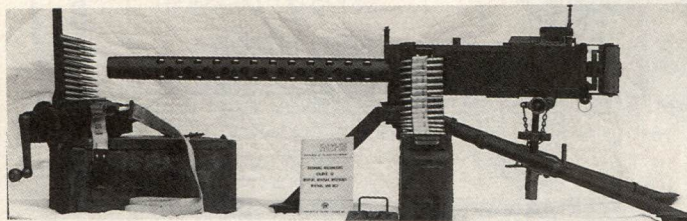
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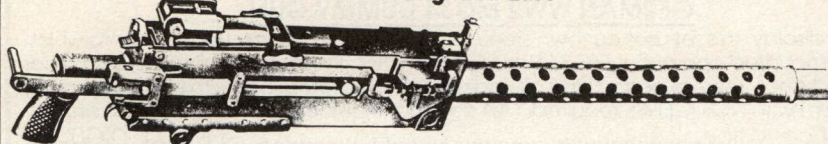
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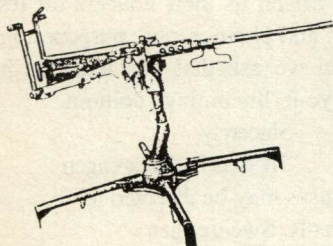
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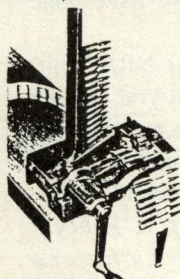
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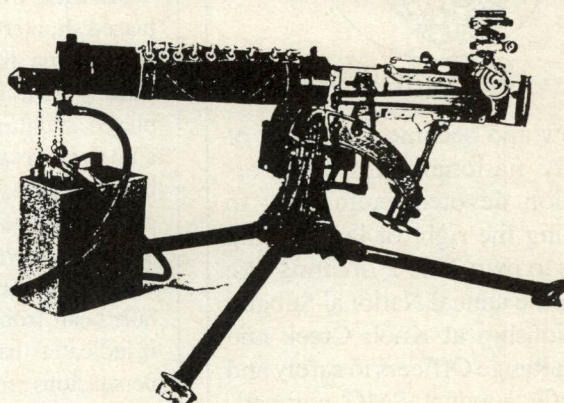
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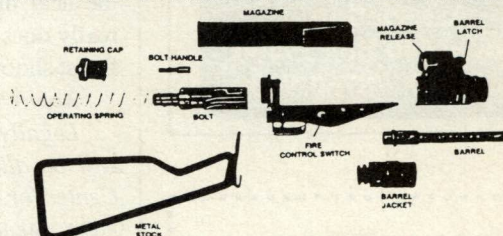
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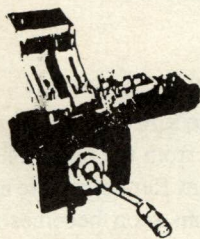
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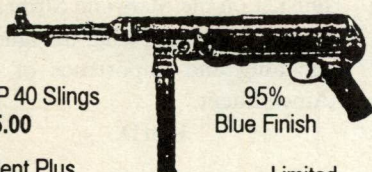
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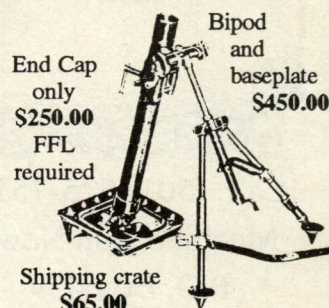
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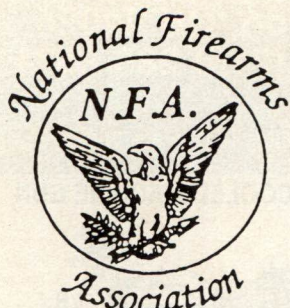


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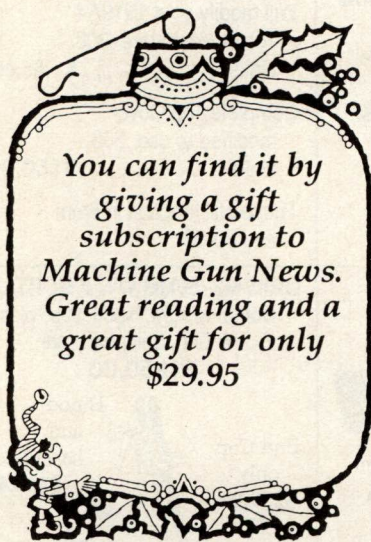


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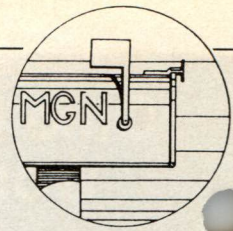
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Incoming



WON ONE

A little over a year has past since a biased shooter objected to me shooting full auto at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM. I refused to accept such a biased situation and lobbied to have full auto firearms accepted at the range. Lobbying paid off, for enclosed you will find a copy of the policy approved on September 4, 1994, covering the use of full auto weapons at the NRA Whittington Center. I take heart from this turn of events because it indicates that firearms enthusiasts of all persuasions are beginning to realize that we must stand united in regards to Second Amendment rights before we have none left to protect.

If you have not visited the NRA Whittington Center, I suggest that you stop by the next time you are in the area since it really does live up to its claim of being the finest shooting facility in the world.

*Approved Automatic Weapons Policy:
Legally licensed full automatic firearms will be allowed on the NRA Whittington Center for use by military and law enforcement agencies for training purposes. No armor piercing or tracer ammunition will be allowed on any range.*

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Sincerely,
Dale L. S.

M11 LEATHER HOLSTERS ANYONE?

I am in need of the three leather holsters the old RPB Industries, Inc. marketed for the Ingram M10 and M11. One is the hip holster for the M10, another is the hip holster with magazine pouch for the M11, and the last is the shoulder holster assembly for the M11. The shoulder holster was variously known as the M11 Convertible with Shoulder Harness or the M11 Cut-Away Holster.

Mr. Donald G. Thomas of Marietta, Georgia, and I have been researching the complete history of the Ingram weapons

family for several years with a view toward collaboratively producing a profusely illustrated book on the many gun variations and their manufacturers. Don Thomas was the historian of the old Military Armaments Corporation and possesses a sizeable collection of documents from the corporation and from Gordon Ingram. As soon as I complete Volume 2 of my *Worlds Fighting Shotguns*, we will start assembling the Ingram book.

Both Don and I failed to recognize the historical importance of the holsters when they were available and were derelict in not purchasing them at that time. We hope some readers of the *Machine Gun News* will offer to sell us their holsters for test, evaluation and photographic purposes. For this reason we ask that this letter be included in your "Incoming" column.

Sincerely,
Thomas F. Swearingen

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NOW THAT'S A FLAG

Chairman Mao's *Redbook* tells us that all power springs from the barrel of a gun. The founders of our Republic were equally aware that freedom soon becomes meaningless without the means to defend it. The 1983 guerilla founders of Mozambique graced the connection between the guns of their struggle and their new freedom(?) by prominently featuring the AK on their new nations's flag. The bankrupt political philosophy of these socialists should not prevent our applauding their recognition of that very fundamental political truth. Maybe if our founders had put a rampant musket on the Stars and Stripes, we would not today be educating the ignorant on the meaning and importance of the Second Amendment.

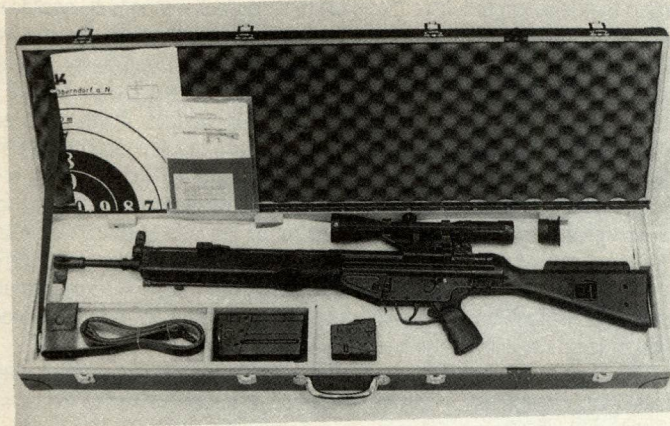
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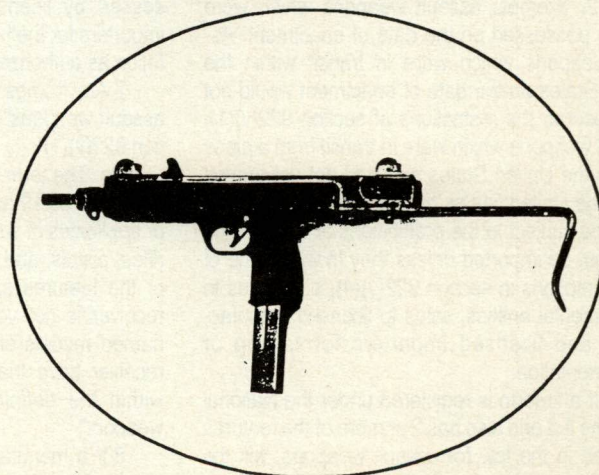
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QUESTIONS ON VIOLENT CRIME CONTROL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1994
September 13, 1994

Editor's Note: We obtained the following ATF Internal document which should give you a pretty good idea of where they have been instructed to go with it.

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1. Does section 922(v)(1) prohibit the importation of semiautomatic assault weapons which were manufactured prior to the effective date?

Yes. Section 922(v)(1) makes it unlawful for a person to manufacture, transfer, or possess semiautomatic assault weapons after the effective date. ATF would not approve an application to import semiautomatic assault weapons when possession of the weapons would place the importer in violation of law. The "grandfather" provision excepts weapons "otherwise lawfully possessed under Federal law" on the date of enactment. Since the GCA does not have extraterritorial effect, the exception would apply only to weapons which were lawfully possessed in the United States on the date of enactment.

2. How does the "grandfather" exemption from the assault weapons prohibition affect assault weapons in the inventory of licensed dealers?

The "grandfather" exemption in section 922(v)(2) provides that the general prohibition on manufacture, transfer, and possession of assault weapons shall not apply to assault weapons which were lawfully possessed on the date of enactment. Thus, assault weapons lawfully held in inventory by licensees on the date of enactment can continue to be possessed and transferred.

3. How does the "grandfather" exemption from the assault weapons prohibition affect assault weapons owned by nonlicensed individuals?

As stated in question 2, the "grandfather" provision in section 922(v)(2) exempts assault weapons which were lawfully possessed in the United States on the date of enactment. Individuals in lawful possession of such weapons on the date of enactment may continue to possess and transfer the weapons in accordance with applicable Federal and State law.

4. How does the assault weapons prohibition affect weapons which were in transit from distributors or manufacturers to dealers on the date of enactment?

The "grandfather" exemption in section 922(v)(2) exempts assault weapons which were lawfully possessed on the date of enactment. Assault weapons which were in transit within the United States on the date of enactment would not be subject to the restrictions of section 922(v)(1). Assault weapons which were in transit from a place outside the United States and had not yet arrived within the United States on the date of enactment would be subject to the prohibitions of the law and could not be imported unless they fit within one of the exemptions in section 922(v)(4), e.g., sales to governmental entities, sales to licensed manufacturers and licensed importers for testing or experimentation.

5. If a firearm is registered under the National Firearms Act and also has 2 or more of the features specified in the law for assault weapons, will the firearm be regulated under both statutes? For ex-

ample, a short-barrel AR-15 would be regulated under the NFA as a short-barrel rifle and would also meet the features test of s 921(a)(30)(B).

Any firearm which falls within the definition of "semiautomatic assault weapon" will be subject to the prohibitions of section 922(v)(1) notwithstanding the fact that the firearm is also subject to regulation under the National Firearms Act. Thus, such firearms cannot be manufactured, transferred, or possessed unless they fall within one of the exceptions in section 922 (v)(2)-(4). If the NFA firearm fits within one of the exceptions, all the requirements of the National Firearms Act must also be complied with.

6. What are some of the exemptions from the ban on transfer and possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices?

Section 922(w)(1) provides that, except as provided in paragraph (2), it shall be unlawful for a person to transfer or possess a large capacity ammunition feeding device. "Large capacity ammunition feeding device" is defined in section 921(a)(31) as a magazine, belt, drum, feed strip, or similar device that has a capacity of, or that can be readily restored or converted to accept, more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

The following exemptions are provided in the statute:

(1) Devices lawfully possessed on or before the date of enactment.

(2) Devices manufactured for, transferred to, or possessed by governmental entities or law enforcement officers employed by governmental entities for purposes of law enforcement.

(3) Devices transferred to licensees maintaining on-site security at a nuclear power plant required by Federal law, or possession by an employee or contractor of such licensee on-site for such purposes or off-site for purposes of licensee-authorized training or transportation of nuclear materials.

(4) Devices transferred to law enforcement officers by the officer's employer law enforcement agency upon the officer's retirement.

(5) Devices manufactured, transferred, or possessed by licensed manufacturers or licensed importers for the purposes of testing or experimentation as authorized by the Secretary.

7. Are frames or receivers for "semiautomatic assault weapons" subject to restriction under section 922(v)(1)?

No. The term "semiautomatic assault weapon" is defined as 19 named models of firearms, copies or duplicates of such weapons, and semiautomatic rifles, pistols, and shotguns which have 2 or more of the features specified in the law. A frame or receiver is not yet identifiable as one of the 19 named models of firearms, nor does a frame or receiver have the features necessary to bring it within the definition of "semiautomatic assault weapon."

8. If a manufacturer is in possession of unassembled semiautomatic assault weapons on the

date of enactment, will such weapons be exempt from regulation under the "grandfather" provision of the law?

Semiautomatic assault weapons in knockdown (disassembled) condition consisting of a receiver and all parts needed to assemble a complete semiautomatic assault weapon will be considered a semiautomatic assault weapon if the parts are segregated or packaged together and held by the manufacturer as the parts for the assembly of a particular firearm. Such weapons in the possession of a manufacturer on the date of enactment would be "grandfathered" pursuant to section 922(v)(1)?

9. Will replacement parts for semiautomatic assault weapons be subject to regulation under section 922(v)(1)?

Individual replacement parts for semiautomatic assault weapons will not be subject to regulation. However, a semiautomatic assault weapon in knockdown condition consisting of a receiver and all parts needed to assemble a complete semiautomatic assault weapon will be considered a semiautomatic assault weapon if the parts are segregated or packaged together and held by the manufacturer or possessor as the parts for the assembly of a particular firearm.

10. If a person is in possession of a frame or receiver for a semiautomatic assault weapon on the date of enactment, may the person acquire the rest of the parts and assemble a complete semiautomatic assault weapon?

No. As stated in Question 8, a frame or receiver is not a "semiautomatic assault weapon." Consequently, possession of a frame or receiver on the date of enactment does not result in exemption under the "grandfathering" provision of section 922 (v) (2). Section 922 (v) (1) makes it unlawful for a person to manufacture a semiautomatic assault weapon after the date of enactment. Adding parts to a frame or receiver to make a complete semiautomatic assault weapon would violate section 922 (v) (1).

11. Will licensed dealers be allowed to acquire semiautomatic assault weapons for sale to State and local law enforcement agencies and other governmental entities?

Section 922 (v) (4) provides an exemption from the assault weapons prohibition for manufacture for, transfer to, or possession by Federal, State, and local government entities and law enforcement officers employed by such entities. Sales of weapons by manufacturers and importers to such governmental entities will be permitted under this exemption. Licensed dealers will be allowed to acquire semiautomatic assault weapons from manufacturers and importers for sale to governmental entities if they have purchase orders for such sales. Licensed dealers will also be allowed to acquire such weapons as sales samples if they have letters from governmental entities or law enforcement officers employed by such entities expressing a need for a particular model of assault weapon or requesting a demonstration of such a

weapon. The regulations implementation this provision of the law will fully set forth the procedures to be followed by dealers in acquiring semi-automatic assault weapons as sales samples.

12. May semiautomatic assault weapons be imported after the date of enactment?

Yes, provided the exportation is in compliance with the Arms Export Control Act, 22 U.S.C. 2778, and the regulations issued thereunder.

13. On what date do the prohibitions on semi-automatic assault weapons and large capacity ammunition feeding devices become effective?

The prohibitions apply the day after the effective date, i.e., September 14, 1994. Assault weapons and large capacity ammunition feeding devices lawfully possessed on September 13, 1994, are exempt from the prohibition.

14. What markings are required for large capacity ammunition feeding devices manufactured after the date of enactment?

Such devices must be marked with a serial number that clearly shows that the device was manufactured or imported after the effective date. All magazines produced by the same manufacturer may be marked with the same serial number. Magazines must be marked with the name, city, and state of the manufacturer. Imported magazines must be marked with the name of the manufacturer, country of origin, and the name, city, and state of the importer. All restricted magazines must be marked "RESTRICTED LAW ENFORCEMENT/GOVERNMENT USE ONLY."

15. Does ATF have authority to inspect non-licensed manufacturers of large capacity ammunition feeding devices?

All visits to nonlicensees must be consensual or pursuant to a search warrant.

16. Are unassembled magazines with a capacity of more than 10 rounds "large capacity ammunition feeding devices?"

Yes. Large capacity ammunition feeding devices in knockdown condition consisting of all the parts needed to assembled a complete device and which are segregated, packaged together, or otherwise held by the manufacturer or importer are subject to regulation under section 922 (W).

17. If, on the date of enactment, a manufacturer has unassembled magazines in a knockdown condition as described in question 16, may the manufacturer assemble the magazines after that date?

Yes. The unassembled magazines would be "grandfathered" magazines, which would not be subject to the prohibitions of the law.

18. What markings must appear on semi-automatic assault weapons manufactured after the date of enactment?

Until regulations implementing the crime bill are published, manufacturers of semiautomatic assault weapons should continue to mark their firearms as specified in 27 C.F.R. & 178.92.

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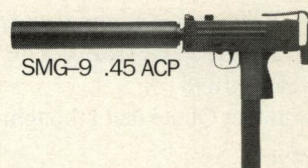


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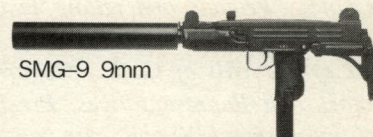
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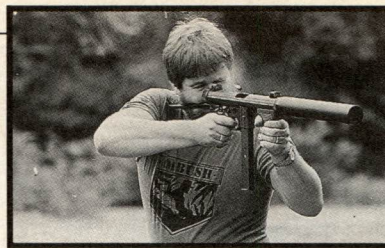
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Quote: "Whatever happens, we have got, the Maxim Gun; and they have not."

- Hilaire Belloc "The Modern Traveler", 1898

Another Quote that I thought you might enjoy....

Quote: "Friends and fellow Texians! We stand here ready to do our duty, cognizant of the Will of God.... Governess, Senators and Representatives, President and Congressmen! We call upon you to do your sworn duty to uphold the Constitutions of Texas and the United States, and we charge you to represent the Will of the People of Texas. We are here to serve notice that Nothing less will be tolerated! Battery #1: Prepare to Fire—(Ready)—FIRE!"

-John Whitworth Engel on July 2, 1994 at the Texas Rally For Firearms Rights, Committee of 1776.

Battery #1 is Whit's Texas Revolutionary six pounder, with one pound of 1F in it, no projectile!

I had to stand up and salute just reading that speech. I'd love to see it on tape, if anyone in the private sector has it—I'm sure that there is an "official" version in D.C. Whit's letter ended on the note—"PS: come see me in the calaboose." He sent it before the speech, and I hope that he didn't get hassled for it. What a great speech. If we all did a little more of that, we might get their attention!

The Mystery Photo section has been ignored recently, mainly because we went to print before the responses came in. The top cover in August (Vol. 8 No. 3) was an early Stoner 63 belt-fed configuration cover without the sights. More about Stoners in a minute. The Grenade Launcher part was an XM-148 40mm pre M-203

handguard. Both John Stelter and "Jeff" identified it as the early AAI variant handguard. Here's one for you Browning fanatics....

I was down at Knob Creek last spring and ordered a "drag bag" for one of my sniper rigs. The company that made it for me did a custom job, to my specs, and it was quite inexpensive. They delivered quickly, and the end product was real nice, so I thought I'd let you Rafficarians know about them. The company is Military Prototypes and Reproductions (MPR), run by Steve Greene and Jimmy Bennick. The idea was to offer a line of quality reproductions of military canvas rifle and carbine cases, as well as a custom line for machine gunners, hunters, and snipers. My drag bag fits my Remington 700 BDL with scope and bipod, has various pouches for ammo and accessories and binoculars, as well as the special suppressor pouch. I had it made in OD Green, and the cost, special pouches and all, padded nicely, was around a hundred bucks! MPR is making drop cases for SMG's, and larger cases for your belt-feds. They are offering their heavy (18oz) U.S. contract canvas products in olive drab, black, waterproof grey, some camo. Next

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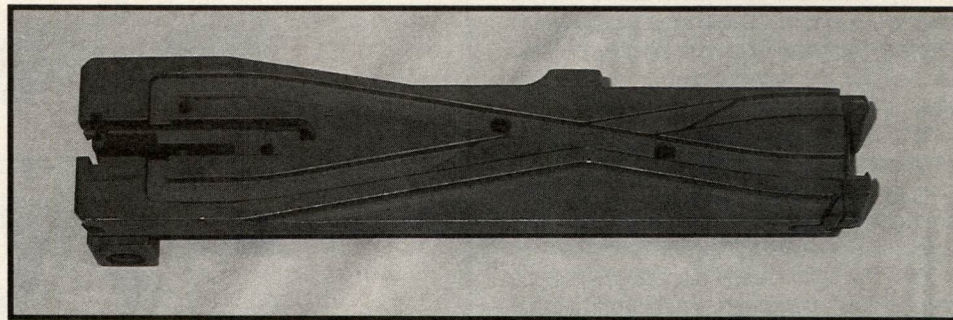
Q Hey, Dan, I saw your recommendations for required spare parts for the MP-5 SMG in this past month's issue of MGN. I would definitely have included locking roller holders, a spare roller or two (as they sometimes get lost when a holder breaks), and the nylon guide rings for the recoil guide rod. Here's HK's suggested list, compiled from our experiences with our Military MP-5 users. And some other neat info you might like....

Jim Schatz

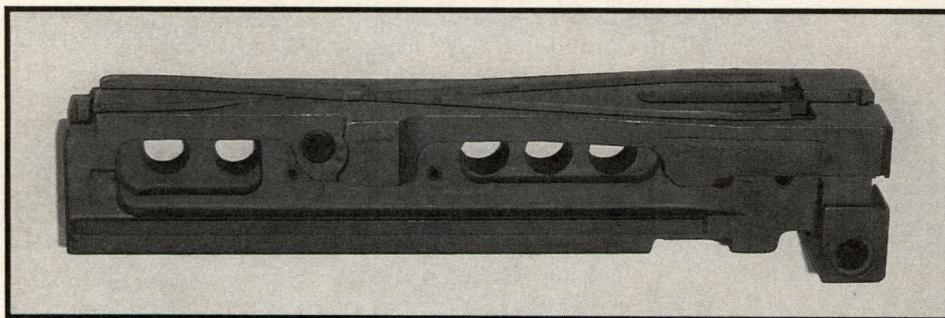
HK Federal Operations Dept.

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A Always a pleasure to hear from our at HK. Jim has been very helpful over the years—you can't get much better info than right from the source. The HK list is compiled from years of supporting their product in the field. The quantities were based on



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having ten MP-5's and keeping them operational under field conditions. We can all learn a lot from this list. It really doesn't reveal weaknesses in the firearms, just springs and small parts that have normal wear, and some items that tend to get lost through "operator malfunction." One more example of speaking out for the quality of the HK products. One note: it is necessary to deal with the local HK dealer to get parts; HK supports their dealer structure. You

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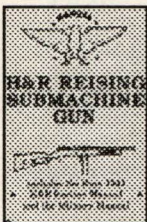


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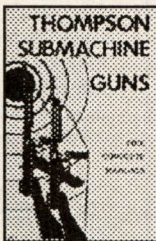
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Al Paulson

A I checked around a little and haven't found any yet. I'll put it out to the Rarificarians and see if anyone who has that kit wants to have the honor and glory of contributing to your mission, and, get a nice 22 suppressor in the bargain. Al, I know these guys pretty well, and you might have to throw in a pizza or a six-pack, so be prepared to negotiate.

Q I have a de-watted 50 mm mortar. It has a metal bar welded across the diameter of the tube and a large hole at the base of the barrel. I want to use this mortar for re-enacting, which would require me to remove the bar and patch up the hole. The patch to the hole would not be strong enough to fire a real mortar round; just a plastic container propelled by a fuse-lit black powder charge. Is this legal?

Is it Legal to construct a mortar from scratch for the same purpose?

Eric

A Let's get our terms straight here, first. DeWat is a DE-activated War Trophy, and it needs to be registered as an NFA firearm. Demil is DE-MILitarized as in destroyed and unable to be returned to use, not requiring registration under the NFA-34. Your Mortar is a Demil because of the bar welded in the tube and the large hole in the side. If you remove the bar, then fill that hole, even with something insubstantial, you will have a Destructive Device, a 50mm mortar. Even though it is not safe to shoot it, it doesn't matter. If it can send even one round out, it has to be registered! On mortars, if you make a caliber that no one has ever made an explosive round for, generally speaking, you don't have a DD. So, you make your mortar a 56mm or 45mm. You make your own solid projectiles and fire them with black powder—no registration is necessary. Then one day you make an explosive round—now the mortar is a DD, requiring registration! The pertinent phrase in the CFR's definition of a Destructive Device is "Designed as a Weapon." This guide should help you in making something for re-enactments.

Q I am writing in response to my own letter in last month's issue, where I asked about the Stoner collection of Reed Kni. Anyhow, I was hoping next time you go, you could find out more about the Stoner rifles and carbines, to be specific, and

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maybe some of the little "extras" there are. Thanks a lot!

Jeff M.

-I just today received my August 1994 issue of *MGN*. In your always interesting "Raffica" column, a reader by the name of Jeff asked about information on Stoners.

In the February 1990 issue of *MGN* (Vol. 3 No. 11) there was an article entitled "The Stoner Machine Guns" which I authored. Some of the earlier editions of "Janes Infantry Weapons" (available at larger libraries) had some very good basic Stoner information.

I have just completed (as in last week) a new 32 minute video called "The Stoner Machine Gun: A Navy SEAL Remembers." It probably contains more Stoner information than has been available from any one source to date. Its official introduction will be at the Soldier of Fortune Convention and Expo in Las Vegas on September 16, 17, and 18. It should be available mail order from Paladin Press in Boulder, CO within 2 to 3 weeks of this date. I think they will be selling it for \$29.95.

Just as a guess at the August "Mystery photo," it is an early Stoner 63 feed-tray and feed-cover minus the rear sight base.

Hope this info helps Jeff in his search. Thanks, and keep up the good work.

Jerry Tarble

A Jerry's got some of the neatest Stoner set-ups that I have ever seen, including twin belt-feds on a tripod that are solenoid fired.... I went out to the SOF convention and ran into him there. He had some of the new videos with him. I bought one and viewed it as soon as I got home.

There were some good, clean views of all variations of the Stoner 63 system, including left and right hand belt-feds, carbines, bren style, and rifles. The storyline had a lot of validity because of the presence of one of the SEAL team officers who actually used the Stoner system in Vietnam. His insights into the actual combat operations in the Delta are worth watching by themselves, let alone all of the good info on the Stoners. The only thing missing was a step-by-step field strip and re-assembly. Maybe next time for that.... *MGN* will be doing a "Revue" of this film in an upcoming issue. In the meantime—if you want good solid Stoner 63 information—get a copy of this video from Paladin Press.

And Jerry, it's hardly fair of you to answer on Mystery photos that have anything to do with Stoner machine guns,

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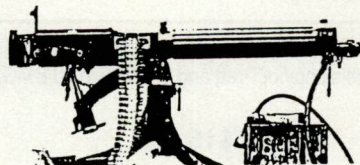
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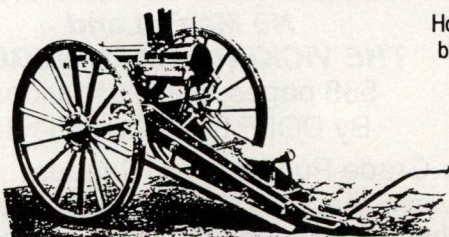
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Q Once again I offer my thanks for the best informational columns the Class III world has. Without them I would be lost, as few people can answer these questions knowledgeably or understandingly.

In a recent issue of Raffica, May 1994, I was unsettled by your mention of a "plate dimension problem" on Ramo manufactured 1919A4's, as I have just completed the forms for transfer of one to me.

The weapon is unfired, or untested so to speak, and carries the serial number 600073.

My questions are: Will I have this problem with my gun? If so what specifically is the problem? And what will it take to fix it? Could any damage be done to myself or the gun if I try firing it? Also, how do the ramo guns compare, quality wise, to other shop-built guns?

Vaughn S.

A Many Ramo 1919 machine guns were manufactured in house by qualified personnel, and are excellent 1919's. What I was referring to was a small lot of them, of which yours could well be one because of the low serial number, that had the holes on one sideplate lower than the other. This made the bolt have friction on it and moved. Fixing this is a factory job. If you don't know how to field strip a Browning, get someone who does. After it's stripped, look from the rear forward at the "channel" that the receiver forms, as if you were looking where the bolt goes. Look at the bottom plate. On the guns that I am referring to, the plate will look awry, not at a perfect right angle. I believe that all of the Ramo guns that had this problem were fixed, and Ramo now tells me that this never happened. Sigh. Where do I get these false memories from? Wearing my headband too tight in the Sixties?

Rest assured that Ramo is a good name on a 1919-A4, and they sold their sideplates only to people who were qualified to assemble them (Landies), so I wouldn't hesitate to buy one. If you do have a problem, you will know immediately, because the gun won't fire more than one or two rounds. And remember, knowing there may be a potential problem means that you can be ready with a cure. I'm sure you will get years of enjoyment out of your Ramo.

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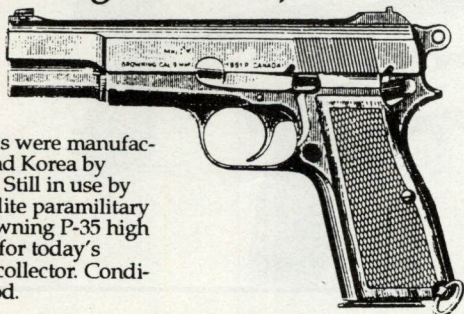


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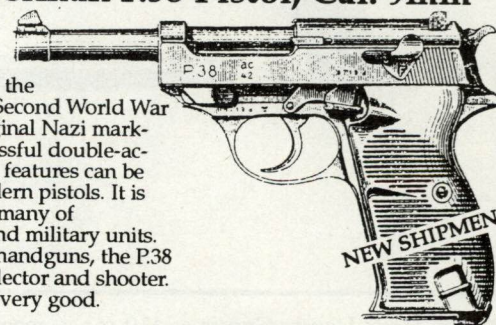
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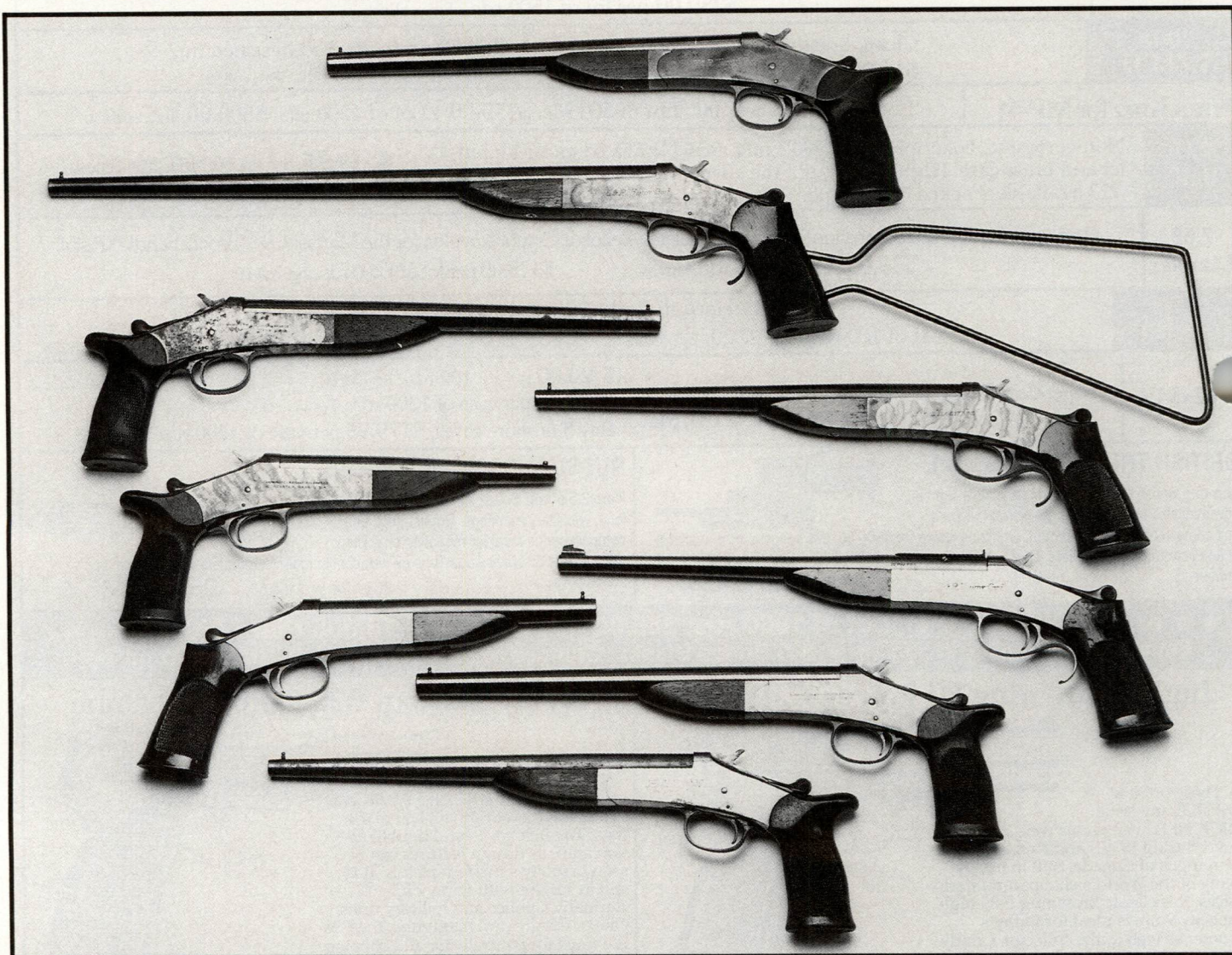
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THE SMOOTH BORE H&R HANDY-GUN: Identifying Its Variations

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Specimens of the H&R Handy-Gun (top to bottom): Model 1, Type III, 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ " barrel 28 gauge, serial number 7065; Model 3, Type III, 18" barrel .410 bore, serial number 53580, with an original skeleton shoulder stock; Model 2, Type I, 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ " barrel 28 gauge, serial number 29731; Model 3, Type II, 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ " barrel .410 bore, serial number 50885; Model 2, Type II, 8" barrel .410 bore, serial number 20316; .22 rim fire H&R Handy-Gun, serial number 151 (serial numbered separately from smooth bore variations); unique prototype Model 3, Type I, 8" barrel 28 gauge constructed circa 1931 from a Model 1, Type II, 8" barrel 28 gauge, serial number 5592; Model 1, Type I, 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ " barrel .410 bore, serial number 4981; and Model 2, Type II, 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ " barrel .410 bore, Essex Gun Works variation, a so-called "trade-branded" or "private-branded" firearm, serial number 32468. These classifications are those described in *Variations of the Smooth Bore H&R Handy-Gun*, by Eric M. Larson.



The H&R Handy-Gun is a .410 (or, less commonly, 28 gauge) single-shot pistol with an 8" or 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ " smooth bore barrel, made from 1921 to 1934 by the Harrington & Richardson Arms Co. of Worcester, Massachusetts. It shares internal parts with H&R's Model 1915 (No. 5) shotgun, but the Handy-Gun's shorter

receiver is designed for a pistol grip. Its barrels won't fit the No. 5, and the Handy-Gun and the No. 5 are serial numbered separately. About 54,000 H&R Handy-Guns were manufactured, nearly all for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " shells. H&R Handy-Guns with barrels marked 44 SHOT, 20, 24 and 32 GAUGE have been reported, but none were located

during the research summarized in this article.

Production was halted after the Bureau of Internal Revenue ruled the H&R Handy-Gun to be a "firearm" in the "any other weapon" category under the National Firearms Act (NFA) of 1934. It included an unusual 18" barrel .410 variation briefly

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Table 1: Summary Guide to Identifying H&R Handy-Gun Variations. Based Upon 290 Specimens

VARIATION	MODEL 1			MODEL 2			MODEL 3		
Serial Range	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type I	Type II	Type III
.410 bore									
to	167	5052	unknown	8276	17935	39060	47642	48819	51920
to	4981	6588	to 6817	17837	38761	47528	48218	51655	53637
28 gauge									
from	5	5554	6973	10539	unknown	44228	unknown	unknown	unknown
to	4527	6274	7067	29731		44247	to 48566		
Receiver Characteristics									
Finish	blued	blued	blued	case	case	case	case	case	case
H&R logo ^a	on left	on left	on right	on right	on right	on right	on right	on right	on right
H.&R. "Handy-Gun"	(none)	(none)	on left	on left	on left	on left	on left	on left	on left
Barrel Characteristics									
.410 bore	unchoked	unchoked	unchoked	unchoked	choked	choked	choked	choked	choked
for shell length	2 1/2"	2 1/2"	2 1/2"	2 1/2"	2 1/2"	2 1/2"	2 1/2"	2 1/2"	3 ^b
markings	410-12m/m	410-12m/m	410-12m/m	410-12m/m	410-12m/m CHOKE	410-12m/m CHOKE	MADE IN U.S.A. 410 GA. CHOKE	MADE IN U.S.A. 410 GA. CHOKE	MADE IN U.S.A. 410 GA. CHOKE
28 gauge	unchoked	unchoked	unchoked	unchoked	unknown	choked	choked	unknown	unknown
for shell length	2 1/2"	2 1/2"	2 1/2"	2 1/2"	unknown	2 3/4"	2 3/4"	unknown	unknown
markings	28 GAUGE	28 GAUGE	28 GAUGE	28 GAUGE	unknown	MADE IN U.S.A. 28 GA. CHOKE	MADE IN U.S.A. 28 GA. CHOKE	unknown	unknown
Barrel Latch Lever ^c	Type A	Type B	Type B	Type B	Type B	Type C	Type C	Type C	Type C
Grip Style ^d	spur	spur	spur	spur	spur	spur	flat	flat	flat
Trigger Guard ^e	plain	plain	plain	plain	plain	plain	plain	hooked	hooked

^aHARRINGTON & RICHARDSON ARMS CO. WORCESTER, MASS. U.S.A.

^bThe number 3 stamped in the lower right-hand corner of the left side of the barrel lug (below and to the right of the serial number) designates the barrel was H&R factory chambered for the 3" .410 shotgun shell of 1933.

^cType A: 1.71" (about 1 3/4") lever retained by screw, with hand-cut knurling; Type B: 1.43" (about 1 1/2"), no screw, with cast knurling; and Type C: 1.84" (about 1 3/4") lever, no screw, with indented and dish checkered knurling.

^dSpur: Has a projection that fits into the web of the hand, in the area between the thumb and first finger, to help steady the gun during recoil, mounted at an 80 degree angle with the barrel; Flat: The spur is removed, and the mounting angle changed to 70 degrees.

^ePlain: Closed loop around the trigger; Hooked: Same as plain except the end has a hook designed for the middle finger, to help stabilize the gun during recoil when firing.

produced in an apparent (but unsuccessful) attempt to avoid NFA controls. Effective July 26, 1934, an NFA "firearm" couldn't be manufactured or distributed without paying a manufacturer's or importer's tax of \$500 per year, a dealer's tax of \$200 per year, and a \$200 tax on each transfer of ownership. These prohibitive taxes virtually destroyed the retail sales market for the H&R Handy-Gun. Because of the unusual circumstances of its production, the 18" barrel variation is probably the rarest of all commercially manufactured H&R Handy-Guns.

Nine variations of the smooth bore H&R Handy-Gun have been reliably identified. They are derived from three models which can each be categorized according to three types, based on differences in receiver finish and markings, barrel latch levers, barrel types and markings, and trigger guards and grips. But if all combinations of barrel length, bore or gauge, "privately branded" or "trade-branded" guns, etc., are counted separately, the number of possible variations exceeds 50. H&R termed some late-model .410 and 28 gauge Machine Gun News - November 1994

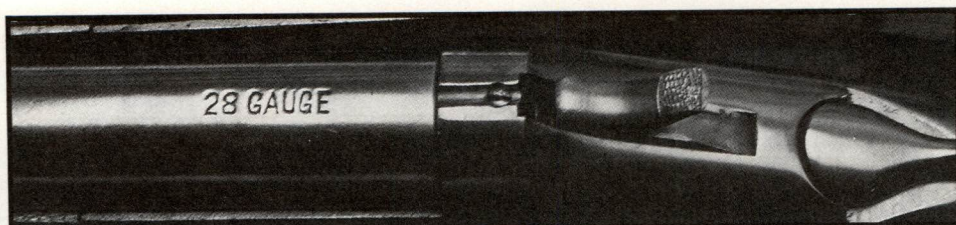
Handy-Guns Models 141 and 128, respectively, but earlier variations were not assigned model numbers. During 1947-57, H&R sold the .410 Handy-Gun through its factory in Drummondville, Quebec, Canada, as the Model 625, but all these guns actually were manufactured in Worcester in or before 1934. This writer defined the "models" and "types" described here arbitrarily.

Identifying characteristics of the nine variations of the smooth bore H&R Handy-Gun, based upon 290 specimens, are summarized in Table 1. They are discussed in greater detail in the author's booklet *Variations of the Smooth Bore H&R Handy-Gun: A Pocket Guide to Their Identification* (65 pages, 13 photographs, available for \$10 per copy, postpaid, from the author).

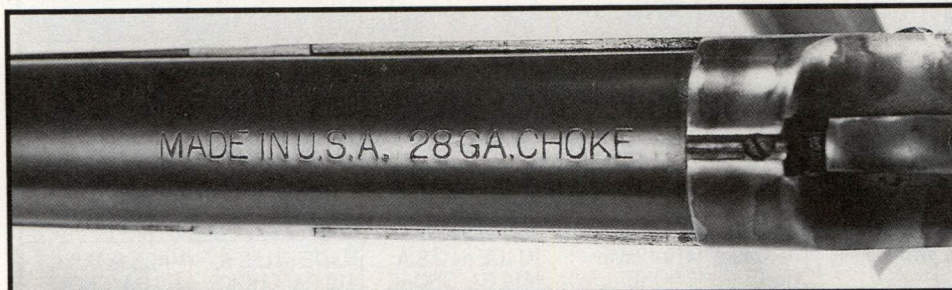
Model 1 has a blued receiver made of malleable (ductile) iron and a spur pistol grip, also termed the "saw-handle" grip, plain trigger guard, and a heavy cylinder bore (unchoked) barrel marked 410-12m/m or 28 GAUGE. Model 1, Type I has a 1.71" (about 1 3/4") barrel latch lever

secured by a screw, with apparently hand-cut knurling, here termed Type A. The left side of the receiver is stamped **Harrington & Richardson Arms Co/Worcester, Mass. U.S.A.** Model 1, Type II is the same as Model 1, Type I except for a smaller (about 1 1/2") barrel latch lever that is not secured by a screw with cast knurling, here termed Type B. Model 1, Type III is the same as Model 1, Type II except that the H&R manufacturer's identification was moved to the right side of the receiver, and the left side is stamped **H.&R. "HANDY-GUN."**

Model 2 has a receiver whose so-called "tiger stripe" finish was produced by hot cyanide dip, which resembles, but is not true case hardening. Model 2, Type I is identical to Model 1, Type III, except for the receiver's "tiger stripe" finish. Model 2, Type II is identical to Model 2, Type I except that in .410 bore, the barrel is choked and its markings are 410-12m/m CHOKE. In .410 bore, Model 2, Type III is identical to Model 2, Type II except for barrel markings **MADE IN U.S.A. 410 GA. CHOKE**, and a new 1.81"



Barrel markings for the 28 gauge H&R Handy-Gun: for Model 1, Types I, II and III; and Model 2, Type I are **28 GAUGE**. It is unclear whether Model 2, Type II exists in 28 gauge; if so, the markings would probably be **28 GAUGE CHOKE**.



Barrel markings for the 28 gauge H&R Handy-Gun: for Model 2, Type III, and Model 3, Type I are **MADE IN U.S.A. 28 GA. CHOKE**. It is unclear whether 28 gauge Model 3, Types II and III exist, but the markings would probably be identical.



Barrel markings of the .410 bore H&R Handy-Gun: Model 1, Types I, II and III, and Model 2, Type I are **410-12m/m** (top); for Model 2, Type II are **410-12m/m CHOKE** (middle); and for Model 2, Type III, and Model 3, Types I, II and III are **MADE IN U.S.A. 410 GA. CHOKE** (bottom).

(about 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ") barrel latch lever with indented dish checkered knurling, which covers the serial number, here termed Type C. In 28 gauge, the Model 2, Type I barrel marking is **28 GAUGE** (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " shell), with a Type B barrel latch lever. The 28 gauge Model 2, Type III is designed for 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " shells (the measured chamber length is 3-1/8"). It has barrel markings **MADE IN U.S.A. 28 GA. CHOKE** and a Type C barrel latch lever. Whether Model 2, Type II exists is unknown at this time. If so, it would probably have barrel markings of **MADE IN U.S.A. 28 GA. CHOKE**, be designed for 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " shells, and have a Type B barrel latch lever.

Model 3 has a flat grip mounted at a 70 degree angle to the barrel, in contrast with the 80 degree bore-to-grip angle on Models 1 and 2. The receiver was shortened .312" (about 3/10"), probably by grinding, to accommodate it. Model 3, Type I is identical to Model 2, Type III except for the new flat grip. Model 3, Type II is identical to Model 3, Type I except

that a hook was added to the trigger guard for the middle finger to assist in stabilizing recoil. Model 3, Type III is identical to Model 3, Type II except that the number 3 is stamped in the lower right-hand corner of the left side of the barrel lug, designating the barrel was H&R factory chambered for the 3" .410 shotshell of 1933. All known previous .410 variations were originally chambered only for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " shells with relatively light loads. Only one 28 gauge Model 3 H&R Handy-Gun (an 8" barrel Type I with barrel markings **MADE IN U.S.A. 28 GA. CHOKE** and a 3-1/8" chamber) has been observed.

Harrington & Richardson Arms Co. also manufactured "private-branded" or "trade-branded" H&R Handy-Guns for other distributors. One variation has **ESSEX GUN WORKS** on the left side of the receiver. Another has **HIBBARD** stamped on the left side, and **MODEL W.H.** stamped on the right. A holster with identical stampings was also available. Most have nickel-plated receivers and are serial numbered within the same ranges as regular production H&R Handy-Guns, by variation. None of those inspected during this research had any markings identifying H&R as the original manufacturer. Anecdotal evidence suggests H&R also manufactured a Handy-Gun for an independent telephone company in Colorado, but none were located during this research.

Without definitive factory records, serial number ranges for the nine variations identified above can only be estimated, and their years of manufacture are not well

understood. Based upon extremely limited original records, including sales records, early NFA paperwork, H&R advertisements, and current and previous owners' records, some rough estimates of years production can be made, as shown in Table 2.

Even if original production records were located, they would be virtually useless for estimating how many H&R Handy-Guns of a given bore or gauge, or barrel length have survived because of the effects of the NFA. As we have seen, the NFA imposed a \$200 transfer tax on the smooth bore H&R Handy-Gun, effective July 26, 1934, which froze registered H&R Handy-Guns in the hands of their owners. Effective July 1, 1945, the Congress amended the NFA to lower the transfer tax rate from \$200 to \$1 for firearms such as the H&R Handy-Gun with a barrel 12" or more in length.

The 1945 Act was patterned after a June 16, 1938, amendment to the NFA which lowered the \$200 transfer tax rate to \$1 for guns like Marble's Game Getter Gun, a firearm with 12", 15", or 18" over/under rifled/smooth bore barrels in .22/.44 or .22/.410, with a folding stock and intended to be fired from the shoulder. (The Bureau of Internal Revenue exempted the 18" barrel Game Getter from the NFA in a Letter Ruling dated March 1, 1939). The Congress determined both types of firearms have "legitimate uses," and the \$200 tax rate worked "a severe hardship" on people who needed to use them. The \$200 rate for the 8" barrel H&R Handy-Gun was effective until July 1, 1960, when the Congress changed it to \$5 for all NFA firearms in the "any other weapon" category. The tax rate on a smooth bore H&R Handy-Gun with a shoulder stock has always been \$200 if the barrel is less than 18" in length, because the stock causes the H&R Handy-Gun to lose its identity as a pistol and become a so-called "sawed-off" shotgun. An H&R Handy-Gun with an 18" smooth bore barrel is subject to the NFA, but is exempt from the NFA if it is accompanied by an original (and detachable) shoulder stock.

Without a valid and reliable census of all existing H&R Handy-Guns, their current distribution by variation is not likely to be well understood, but some insight may be gained by analyzing data gathered from this writer's ongoing survey. Table 3 shows the number and percentage distribution, by variation, of the 290 smooth bore



On the Model 3 H&R Handy-Gun, the receiver was shortened .312" (about 3/10") to accommodate a new flat style grip, which lacks the distinctive spur found on Models 1 and 2.

H&R Handy-Guns which are the source of data for this study. Some general major distribution patterns (such as by Model, and bore or gauge), established initially with 57 guns at the beginning of this study in August 1987, have not significantly changed as more guns have been added to the data base. At the very least, the serial number ranges identified so far provide a reasonable empirical basis for estimating the maximum number of each H&R Handy-Gun variation originally manufactured.

Today, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) classifies the H&R Handy-Gun as a "curio or relic" because it gives a substantial part of its monetary value from the fact that it is novel, rare, or bizarre," and was manufactured at least 50 years prior to the current date, and still controls it as an "any other weapon" under the NFA. Curio or relic status allows federally licensed gun collectors to acquire registered (but not unregistered) smooth-bore H&R Handy-Guns from dealers and private citizens without regard to state of residence, but in conformity with all feder-



Barrel latch lever types for the H&R Handy-Gun: **Type A** is 1.71" (about 1 1/4"), is secured to the receiver by a screw, and has apparently hand-cut knurling (bottom); **Type B** is 1.43" (about 1 1/2"), is not secured to the receiver by a screw, and has cast knurling (two middle guns); and **Type C** is 1.84" (about 1 3/4"), is not secured by a screw, has dish checkered knurling, and covers the serial number on the rear of the receiver (top).

al, state and local laws. Some H&R Handy-Guns were manufactured with rifled barrels (including .22 rimfire and .32-20 W.C.F.) during 1931 to 1934. An H&R Handy-Gun with a rifled barrel is not required to be registered under the NFA unless it is accompanied by a shoulder stock and the barrel is less than 16" in length.

Some people who possess unregistered H&R Handy-Guns want to register them or legitimize their status so they can legally own or sell them. The reason is that ATF

Table 2: Estimated Years of Manufacture of Smooth Bore H&R Handy-Gun Variations, Based Upon Serial Numbers for 290 Specimens and Limited Original Records

VARIATION	Estimated years of manufacture	Observed serial number ranges	
		.410 bore	28 gauge
Model 1			
Type I	1921-22	167 to 4981	5 to 4527
Type II	1922-23	5052 to 6588	5554 to 6274
Type III	1923-24	unknown to 6817	6973 to 7067
Model 2			
Type I	1924-25	8276 to 17837	10539 to 29731
Type II	1925-27	17935 to 38761	none observed
Type III	1927-30	39060 to 47528	44228 to 44247
Model 3			
Type I	1931	47642 to 48218	unknown to 48566
Type II	1932-33	48920 to 51655	none observed
Type III	1933-34	51920 to 53637	none observed

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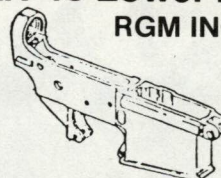
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Table 3: 290 H&R Handy-Guns Crosstabulated by Bore or Gauge and Barrel Length. According to Variation

Table 3: 2008 Field Analysis - Shot Counts by Variation, Model, and Column									
	.410 bore					28 gauge		Row Totals	
	Unchoked Barrel		Choked Barrel			Unchoked Barrel			
VARIATION	8"	12 1/4"	8"	12 1/4"	18"	8"	12 1/4"	Number	Percent
Model 1									
Type I	18	12	a	a	a	1	6	37	12.8%
Type II	5	3	a	a	a	2	1	11	3.8%
Type III	1	a	a	a	a	a	3	4	1.4%
Subtotal	24	15				3	10	52	17.9%
Percent	8.3%	5.2%				1.0%	3.5%	17.9%	
Model 2									
Type I	8	17	a	a	a	6	9	40	13.8%
Type II	a	a	23	69	a	a	a	92	31.7%
Type III	a	a	4	39	a	a	2	45	15.5%
Subtotal	8	17	27	108		6	11	175	61.0%
Percent	2.8%	5.9%	9.3%	37.2%		2.1%	3.8%	61.0%	
Model 3									
Type I	a	a	a	5	a	1	a	6	2.1%
Type II	a	a	2	17	a	a	a	19	6.6%
Type III	a	a	a	34	2	a	a	36	12.4%
Subtotal			2	56	2			61	21.1%
Percent			0.7%	19.3%	0.7%	0.3%		21.1%	
Column Totals									
Number	32	32	29	164	2	10	21	290	100.0%
Percent	11.0%	11.0%	10.0%	56.6%	0.7%	3.4%	7.3%	100.0%	

NOTE: Some percentages do not exactly add to the totals shown because of rounding.

a Not manufactured or specimens currently unknown.

deems an unregistered H&R Handy-Gun contraband subject to immediate confiscation, and its possession involves severe criminal penalties. Although no person can legally possess an unregistered H&R Handy-Gun, current law provides two potential ways that possession of an unregistered H&R Handy-Gun can be legalized. One method involves registration during an amnesty period, and the other exemption from the NFA. Each merits discussion.

The voluntarily registration of unregistered NFA firearms was gradually prohibited from 1968 to 1973 because of interactions between the law, court decisions, and

ATF rulings, except during an amnesty period. Section 207 of the Gun Control Act (GCA) of 1968 provides for unlimited numbers of future amnesty periods, not exceeding 90 days each, "to contribute to the purposes" of the NFA, but the amnesty period from November 2, 1968, to December 1, 1968, is the first and only amnesty that was ever held.

Top ATF officials refuse to allow another amnesty period, even though the law provides for it, because "it would cause the immediate manufacture of tens of thousands of NFA weapons that don't exist right now." An amnesty limited to firearms, such as original smooth bore H&R Handy-Guns (which cannot be easily or readily counterfeited), would address both ATF's concerns about abuses of the law, and the legitimate purpose of saving rare, collector's-item firearms from being lost forever. Allowing the registration of historical artifacts would not necessarily trivialize the registration requirement, because many persons who possess unregistered H&R Handy-Guns innocently inherited them from

family members. Other unregistered NFA firearms have been exempted from the NFA altogether as collector's items, as described below.

The Congress also provides by law the possession of any unregistered (or registered) NFA firearm (except a machine gun or a destructive device) can be legalized if ATF rules it is "primarily a collector's item and is not likely to be used as a weapon," by administratively removing it from NFA controls. So far ATF has declined to do so for the H&R Handy-Gun, although several modern rifled-barrel handguns, including the .45 Colt/.410 gauge Thompson Contender pistol and various single- and double-barreled .410 derringers designed to fire .410 shotgun ammunition, have been commercially available without NFA controls for more than 25 years. (In the 1968 Act, the Congress prohibited "a pistol or revolver having a rifled bore or rifled bores" from being classified as a "firearm" under the NFA).

Since November 1, 1968, ATF has exempted many thousands of firearms, mostly shoulder-stocked Luger and Mauser semi-automatic pistols, short-barreled Marlin and Winchester "trapper" carbines, some smooth bore shot pistols, and other unusual, historic firearms from the NFA. Many of these firearms were family heirlooms—vintage items from the Old West, and rare military firearms captured during World War I, World War II, or the Korean War—yet had been unregistered and illegal to possess. Exempting a "firearm" from the NFA as a collector's item virtually always substantially increases its value, makes it easier to buy and sell, and legitimately preserves an historical artifact which might otherwise be lost to oblivion.

The only way any person can legally own a smooth bore Handy-Gun at this time is to apply to ATF to acquire it by a lawful transfer from its current owner. Any person who receives or possesses an H&R Handy-Gun that is not registered to him or her (even if the gun is registered) risks a fine of up to \$10,000, up to 10 years imprisonment and other penalties, including the confiscation of any vehicle used to transport it.

NOTE: These materials are summarized from this writer's research for a forthcoming book on smooth bore shot pistols manufactured in the United States in or before 1934, which seeks to document and analyze, in a comprehensive and



A comparison of the open breech of the .22 rimfire H&R Handy-Gun with that of the .410 bore H&R Handy-Gun.



A trio of .410 bore H&R Handy-Guns: The ones on top and middle are Model 2, Type I, with heavy cylinder bore (unchoked) barrels; the one on the bottom is Model 2, Type II, with a choked barrel. The 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ " choked-barrel .410 variations are believed to be the most common of all H&R Handy-Guns.

scholarly manner, the .410 and 28 gauge H&R Handy-Gun, 20 gauge Ithaca Auto & Regular Gun, .410 Crescent Certified Shotgun, .410 and 20 gauge single and double-barreled Crescent-Davis shot pistol, 20 gauge Defiance Anti-Bandit Gun, .410 Stevens Auto-Shot and Off-Hand Shot Gun, the Model 1908 and Model 1921 Marble's Game Getter Gun, related firearms, and their control under the NFA. The rarity of these guns, and the reliable and valid information about them, makes it impossible for anyone to complete this research alone. People interested in sharing and/or exchanging data about the above and other guns, including photographs, factory records, advertisements, and other relevant information, or with questions about this research, should contact Eric M. Larson, P.O. Box 5497, Takoma Park, Maryland 20913, telephone (301) 270-3450. Credits for information will be gratefully acknowledged, and—as was the case in researching *Variations of the Smooth Bore H&R Handy-Gun*—all requests for confidentiality will be honored. The serial number and description of one gun is helpful and gratefully received. The research presented here proves that information about an obscure firearm can be learned and shared, to the benefit of many.

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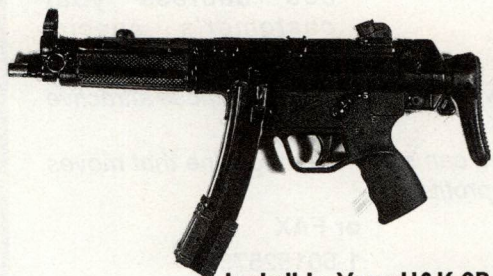
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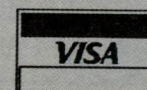
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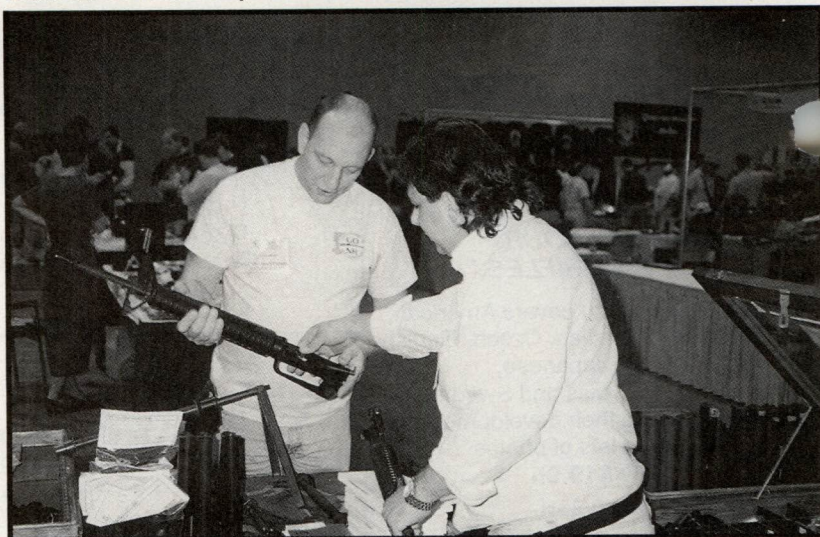
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Stan Andrews and Tony Aleo discuss the AR-15/M16 at the 15th SOF convention.



by DAN SHEA

I was out at the 15th Annual Soldier of Fortune Convention in Las Vegas, a pilgrimage that I highly recommend to any parties interested in the Class 3 world, and I wandered through the gun show portion of the convention. There were a lot of faces familiar to the east coast shows there: Lomont, Neal Smith, Ciener, etc. I had the good fortune to meet many of the Central

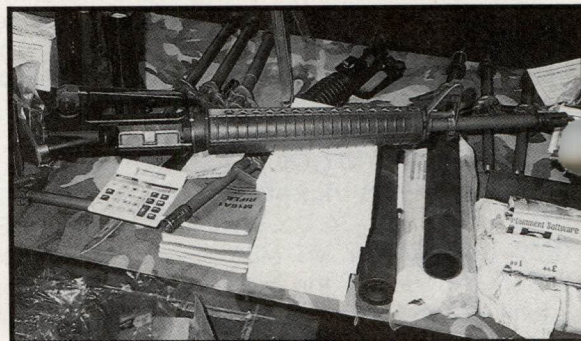
and West coast Class 3's, and was extremely impressed by the quality of their displays. While going through the show, I ran into Tony Aleo from Stone Hill Armory and Nesard. He explained that there were some major changes going on for him, business-wise.

The owner of Nesard is retiring, and they are closing down his business ventures. Nesard is closing, as is Stone Hill Armory. Tony and his wife are opening Model "1" Sales as their new business. They will not be dealing in any firearms or receivers, Model "1" Sales is for parts only.

New parts offered are AR-15, M16, M1 Carbine, M14, M1A, and M1 Garand. These parts are Mil-spec, some from surplus, and some are manufactured on private contract. Used military parts available are for the Uzi, HK series, .50 cal. Browning, .30 cal. Browning, FAL, and M60.

As I looked through the parts, I saw representations of a number of other

firearms. Tony has always said that people should call him for all their military firearm replacement parts needs, because



The AR-15/M16 shown with parts available.

he has a very large inventory that is not listed.

As you can see from the photos, Model "1" has a tremendous inventory available. I have always bought parts from Tony, and he can usually satisfy the needs of a "shooter" grade gun up to a machine gun that requires a better quality part. It's nice to have a choice, depending on how fat the wallet is that day, and Tony usually has an array of parts available.

Model "1" will be at the Knob Creek Machine Gun Shoots as well as the SOF convention next year. They do a lot of the bigger gun shows, and if you call them, they will tell you their schedule. Tell Tony you saw him mentioned in *MGN*!

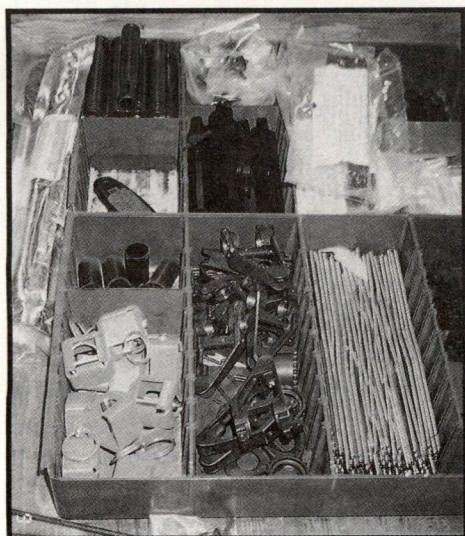
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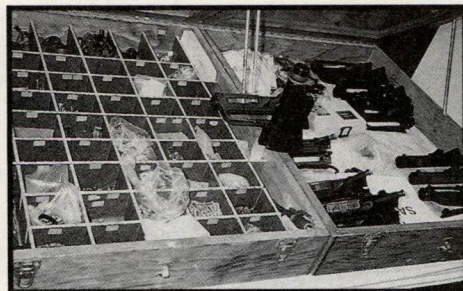
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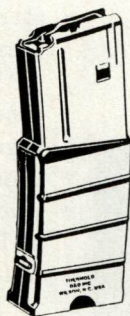


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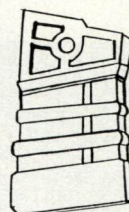
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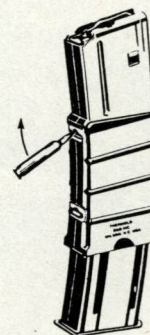


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An Up-Reising!

by FRANK IANNAMICO



Sandy Iannamico gives "thumbs up" to the Reising. Note pile of .45 cases fired with only two failures to feed.

Honest! I was just getting ready to sit down to write an article about the Reising submachine gun, when the mail came. Along with the assorted bills and advertising was the August issue of *Machine Gun News*. Well, reading *MGN* takes precedence over almost any activity. So I sat down to begin reading. The first article I read was the Reising M-50.

Well, I was kind of surprised at the content of that article, because it was so negative towards the Reising. I was writing about the weapon because I liked it, not love it, but I am kind of fond of them. After all I am not going to defend my life with it, just shoot bowling pins.

I do not intend to discredit the author of that article in any way, however, I disagree with a few points he made.

1. Why would anyone completely strip the gun to clean it? If I felt that the trigger mechanism needed cleaning, I would spray it down with Gun Scrubber and relube it.

2. The magazine is easily removed with one hand.

3. If any gun would only fire 60 rounds then jam, I would suspect there would be something else wrong, not the design of the gun. Unless it was some type of untested prototype.

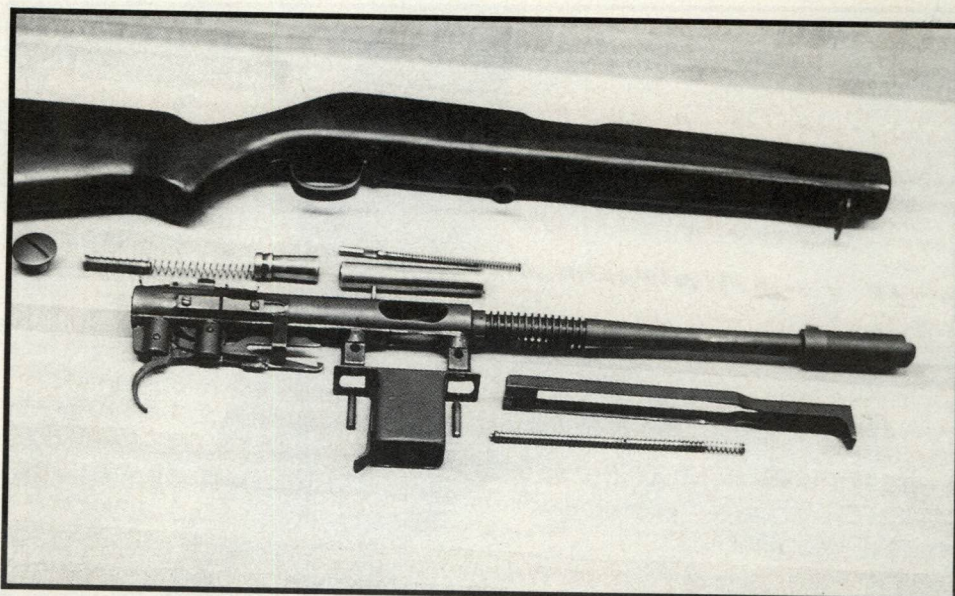
4. I've read and heard so many stories about all types of full auto weapons that were "uncontrollable." I have owned or own many of them and I would say yes, its probably true for a first time full auto shooter—not for anyone that has some experience with the weapon. I personally know a fellow who while in the army fired an M3 Grease gun for the first time. He described to me how totally uncontrollable it was and how the barrel climbed. I do not claim to be any type of expert shooter, but I know I can fire my Reising at thirty yards into a 16" round target (the paper circle that comes under frozen pizza) on full auto with a twenty-round mag and put every round on that paper.

5. I've never met anyone, (other than collectors, or Class III people) including lots of WWII veterans, who had ever seen or even heard of a Reising, let alone used one in combat.

I think the Reising is one of the best class III deals going. It's a historically original U.S. made item. None are conversions: they fire the .45 ACP round, they select fire, and fire from a closed bolt. Best of all they are inexpensive, and plentiful. I personally would rather have a Reising

than a MAC 10 or a converted UZI. The only bad thing is original twenty round magazines are expensive. I hesitate to say rare, as I've had the opportunity to buy more of them than I could afford. I currently have three original twenty round, one twelve round, two homemade 23 round (I made them from 30 round Thompson mags.) and two new manufacture KC Enterprises 30 round magazines. Some Reisings may be equipped with the type magazine well that will only accept the twelve round magazines. These are identified by a "corrugated" look to them such as a twelve round magazine appears. These magazine wells are very easily replaced by one capable of accepting the larger mags. I suspect being only able to accept a twelve round magazine on a machine gun would be a good reason they have been unpopular.

There seems to be another variation to the Reising family other than the Model 55 and the semi-auto Model 60. Although both are designated the Model 50, one is the U.S. Model 50 which is the military model. The difference being, the U.S. Model 50 is parkerized rather than blued, the barrel has less cooling fins on it, and they are not tapered. The trigger guard is larger, and the take down screw is larger and knurled so it can be removed by hand rather than a screw



Reising completely field stripped for cleaning.

driver. Of the over 100,000 Reisings produced, only 20,000 were purchased by the United States Government.

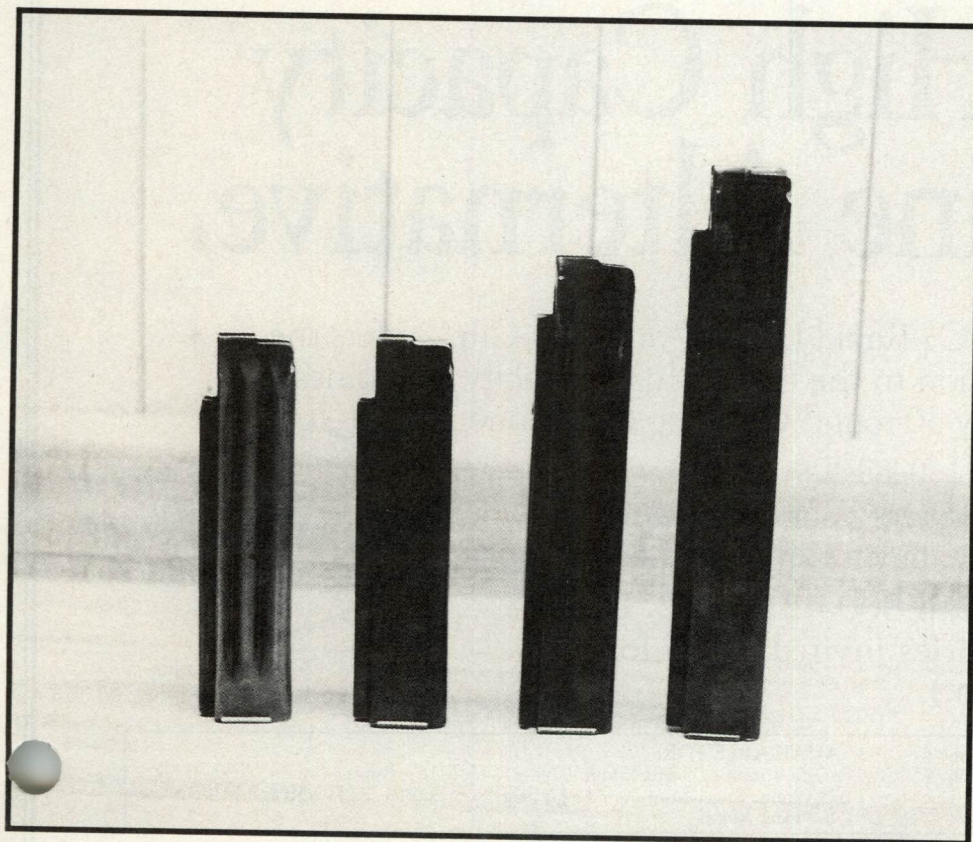
I agree with a lot of the points made in the August Reising article. It was not an ideal military weapon. It is for one, a very complex weapon, although field stripping is not difficult. Another drawback is parts are not readily interchangeable. I have a spare parts kit for my Reising, and few parts will interchange without some Dremel tool

work. My Reising has over the years had quite a few rounds fired through it. The only part that failed was the firing pin.

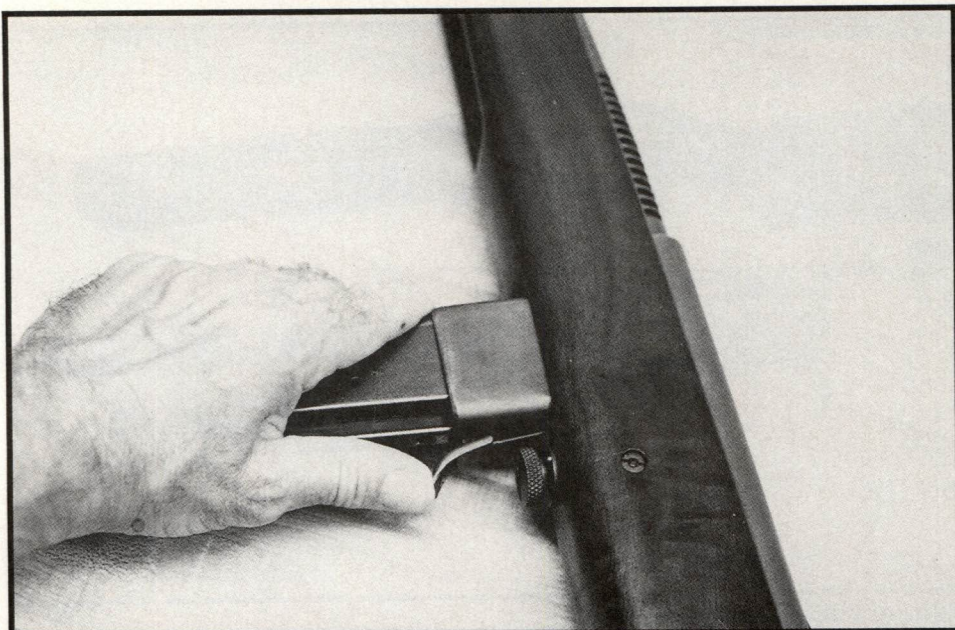
Although I agree its certainly a less than perfect military arm, I think it is an excellent recreational shooter. I purchased my Reising from Irv Kahn a Ohio dealer a few years back. He advertised it as: "Reising Model 50, rare military model, appears unfired, mint." I paid a premium price for the piece, but it was "as advertised."

Why will some people not pay \$495 for a new in the wrap full auto Reising, but will pay upwards of \$1000 for a Model 60 semi-auto Reising?

I can only guess that the Reising in the MGN article was worn or had some type of problem. Perhaps it had some parts replaced on it that still required some fitting. Mine is 100% reliable, and after I read the article that stated the authors Reising jammed after shooting a couple of mags of ammo. I decided I would see exactly how many rounds I could shoot until mine would malfunction. I had on hand two G.I. ammo cans full of .45 ACP rounds. I guess that to be about 2500 rounds. They were all loaded with 5.0 grains of Winchester 231 powder and topped with a 230 grain lead bullet. I chronographed this load out of a 1911A1 pistol at an average speed of 820 FPS. I use this load for all of my .45 shooting. Well, I shot 1050 rounds with two failures to feed and I would probably blame the magazine or the ammo rather than the gun on these stoppages. I would like to add that the gun was not cleaned at anytime during the test, and that I never let the gun overheat. It was not intended to be a "tor-



Reising magazines, from left: Original 12 round, Original 20 round, Homemade 23 round, Aftermarket 30 round.



The "one hand" Reising magazine removal demonstrated.

ture" type test. I quit after 1050 rounds because I got tired of shooting and loading magazines.

Accuracy is another high point of the Reising, (semi-auto) I've shot 3" groups from a bench rest at 100 yards, and it shot right were the sights were set. A friend of mine, Drew Paskovich, was shooting one

of his three Reisings the day I was sighting mine in, and I remember his being more accurate than mine in either of our hands. (using 230 grain ball ammo.) I've never had a problem using reloads either, although I use Winchester 231 powder in all my .45 ACP loads not 700X powder as used in the August article. I doubt if the powder used

would be much different as to fouling in the few rounds expended.

As stated in the previous Reising article, they are plentiful in police departments. I live in between two Pennsylvania towns, and both of their police arsenals contain several Reisings, probably never used by them. In fact one of the aforementioned departments do not have any magazines for their Reisings.

If you would like to get into Class III fun, and are on a budget, the Reising is an excellent choice! My wife Sandy likes the Reising due to its light weight, and has no problems shooting short bursts with it. Even if you have many Class III toys a Reising would be a worthy addition to any collection. I think the guns are cheap, and undesirable only because they have a bad reputation, not because they are bad guns.

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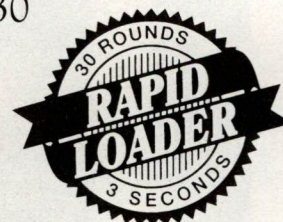


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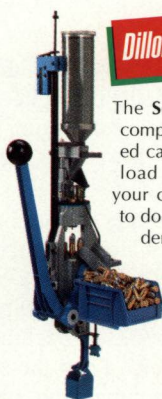
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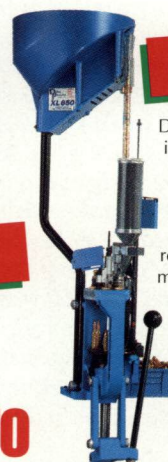
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The Interview: Peter G. Kokalis

by DAN SHEA

I traveled to the Soldier of Fortune 15th Annual Convention in September of 1994, with one of my main objectives being to catch the man they call "Mr. Machine Gun," SOF's Technical Editor, Peter Kokalis, and get him to sit for an interview for MGN. Stan Andrews traveled along to check out the Convention, and he and Alex Pappas, Kokalis' bodyguard, were there during the interview. Peter took time out from his busy schedule on Thursday to sit and talk. He was quite eager to address the readers of MGN, and to personally browbeat this correspondent about my views on the M60. I must admit that when Stan and I were invited to shoot with the Arizona Emma Gees during the SOF Firepower Demo, and we found out that we were assigned to the M60 GPMG, we immediately stripped the gun to make sure that the gas cylinder wasn't "accidentally" reversed to make it an embarrassing "semi." It wasn't. As a matter of fact, the "60" fired flawlessly, much to Peter's disappointment. The M60 was a Maremount that belonged to Gunnery Sergeant Carl Fenzel, USMC (Rtd). That's ONE reason it worked, and my thanks to the Gunny. This isn't the story of "Stan and Dan's Excellent Adventure," it's about Peter G. So now that the stage is set.... We're in a suite in the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas....

Peter G. Kokalis served in Technical Intelligence in the U.S. Army for three years during the 1960's. He was the Marketing Director for Dillon Precision prior to joining Soldier of Fortune magazine as technical editor fifteen years ago. Next to the publisher, and a few women that work in the office, he has been on the editorial staff longer than any other employee. He has "bona fides" that separate him from many other people who write about firearms. His academic credentials include a Master of Science Degree in the Physical Sciences, and a very heavy graduate school-level background in physics, chemistry, and mathematics. Peter has a strong engineering background as well. Those are qualities that are required to analyze a machine gun design at the engineering level: how it operates, why it functions in a certain way and so on. He also has a strong user base with most firearms. He is a consultant at a number of large arsenals like Lyttelton Engineering Works in South Africa, and the 205 Arsenal in Kaohsiung, Republic of China, Taiwan. He was the first foreigner to be invited to present a seminar at the Peoples Liberation Army Small Arms Research Institute in Mainland China. His user background consists of 21 combat tours to El Salvador during the 11 year period of the war in that devastated country, fighting in Afghanistan during the war with the Soviet Union, training the Mujahedin, and in Bosnia-Herzegovina training machine gun crews for the Croatian Army. He's spent time in Angola and in Southwest Africa (Namibia) during the war there. All of this adds up to an impressive amount of reality-based experience that Peter utilizes as the Technical Editor of Soldier of Fortune magazine, and editor of a quarterly publication of the Fighting Firearms magazine. Peter G. is multi-talented, and was teaching wound ballistics at the SOF seminar when I last saw him. This is a man well worth hearing out. Read on....

MGN: Peter, I have a question we'd all like an answer to. If you were to choose one out of all of the world, what would be your personal choice for an assault rifle? You've had the opportunity to test many....

KOKALIS: That's a very interesting question. I have a strong data-base from the user's perspective. In addition to my personal experience in using these weapons in battlefield environments, I've gone out of my way (because of my scientific background and training as a gatherer of data) to talk to people in those places and ask questions about everything related to the firearms. I made a particular point of asking people, wherever I went in the battlefield, what was the average distance to contact? That is a key concept, because a lot of arguments about weapons rise or fall depending on what a person's perception is of the range at which the weapon will be used. If you don't have any real hard data about that, then you're just spinning webs that are meaningless. So—every place I went I would ask people down at the squad and platoon level: lieutenants, sergeants, everyone who was "out there," "What in your A.O. (Area of Operation) is the average distance to contact?" No matter whether it was in Angola, which is a semi-arid environment with large pans and scrubby bush with very long distances, to the jungles of El Salvador, invariably the answer was under 100 meters.

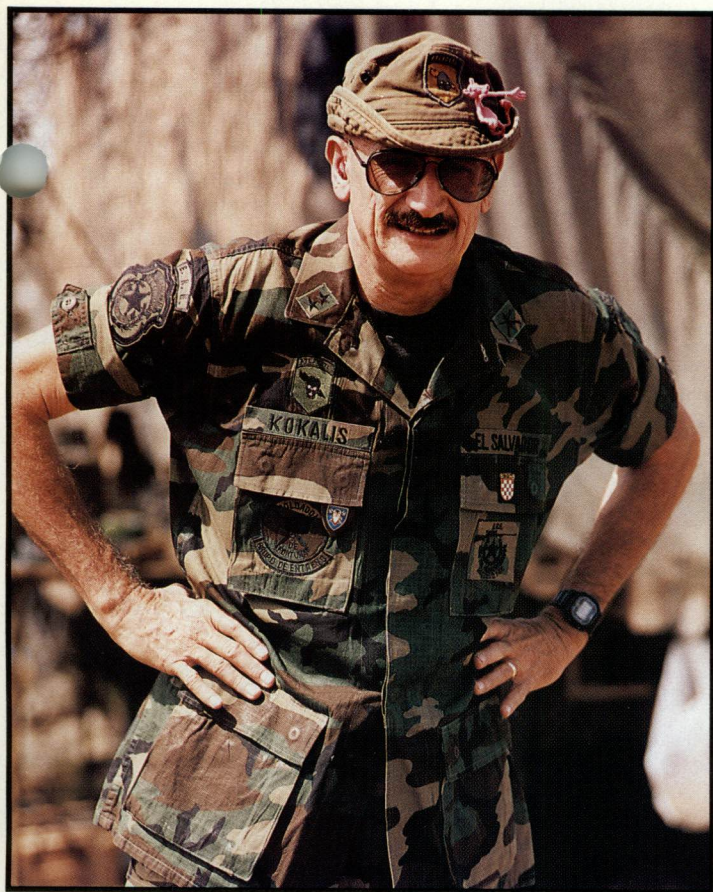
MGN: That's a very interesting observation. I have often thought that myself but have never heard it put as succinctly. In light of that, where do you stand in the controversy comparing the 9mm/10mm against the .223 Shorty? Do you lean more towards a handgun caliber submachine gun or a rifle caliber carbine?

KOKALIS: I presume your talking about military action. I would have to distinguish between an outdoor environment and an indoor environment. I am an instructor at The Gunsite Training Center. I teach one course there every year. I teach the submachine gun operators course. We do no outdoor work with the submachine gun. All the simulator work is done indoors, because I and the staff at Gunsite feel that basically a pistol caliber submachine gun is a system for close quarters battle in an indoor environment. At Gunsite, we have access to incredible outdoor simulators. Most of the people in that course are police tactical team members, and we spend no time at all working them with a submachine gun outdoors. The effective range is too short. They fire nothing but two-shot bursts. We don't even fire three-shot bursts. The entire course is devoted to the MP5 and they will shoot nothing but two-shot burst. When they move past 15 meters, we've got them flipping the selector and they're back on semi, aiming it. We train that all shots are aimed shots. Everything is fired from a strong shoulder mount using the largest aperture on the back of the MP5 as a ghost ring. So, I feel that the pistol caliber submachine gun is strictly an indoor environment weapon: room distances, as well as moving about in an urban environment.

If I'm going to talk about military in an outdoor environment, then I'm going to go to a rifle caliber, short assault weapon that's going to give me a much longer range than a pistol caliber is, even though we know that the average distance is under 100 yards.

MGN: Today the news is very much about our military unfortunately being arrayed against the nation of Haiti. The Haitian forces, if you can call them forces, are armed with the M1 Garand in .30-06 caliber. The people that we are going to be sending in, ostensibly at night, are going to be armed with 5.56mm M16s. Do you see a problem there?

KOKALIS: No, I wouldn't feel inadequately armed at all, because the 30M2 ball round from the .30-06 is a full metal jacket projectile, and it makes a .30 caliber hole. The only thing that increases the size of the wound track with this type of projectile, and that's the only thing that matters in wound ballistics, is yaw. That bullet will yaw 180 degrees and end its travel in the human body if we have enough distance, base forward. A lot of people don't know



I think that weapon designers have to pay attention to the human engineering aspect. I know some of you won't believe me saying this, but the neoprene forearm of the M60 shows superb human engineering: it absorbs heat, it feels comfortable, and it's in the right place. I would say that on an assault rifle, we have to look at what is natural and what is not.

that, but that's the way those kind of ball rounds traditionally end up. So at that point in the body where the yaw is about 90 degrees, we're going to increase the wound track to the length of the bullet, we're going to get a fairly substantial, large size hole. That's the only thing we've got going for us there. But with the M16, with either the M855 round, which is, as you know, the derivative of the Belgian SS109 or the old Vietnam era M193 55 grain round, that bullet depends on something entirely different for its wounding potential: i.e., the fact that it fragments. When it goes into the human body, and is traveling at a certain speed, the speed that it would travel at basically under 100 meters, it will break apart at the cannelure. Large fragments of the jacket will go up to three inches away from the main wound track. What they will do is: they will act as razors and they will slice tissue that has been stretched by temporary cavitation. They can enlarge the size of the wound track to the size of an orange or grapefruit. All the SOF readers and the *Machine Gun News* readers, (and by the way, we at *SOF* think that's an almost interchangeable term because we think that *Machine Gun News* readers read *SOF* and a lot of *SOF* readers read *Machine Gun News*). Those that are still committed to the .30 caliber bullet, and believe it's not a true battle weapon unless it's .30 caliber, will be bitterly disappointed by what I'm saying. That is, under most circumstances, I would rather be hit with either a 7.62 NATO ball round or a .30-06 ball round than I would care to take a torso hit with a 5.56. The 5.56 can produce a devastating wound.

MGN: Ok, we've established that most contact in combat seems to appear under 100 meters or under 100 yards. The .223 round has more actual devastation at that distance. What about at the longer ranges? This is what my concern is: if we have people trying to come up on the beaches, and you have people with .30-06s, they could be back 600 meters from getting what I consider to be more effective fire than .223.

KOKALIS: You have a point there. At the longer ranges, the .308

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Winchester or 7.62x51mm NATO round is a more effective load than the 5.56 is. If I'm going to anticipate shooting at ranges much beyond 150 or 200 meters, then I'm going to take an M14 or an FAL. In El Salvador I trained a lot of units that were using G3s and that is fine as well for most combat. If I'm going to put a scope on the weapon, then of the three weapons that I just listed, I want to take the M14, because there I have a far more rigid mounting surface to interface with the optical sight. With the FAL (unless you use something like Dick Swan's ARMS mount which goes on the receiver of the FAL), if you mount a scope, it's on a sheet metal receiver cover and you're going to get all kinds of torque and twisting that's going to degrade the hit probability. The worst scenario is the G3, because there you've got an entire receiver that's sheet metal, and when that bolt reciprocates back and forth, you just get a tremendous amount of rotational torque on the receiver. Sure, for long range sniping, no doubt about it, the 5.56mm round doesn't have it.

MGN: As a machine gun writer, machine gun shooter, veteran, etc., I get asked frequently what my favorite gun is. We've been talking about your choices a little bit. Let's take a different tack; let's invent a gun. What would you invent if you were going to invent the perfect assault rifle?

KOKALIS: Well, again that is a very interesting and intelligent question, because from my view, which I've already established is basically from the users point of view, there exists no perfect weapon. I'm probably familiar with more peculiar and negative idiosyncrasies of more different weapons systems than most of your readers are, because I've encountered them as a result of the wide range of environments that I've been placed in, and none of them are perfect. I could sit here and discuss the Kalashnikov and tell you what I think are the negative idiosyncrasies of the Kalashnikov or any particular weapon. Unfortunately, I have become stereotyped as someone who is particularly negative about the M60. Believe me, there are other weapons that are just as dreadful as the M60 and we'll talk about that a little later. Basically, I'm not an inventor. I'm a person that takes what mechanical engineers and designers come up with, and I go into their environment and tell them what needs to be altered on their gun such as where the sling swivels need to be, and what we're looking for as far as a muzzle device. Another example would be three things that a muzzle device can affect: the muzzle blast, the muzzle jump, or the flash signature, and engineers will usually focus on the muzzle jump. They'll devise something that you can fire with one hand and there will be no muzzle rise whatever and so on and so on. The trade-off for that will be five feet of flame coming out the muzzle. Well, to the military user, that's the worst possible choice. I don't care how much something like an M16 or even a .308 rifle has in the way of muzzle jump. I'm very, very concerned about the flash signature because most contact, as you probably know, occurs at dusk or in the night. The flash signature from the users point of view is far

more important.

I could tell you what my choices are. In other words, in a caliber .556 assault rifle, what would I choose? The Steyr AUG has become the "hot" gun. Some gunsmiths have come up with ways of improving on their atrocious triggers, and so AUGs are real hot with tactical teams now. Sorry, I don't sign off on that. I know when people clean AUG magazines and AUG stocks in solvent, they can dissolve, I mean literally dissolve...

MGN: That IS a negative feature.

KOKALIS: This could cause someone to burst into tears if it was his gun. Personally, I've had more combat experience with the much maligned M16.

MGN: Oh no Peter, this is trouble, this is trouble.

KOKALIS: I will take an M16 over a Kalashnikov and I have fired thousands of Kalashnikovs. I can tell you, there are some really, really ugly features on the Kalashnikov. First of all, most of them are built for what I would call dwarfs. The length of pull is far too short for a Western-European or an American. Number two, they have atrocious trigger pull weights because of the multiple-strand trigger spring. Three, they have horrible selectors. They make an incredible amount of noise. I've seen people wrap monofilament fishing line around the selector bar. I've seen them bend them out, and if they're not gunsmiths, they usually bend them out too far and then they just fall down into the semi-auto position. You can get killed because of an AK selector lever sitting in an ambush position and then suddenly going "click" as you drop it from safe into full or semi, AND they are capable of only the most MEDIOCRE accuracy. If you get an AK that will go six MOA at a hundred meters, you better hold on to it, because that's a "match" grade AK. You know that Americans would never accept that. Our rifles are capable of a lot more accuracy.

Finally, so that I can bring even bigger tears to your eyes Dan, there

is the tactical or speed reloading with an AK. The M16 has got all of the human engineering correct in that area. You just punch the button, the magazine falls out, and as you're pulling out the one, the other one goes straight in. Click, its in. With a Kalashnikov, you've got to push forward on the flapper, you've got to rock the magazine forward, then, when you put the new one in, you've got to rock it back. They don't even come close in that area. We've done many speed drills to demonstrate this. There is no bolt hold-open, and on and on. I'm sorry to burst your balloon.


MGN: Its not my balloon I'm worried about.

KOKALIS: The readers, ok. Well, what can I do? If they want to crucify me, they already have written into *MGN* and said how much I have unfairly maligned the M60. I'm looking for solace from you and I see that you're wearing an ugly M60 T-shirt.

MGN: Ouch. Let's not get personal, Peter. We were talking about how short an AK is. The original story on that was that it was for the shoulder padding of the Russian wearing a heavy winter coat. I personally believe it's made short specifically so that the communists can go into Third World countries and give it to twelve-year-old children so they can shoot their parents and take over in those countries.

The M16 that you are referring to is a current issue, I hope? A lot of the readers right at this moment have either lost their lunch or their heart's beating hard or palpitating, and they've got beads of sweat on their forehead. Please tell me that the M16s that you are referring to are the newer versions, not the ones from 1969 or so.


KOKALIS: I'm talking about the M16A2 series made by Colt or FNM1. I'm talking about military issue M16s. I'm not talking about after-market guns that are put together from parts that are made in somebodys garage machine shop and assembled by incompetent boobs, who don't know the buttstock from the muzzle, who know nothing about the chemistry involved or the operation of the gas system. If you asked them what the port size was, the



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KOKALIS: I think that weapon designers have to pay attention to the human engineering aspect. I know some of you won't believe me saying this, but the neoprene forearm of the M60 shows superb human engineering: it absorbs heat, it feels comfortable, and it's in the right place. I would say that on an assault rifle, we have to look at what is natural and what is not. It's natural in the case of the selector to have the safe position rearmost. The operator uses his thumb and pushes from safe forward into the firing mode. To make the operator pull backwards is unnatural. We want to keep those controls as simple as possible. The most significant controls are the safety, the selector lever, and the magazine catch release. Their type and location are very important in the design of a combat weapon. I worked at 205 Arsenal with a 5.56mm rifle that they have there and it ended up like some of the MP5 trigger packs. They had safe semi, three-shot burst and full auto. My comment on that is, if you give an operator too many options in a high stress environment, you're just going to confuse him.

MGN: Multiply the "pucker factor" times the possible selections to get the SNAFU factor.

KOKALIS: That's good, (laughs). As a designer, if you tell the operator the choice is his by giving him this selector lever, and if he has to personally choose between three-shot burst and full auto, he's always going to rock 'n roll. He's going to just ignore the three-shot burst. Assault rifles should very rarely be fired in the full auto mode. They should be fired semi-auto. I know that's sacrilegious to some *Machine Gun News* readers, but the truth is, important thing in combat is hit probability. Only hits count.

You're going to get more hits in firing semi-auto than you are in any full auto mode. For burst control, we're coming down to two-shot concepts. Whether they be actual burst control devices or whether they be operator-induced groups. The third shot on a three-shot burst is invariably (on a right handed shooter) going to go high and to the right. If you're lucky, it will hit the shoulder. If you're not lucky, it's going to go over his head: an uncontrolled shot, a wildcard. Possibly hit a friendly target, especially in law enforcement use.

MGN: I've been on two-shot burst for a lot of years and so have you. H&K finally announced that they've "discovered" that two-shot bursts would be a good idea (laughs). Have you had any opportunity to test hyper-cyclic rate three-shot burst mechanisms like the G11 type, 2000 RPM three shot...?

KOKALIS: Yes, on a much older piece. The Heckler and Koch VP70 has a cyclic rate of close to 2400. What I've found on firing that gun is that if you've got a good strong shoulder mount and you're using the sights as they're intended to be used, the third projectile is already out of the muzzle before the gun starts to rise. The magic number seems to be something well over 2000. Anything under that and you've got control problems, you've got that wildcard.

MGN: What is the most interesting test you've ever done on a firearm?

KOKALIS: If I answered that, I'd have to kill you....

MGN: Now I'm worried. You thought I was fat; I'm just wearing a "deep cover" vest. I'm also the poster boy for big, hairy gun owners, Peter.

KOKALIS: That will be deleted. How much do you want to bet?

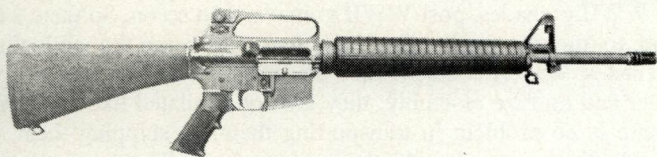
MGN: How about a steak dinner?

KOKALIS: Sure....The most interesting test that I have ever performed on a weapon system has been on the South African range

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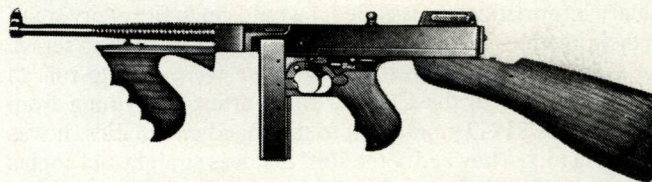
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MGN: You can tell when a gun was designed by somebody who has been in a fire fight. One point is a left-hand cocking lever, like on a lot of the German guns. In other words, you do not break your hand from the trigger in order to clear the weapon or cock it. You do not break your line of sight from the weapon sights in order to do it, either. I guess that was one of my problems with the M16. In order to clear it, you've got to take your eyes away from the sights and take your trigger finger away from the trigger. When you were working with the South Africans, was that something that rang true for them?

KOKALIS: I think you're focusing on something that you have personally found to be a problem. If it's a problem to you, then it's a legitimate concern. The early German guns, like the MG34, cock on the right side. Then you've got guns that cock on the left side. You've got guns that cock from the top. The Galils have swept-up cocking handles on the right, but you can still get at them from the left.

MGN: There's the Reising....

KOKALIS: Ok, the Reising. Is that a particular favorite of yours?

MGN: No. No. No. No. No.

KOKALIS: Is that why you always seem to bring a gunsmith along, because you like the Reising?

I think that's something that the operator can get around. I don't think it's an over-riding criteria, where the cocking handle is.

MGN: There was a period when *Soldier of Fortune*, before certain political indiscretions on the part of the Chinese, was involved in working with them....

KOKALIS: The deal was that they wanted me to come to the People's Liberation Army—Small Arms Research Institute, outside of Beijing, China, and present a seminar to their engineering staff. They wanted me to discuss everything from bayonets to belt-feds. The trade-off was, that if I was willing to (*Soldier of Fortune* was always a very anti-Communist magazine politically), give them the information they wanted, as long as it was not proprietary information or classified, I would get to fire every small arm in their inventory whether it be prototype or production series. We cut a deal. We went over there and we were able to run an eight-part series on all the Chinese small arms: everything from their copy of the RPG7V on down to the squad automatics. It was an interesting mix. They had some stuff that was straight-out copies of the Soviet, like their version of the excellent PKM which I believe they call a Type 80. They had some very innovative things. Then they have a copy of a DSHK. They also had a very unique 12.7mm heavy machine gun. They were working very hard to develop their own weapons systems, not just depend on copies from the Soviet Union. It was an incredible opportunity to be exposed to weapons, some of which were never even fielded in combat. I got to add to my data-base weapon systems that I would have never seen—even on the battle field. It was a good experience for both of us and it just increased my exposure to a lot of unusual weapons. I've been lucky. A lot of my friends say, "Peter, you've got a hell of a job, but somebody's got to do it." I've been very lucky to have gone to and survived as many places as I have and been exposed to as many weapons systems as a consequence.

MGN: Everybody in this business collects something. Do you have a particular interest...?

KOKALIS: Yes, inert grenades. I've used a lot of grenades in combat. I feel that there are two ways to look at grenades, very

important ways. One is that a grenade is potentially the most dangerous weapon system that a soldier is issued. More soldiers have been maimed or killed by their own country's grenades than probably by the enemy's grenades. Grenades are very dangerous devices. That's the negative part of the trade-off. The positive part of the trade-off with a hand grenade is that it provides power and conceals signature... remember we briefly mentioned muzzle devices. Other than the Vortex, which I think is the finest system anyone's come up with regarding muzzle devices, the grenade provides your best concealment. The problem you often have in combat in close quarters battle, even outdoors, is the flash signature at night. Especially if you're facing an enemy with much greater numbers than you. Disclosing your position and the number of people you have is very dangerous. Sometimes if they're used by experienced personnel, hand grenades can be substituted at night for firing of machine guns and rifles and can be used to drive off the enemy.

We once did that in El Salvador when there were 55 of us in an "A" camp facing 1300 guerrillas. For fear of exposing the fact that we had so few, we were able to use grenades to drive them off and keep them from coming up into the "A" camp. I've always been one that has been noted in combat for carrying a lot of grenades, all different types. I've used Soviet grenades. I've used all the com bloc grenades, a lot of British grenades, Belgian grenades, a lot of interesting South American grenades, like the Argentines, and so on. As a consequence, I developed an interest in studying grenades. Nothing offers a wider range for collectors than inert grenades, at less money. Sure, some of the rare ones are very expensive, but generally speaking, inert grenades are not as expensive as collecting machine guns.

MGN: Try buying a Mini-Gun.

KOKALIS: Right. Grenades can be very fascinating from a historical perspective and you will never own them all. Of course, that is a challenge for any collector. That's part of the collecting mystique. Nobody wants to collect anything of which there are only three variants. Because once you've assembled them, that's the end of your collection. The challenge of going after something, in which the types are almost infinite, is exciting for collectors. Grenades are for that kind of a challenge. You can collect grenades by country. You can collect grenades by war. For instance, WWI grenades are a whole separate category by themselves as opposed to WWII grenades, post WWII grenades and so on. So there's no end to the categories that you could develop by collecting grenades. And of course if they are inert, they have no explosive filler and no fuze assembly; they are not regulated like a firearm. There is no problem in transporting them, or shipping them, or buying them, or acquiring them or anything. There are a lot of interesting aspects to collecting grenades.

MGN: Are you still doing a lot of traveling?

KOKALIS: Yes. In November I will be going to Dr. Kalashnikov's 75th birthday party in Russia, where I will be testing all their new series of clandestine weaponry in the arsenal at Izhevsk. Like I told you Dan, it's a hell of a job, but somebody's got to do it. I mean, it's cold there in November and I'm not used to that because I'm from Arizona.

MGN: I'll stand in for you, I'm from Maine.

KOKALIS: I'm also going to be back at Lyttelton Engineering Works in Africa next June. In the next issue of *Fighting Firearms*, the cover article is a total exclusive for us on the new South African Mini SS5.56—their new 5.56 squad automatic weapon. I expect to go back again to Bosnia-Herzegovina. There is a possibility that I could be going back to El Salvador to train the new civilian police.

MGN: Is there any firearm that you're looking at out there, that you haven't had the opportunity to test or train with, and you have

a personal desire to go after?

KOKALIS: That's a tough question Dan because I've fired an awful lot of them.

MGN: What's the Holy Grail, Peter? Come on.

KOKALIS: The ultimate find?

MGN: When I found a Czech ZK383, I slept with it for two weeks.

KOKALIS: At my advanced age, I'm afraid I sleep with very little anymore besides my long underwear.

MGN: You'll need 'em in Russia.

KOKALIS: I would say that the most exciting opportunity for me in the future will be to go to the Soviet Union and fire some of the new underwater weaponry and the new clandestine sound suppressed weapons that they have.

MGN: You do the Soldier of Fortune Firepower Demonstration every year. Do you travel to many other machine gun shoots?

KOKALIS: No. The Arizona Emma-Gees, which is the group that puts on the Soldier of Fortune Firepower Demonstration, holds more or less two shoots a year in Arizona. Outside of those, I very rarely go to anymore machine gun shoots. There are some very specific reasons for that. You've got to always keep in perspective the loop in which I move; that group of people who train soldiers and police tactical teams in weaponry. The only reason for anyone in that loop to go to a machine gun shoot is to see how not to do anything. What you've basically got (I want to preface this by saying God bless America) are people who should have the right to do exactly what they want at these shoots, so far as what they do doesn't hurt or bother anybody else. If that's what turns them on and that's what they get enjoyment doing, I think that they have the right to do that.

From the point of view of an armed professional, I cannot condone almost anything I see at the average machine gun shoot. What I've got is a bunch of people sitting on little inflatable toilet seats, or standing behind pedestal mounts because they don't want to fire the weapon in the correct position, with a command height of only 10 inches above the ground, from behind cover and concealment. It isn't comfortable for them to lay in the prone position, so they want to stand up behind the gun.

Secondly, if you want to learn something about fire discipline, you sure don't go to a machine gun shoot. I was at a machine gun shoot in northern Arizona and saw one of the most startling things that I've ever seen. A man, (and I'm sure, Dan, that you and I probably have more time in the payline than this individual has ever had in anybody's armed services) got up and put a 30 round magazine into an AK, put the butt of the gun on his hip, aimed the gun downrange (at what I don't know, just nothing; the rocks), pulled the trigger once full cyclic, dumped all 30rds downrange, turned around with a big grin and said to his comrades, "I needed that," then sat down.

What is my point? My point is: we fight the way we train, so we should train the way we're going to fight. Whether you want to admit it or not, any form of shooting is a form of training. If you go to a machine gun shoot and you sit on an inflatable toilet seat and fire a 300 round burst through a belt gun, you are likely to do that under a stress environment. Admittedly, not many of the people that go to machine gun shoots will ever fire any of those guns in anger at anybody, but the point is that I train people who do and so there's nothing for me to see or do at a machine gun shoot.

MGN: So you feel that there's a loss of fire discipline when somebody's sport shooting, when the competition is to pile up the kills and not care particularly where you put your bullets. You think it's a bad exercise.

KOKALIS: Its very bad exercise. I also think there are some embarrassing questions you could ask people at most machine gun shoots. Like, the machine gun they're firing, has it been zeroed?

How many of them have really zeroed the weapon firing single shots and adjusting the sights? Almost none of them. How many of them know anything about the science of machine gunnery? Go to a machine gun shoot either back east, in the mid-west, on the west coast, wherever, and go down the line and ask the people that are there, many of them with very exotic, very impressive and very expensive guns; ask them what "enfilade fire" is. Ask them what firing from "defilade" is. What will you get? You will get someone looking at you as though you were a toad because they don't know what those terms mean.

MGN: "Enfilade"? Is that like a Mexican appetizer?

KOKALIS: For your own sake, you should cut that out of this interview.

MGN: I don't mind getting ripped up a little. I'm interviewing you, aren't I?

KOKALIS: (Laughs.) The point is, even though I have fired 600 or 700 different machine guns, there's got to be some exotic Swiss machine gun or something that you've got to go to Knob Creek to see. Outside the odd occurrence that I might see a machine gun that I've never seen or fired before, there's nothing that someone like me can learn that would be of any benefit by going to machine gun shoots. There's nothing that I could teach somebody by taking them to a machine gun shoot of that type; there's nothing that they could learn.

Now the Emma-Gee's machine gun shoots are entirely different. We have a number of indoor simulator buildings where people get run through dynamic entries with MP5s or other subguns. We have sniper matches where they fire military sniper weapons. I take them out on night exercises where they get to fire in ambush simulations. When they do fire on the firing line at the targets we have, all these people fire with a great deal of professional discipline. Plus, those shoots are very small. We very rarely have more than 18 or 20 people. Simply by logistics, you can't run many more than 18 or 20 people at night through a highly controlled, monitored simulator. You can't have a machine gun shoot and have 300 people there and then run them all through a submachine gun simulator.

Like I said, those people have the right to shoot the way they want. I would hope that some of them at least would have a glimmering of the fact that what they are doing is not the correct way to employ these guns, that they were not designed to be employed in that manner and they were not designed to be employed off of pedestal mounts that high profile the operator. He'd be dead in ten seconds in combat, standing behind a pedestal mount, unprotected, unarmed. I do think that machine gun shoots are a wonderful way of introducing people to machine guns. I think that they have the right to do that.

Also, you get a lot of people at machine gun shoots that collect a certain weapon or a certain type of weapon, and are so committed to that, that they are still convinced that it is the finest combat weapon on the face of the earth.

One example is the Thompson submachine gun. I have several Thompson submachine guns. They were beautifully made. The original Colt guns are just incredibly finished. But, God almighty, to carry that in combat. I mean some of these weapons become cult things. They don't want to admit that the Thompson submachine gun lost its viability for combat 60 years ago. It has a poorly designed butt that slips off your shoulder. It's far too heavy for a pistol cartridge, and on and on and on. That's what you'll see at machine gun shoots, if we can lead into this, like the people who have gone ballistic because I have ridiculed their M60 like their pet goldfish.

In any event, here's the problem, and you, Dan, are sometimes guilty of it. You will analyze a gun from the point of view of its availability as a Class III dealer and as a collector to your clients

and customers. So you will recommend a gun by virtue of the fact that it is available, like an M60. Whereas, obviously an FN MAG58 is a superior gun. But what are there, nine Pre-86 FN MAG58 dealer samples? So they're not available to the average guy. That's one of your criteria. From your perspective, that's ok. From my perspective, as an armed professional, I can't evaluate a sub-machine gun because of its availability on the civilian market to people that shoot at machine gun shoots. That is not part of my equation.

MGN: I'm keeping my mouth shut, Peter. This is your interview. Go for it.

KOKALIS: Well, let's do it. What's wrong with the M60 as a squad automatic weapon—we don't really have the time, and you don't have enough cassette tapes for me to tell you that. But I will try to go through this as quickly and as painfully as possible. Unless I give you some cold, hard facts, you're going to get 35 letters from people who said that I abused their pet goldfish, their M60.

So much wrong, where do we start? Lets start up front towards the gas system. There's no regulator. It's supposed to be a constant energy gas system; sometimes it is, sometimes it isn't. First of all, I'm talking only M60, I'm not talking about the things that were corrected on the M60E3 (and I'll get to that dreadful piece of junk in a little while). On the M60, I feel like paraphrasing General MacArthur when he said, "Few people living know war as I do, and nothing to me is more repulsive." I would just substitute M60 in there. I worked on hundreds of M60s in El Salvador. I've seen everything that can go wrong.

Let's start at the gas system. If you put the piston in backwards, you've got a single-shot gun: a twenty-four pound, or whatever it is, single-shot rifle. Bang, and that's it. How often have I seen guns in combat with the piston in backwards? More times than I would like to tell you. Then what can we say about a design that has a gas

plug and a front gas cylinder extension that, unless they're safety-wired to the gun, they fall off. I mean that's a brilliant design, isn't it? So what do we have? Machine gun crews that carry around \$75 pairs of safety wire pliers and spools of stainless steel safety wire? Well you know they don't do that. So what happens? They either don't take the safety wire off, in which case the gas system doesn't get cleaned, or they lose the damn plug. In El Salvador, I've seen them with the pistons frozen shut. We had to use a steel rebar rod and a sledge hammer to drive the pistons out of the gun, that's how bad they were. Or, if they'd taken it apart and cleaned it, then they didn't have the safety wire, so then the gas plug fell out.

Let's move backwards, it gets better and better. Let's move over to the barrel socket and the bolt locking lugs. You've got to replace M60 bolts about every 15,000 rounds. That's ridiculous. The MAG bolt will go 80,000 rounds and nothing happens to it. On the M60, that's one of its idiosyncrasies, and its advocates will say there's nothing wrong; you just carry a few spare bolts around with you. Then you've got the recoil spring, multiple strand. Beautiful design, except its located on the bottom of the receiver so that it drags on the bottom of the receiver and after a couple of thousand rounds, it gets flat spots on it. When those flat spots break, you've got a broken recoil spring. It gets better.

You've got the bolt group. You've got the rear end plug on the bolt housing which is held in by a very small pin. Go out in the field, take that apart, and lose that pin in the mud. I've seen soldiers in El Salvador put wooden matches in there for that pin. Because why? Because without that pin, after 40 rounds that plug starts to back off, goes back to the receiver and then you don't have a gun anymore. It's not firing. Better yet, let's go into the interesting little trigger mechanism of that gun. First of all, you can put the sear in backwards.

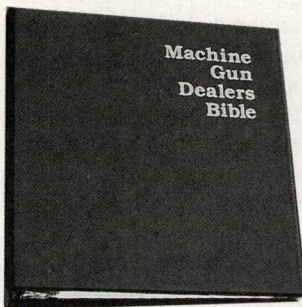
MGN: Inverted, Peter. Believe me—inverted is the word.

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KOKALIS: Invert the sear, and what happens? You can't lock the bolt back. Even worse, when you take the sear out you've got the spring and the plunger. If you invert those, if you put the plunger down and the spring up, it will start to batter. After about 30 or 40 rounds, it will batter the spring to the side and now the sear is no longer spring loaded and what have you got? You've got a runaway gun.

MGN: (Stan) I've seen a lot of that.

KOKALIS: Look at the look of chagrin on Dan's face.

MGN: You've been planning this for months, Peter.

KOKALIS: Look at the tears running down his face. We could go on to the trivial things. You would even think that they could put a front sling swivel on this gun that wouldn't snap off. Then it gets better. We could write novels about this subject. Take a look at the rear sight. The rear sight elevation plate is what, a piece of anodized aluminum? This is a good machine gun for those guys that carry little inflatable toilet seats. They go out to the range and they sit there with their clean little guns and they fire their 1,000 or 2,000 rounds, then they pack it up and take it home to Mama, where they set it on the kitchen table and clean it all up and it's fine. But when you carry this beast 90 days in the jungle and you start rubbing on it, cutting through the brush, what happens is the anodizing starts to wear off the elevation plate and pretty soon, pal, in places like El Salvador, you don't have any elevation gradients anymore. Now you can't zero the gun. You don't know where you're shooting, but, who cares, because half the time the gun doesn't shoot in combat anyway, so who needs elevation on this beast. Do you want me to go on?

MGN: You can keep going on. I'm wondering how much of your experiences are related to "shot-out guns" that were given to El Salvador.

KOKALIS: Shot-out guns? SHOT-OUT GUNS?!? Let's move up

to a brand new species of this beast. How about the M60E3. Great gun and machine gun dealers, like Dan, get tens of thousands for this wonderful thing. Because this is really rare. Whether it's a kit gun or one that actually came from Maremont as an E3. Why should it be desirable? I don't know. The Marine Corps used it in Desert Storm and found that when you start going sustained fire on it, the barrel slumps and you don't have a gun anymore. It doesn't fire, or maybe the round slices out the side of the barrel. Whatever happens, you don't have a machine gun. Am I the only one that says this? The Marine Corps got so tired of all the M60's deficiencies that they couldn't stand it anymore. After they got screwed with the M60E3 and the slumping barrels, they finally reached a decision. That's it! We want out of this machine gun. And what did they do? As *SOF* readers like Dan know, they just adopted the FN M240G which is the ground version of the coaxial version of the FN MAG58, and we should have adopted it in the first place. So I rest my case.

There are better guns than the MAG: the South African SS-77, and the Russian PKM, a gorgeous general purpose machine gun, beautiful, and reliable. The only thing I don't like about it is it still uses pull-out links instead of push-through links, but a wonderful gun. Sure, there's some good things about the M60... well, it's got a real nice padded sling, and you can take that sling off and put in on a MAG. That's....(Dan's laughing) Boy, he's got shooting stomach cramps. Just think about the readers....

MGN: (Stan) Everything that you're saying I've seen happen.

MGN: (Dan) Oh, I've seen it too. But I carried one and I was quite pleased with it, except for the fact that it weighed almost as much as I did at the time.

KOKALIS: See, you carried one. That's it, you're problem is provinciality. You are too provincial.

MGN: Okay, Okay, you beat the s**t out of my gun. But remem-

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ber, I'm being passive—the *MGN* readers are going to respond to you, I guarantee it! I will be avenged....

KOKALIS: Let's go back to the Marine Corps—the Marine Corps and the BAR. You go up to a marine from the Korean War or the Second World War and say, "What is the best squad auto that the marines ever saw?" And they say, "Why man, the BAR," and you say, "BAR?" And they say, "Yeah, it's the greatest thing the Marine Corps ever had." And then you say, "Is there anything that if you could have had it you might have liked instead on the BAR?" The smart ones will say, "Well it would have been nice if it had a quick change barrel, maybe been nice if the bipod had been a little farther back and you could engage flanking targets a little easier. It would have been nice if it had a stainless steel gas system, and by golly I could have used magazines of more than twenty rounds a few times. Other than that, the BAR is the greatest gun the Marine Corps ever had." You know what he just described? The Bren gun. Most marines will look at you and say, "The what gun?" "The who gun?" "Never heard of it man." The BAR was the greatest thing since sliced bread.

Here's what we're dealing with. A different generation, but the M60 was the greatest gun he ever saw. I'll tell you though, there was a worse one...all my respects to dear Jim Ballou...there was a worse machine gun adopted by the U.S. Army than the M60. It was the Chauchat. The second worst gun adopted was the M73 coax gun. All I can say in retrospect is that the M60 was the THIRD WORST machine gun ever adopted by the U.S. military.

MGN: I feel like you've shot my dog, Peter. I don't have anything to say.

KOKALIS: Dan Shea speechless! This is going in the *Guinness Book of World Records*. Dan Shea SPEECHLESS! I love this!

A few last comments. What do I think are some of the worlds great machine guns? Magazine-fed light machine gun, no doubt about it, the Bren gun. Probably in its final form, the L4 series in 7.62mm NATO. The finest magazine-fed machine gun ever fielded anyplace. Bar none. Belt guns? In the GPMG's I've already mentioned the FN MAG58, South African SS-77, Russian PKM, but the readers will say we can't have any of those. There is a gun that is far superior to the M60 that *Machine Gun News* readers can have. That's the entire .30 caliber Browning series: the 1919A4, 1919A6, 1917A1. Sure, they're not as light as the M60; they're not as portable. The Brownings have ready availability of parts, lots of barrels out there, and easy to convert to other calibers, which the M60 is not. You've got lots of different mounts you can put it on, and you've got a tremendously reliable and durable gun still being used by the South Africans and the Israelis in one form or another. So, if some guy came up to me and said, "I want a belt gun," I wouldn't tell him the M60. I'd tell him to get a .30 caliber Browning.

MGN: And you can do a thousand-round burst out of it without the barrel falling off.

KOKALIS: I thought I covered that kind of behavior....

MGN: You did. I'm just talking to the people who are concerned with long bursts only done from their padded potty seats...and since you've said that the M60 barrels tend to slump after the long bursts IN ACTUAL COMBAT SITUATIONS....

KOKALIS: (Laughs.) The E3 barrels.

MGN: Oh, the E3. Okay.

KOKALIS: Current assault rifles, what's the best? I like the M16A2, and there's nothing really wrong with the Steyr AUG; in the end that's a good system. The Kalashnikov has served well if you can get around its idiosyncrasies. In submachine guns, not much argument there, the MP5 dominates and it dominates for a reason. It's not only one of the better designs, it's a total system, and that's what law enforcement tactical teams are looking for.

They're looking for a gun that they can hang a sound moderator on. They're looking for a gun that they can put lights on. They like the Sure Fire Flashlight. They're looking for different kinds of stocks, different trigger packs, etc. That's the best bet in a submachine gun. Civilians will probably only be able to get sear guns. There's nothing wrong with an MP5 sear gun. The Colt submachine gun isn't bad, but they're hard to find.

MGN: What about the less expensive machine guns that are available to the readers?

KOKALIS: The classic guns are not necessarily less expensive. The interesting guns remain the Thompsons, all the Thompson series, including the ones that only take the stick magazines, the M1s, M1A1s. I think the MP40s are interesting guns to shoot. One of the more exotic guns that I am very familiar with and that I shoot a lot is the French MAT 49—a very controllable submachine gun. The M3/M3A1 Grease Guns are easy to shoot with their low cyclic rate. It was in our inventory all the way through the Iranian hostage crisis.

MGN: I haven't heard you say the word Uzi.

KOKALIS: I don't particularly care for Uzi's. Now you're going to get 15 letters from Uzi lovers. But I don't like this hands-meet-hands business with the magazine well being in the grip. What this does is it changes the human engineering in the grip. I'll tell you the gun that has the best grip to frame angle and that's the Sterling. That's a good gun too, but the average guy can't find a Sterling. The Sterling was a well made gun, albeit very ammunition-sensitive because of the recoil spring system—especially the silenced one. The MP5 has a good grip-to-frame angle, but some operators experience difficulty in changing the selector lever. We train operators to do that with the support hand when you're moving back or moving into a room and you want to go to semi. We're training them mostly to manipulate the selector with the support hand and then go back to the forearm.

The Uzi, I don't like the grip safety on the Uzi....

MGN: I thought you were just supposed to "fix" that anyway, using the handyman's secret weapon, duct tape....

KOKALIS: Well, yeah. (Laughs.) It's still nothing but another slam-fire gun. There's a lot of jump when that bolt hits the end of that barrel. It's just the way it is; it's physics. I don't dislike the Uzi, but I think that it was an over-rated weapon.

In heavy machine guns, Ma Deuce is still king as far as I'm concerned. The Dashika I've fired a lot, both in China and combat environments, and they are very heavy. The mounts are too heavy. They're not very portable and they have a really dangerous, for the operator, flash signature. They shoot big balls of flame out there. Unless you're protected by asbestos, they'll shoot burning embers on your body and set you on fire. It's an exotic weapon, the dream of many machine gun collectors to own, but it would not be my choice on a heavy machine gun.

No doubt Ma Deuce is still king. Or queen. Finest heavy machine gun ever designed. I only feel sorry for you that you got rid of your Tora Tora rig.

MGN: Fat Alice? Yeah, sorry to see her go. I couldn't bring her on the plane when I flew out here anyway. Wouldn't fit as a "carry on."

KOKALIS: Probably not. Anyway, I hope you got what you came here for....

MGN: Sure did. I'd just like to tell the readers that they can follow Peter in the latest issue of *Fighting Firearms*, where he gets to test a lot of neat firearms and beat on all of the other gun writers that weren't here today, and that you, the reader, can respond to his opinions by writing to "The Kokalis Project," C/O MGN, P.O. Box 459, Lake Hamilton, AR 71951.

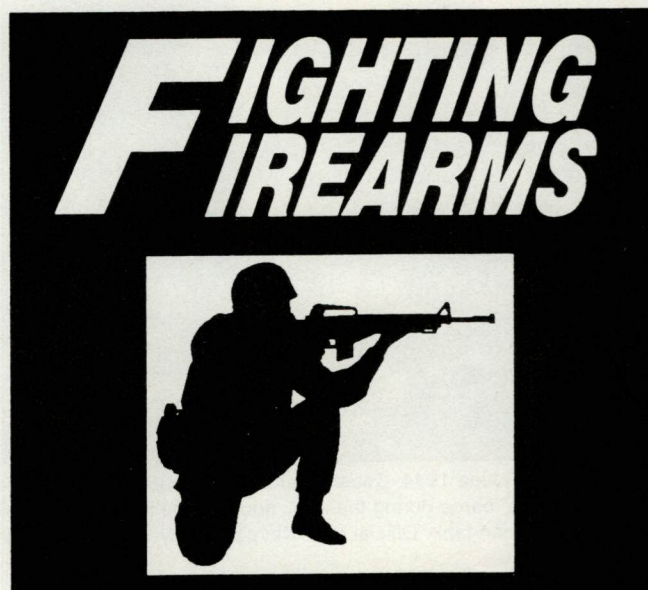
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Fort Story, Virginia

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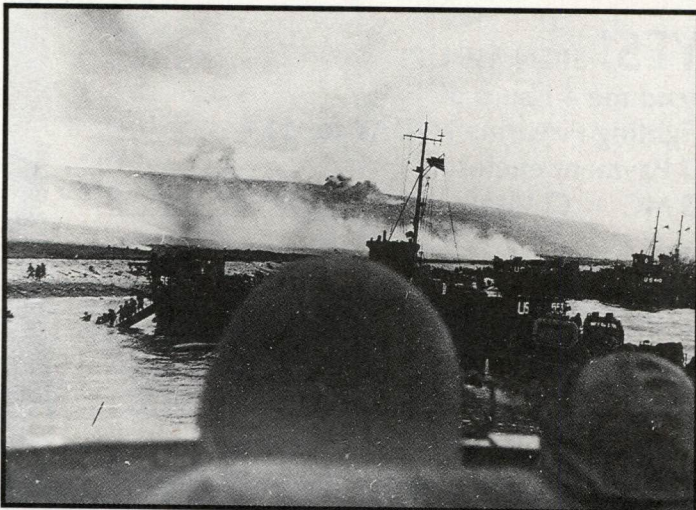
Normandy Invasion, June 1944. Coast-Guard-Manned USS LST-21 unloads British tanks and trucks onto a "Rhino" barge during the early hours of the invasion, June 6, 1944. Note: Name "Virgin" of the Sherman tank. Official U.S. Navy photo by: U.S. Coast Guard.

There is probably no date in the Second World War as famous as D-Day. It was June 6, 1944, the decisive moment of truth for both the Allies and the Germans: a battle that would ensure the future of democracy, the Bill of Rights and the Second Amendment.

On that day, the eyes of the world were on the Normandy Invasion because two historic events occurred. One, the epic invasion by twelve Allied nations to liberate France and two, the final step of America's march to global power. In time, this battle would shape the beginning of the Cold War and set the stage for future conflicts...yet to unfold.

BACKGROUND

Code named "Operation Overload," it was not only a turning point in history but the largest armada the world has known: an armada so big that fifty percent of all U.S. wartime production was geared for this one day—and the numbers are staggering to review. It involved 23,000 airborne troops, 131,000 ground troops, 5,000 ships, 50,000 vehicles of all types and 10,500 aircraft transported 60 to 100 miles across open water to hostile shores.



Normandy Invasion, June 1944. USS LCI-553 and LCI-410 land troops on "Omaha" Beach during the initial assault there on "D-Day," 6 June 1944. LCI-553 was hit by two shells and was left a wreck on the beach that day. Official U.S. Navy photo.

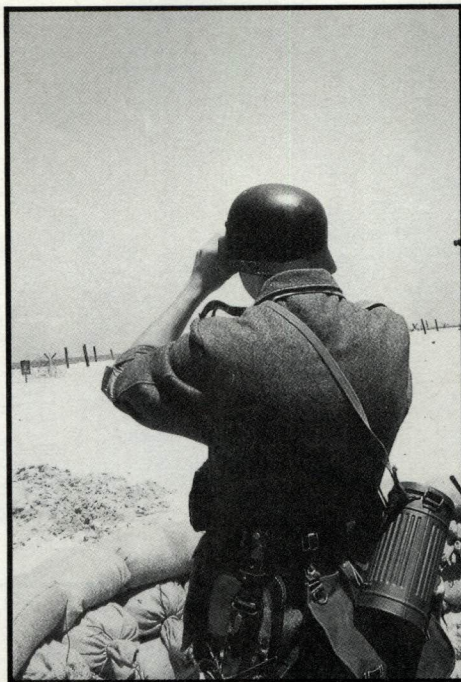


American assault troops in a landing craft huddle behind the protective front of the craft as it nears a beachhead on the northern coast of France. Smoke in the background is naval gunfire supporting the landing. 6 June 1944. Official U.S. Navy photo.

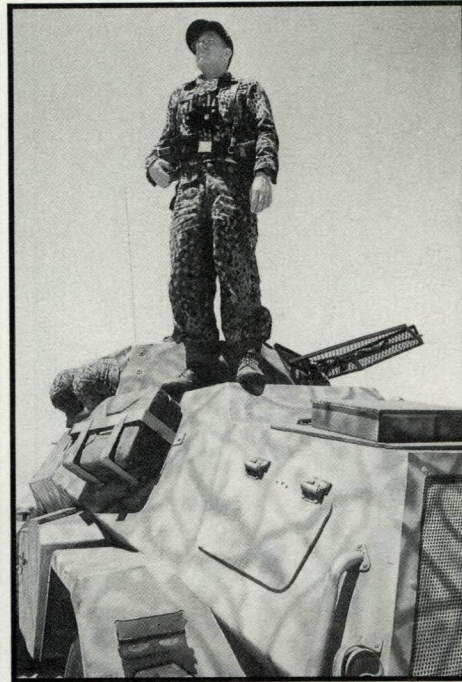
Eventually the entire operation involved 3.5 million troops and support personnel. It was the final all-out attack on Hitler's Fortress Europe. Because the cross-channel Allied invasion was composed of 75% U.S. forces, it had a U.S. Commander—Dwight Eisenhower.

The beaches where the Allies landed were spread along 50 miles of the Normandy Coast. The U.S. 1st Army and the British 2nd Army were divided into five different assault groups, and each group confronted different conditions. Americans went ashore at 06:30 hours on Utah and Omaha Beach, and the assault proved once again the fundamental law of warfare, and that is "no battle plan survives after the first clash with the enemy." Tanks sank and no armor got ashore, so those who got on the beach at Omaha fought leaderless—every man for himself. In fact, only the 1st Division was ever in combat and less than 15% of the invasion force had ever seen combat. The British landed on beaches named Sword and Gold and the Canadians on Juno. They met less resistance and had it a bit easier.

Upon landing, the five Divisions of Allied troops were met by four divisions of Hitler's 7th Army and his 21st Panzer Division. By July a million men faced each other in combat. Field Marshall Erwin Rommel, one of the most brilliant generals of the war, made the decision to stand and fight from fixed coastal defenses because he knew that his only hope of winning was to defeat the Allies on the beach during the first 24 hours. In early April of the year, Rommel coined a phrase that became a part of history. He said, "For the Allies, as



German soldiers "dug-in" watching and waiting as troop ships come into view.



S.S. trooper on vehicle gazing offshore as U.S. Navy positions for attack.

well as for Germany, it will be 'The Longest Day.'"

Because they needed time to develop more sophisticated weapons like the jet airplane, the guided missile and the atomic bomb, the Germans spent four years building their defenses known as the Atlantic Wall. It stretched 2500 miles from the North Sea to the Spanish border and was bigger than the Great Wall of China. Even though Rommel worked feverishly on the project and even laid 6 1/2 million mines along the Atlantic Wall, it was his living nightmare to know that the Wall would not be completed by the time of D-Day.

Did the Atlantic Wall live up to expect-

tations? In one simple word—no. For all the time and effort involved, it delayed the British by half an hour, the Canadians by one hour and the U.S. by half a day. But several factors other than the "Atlantic Wall" influenced the outcome. Military initiative was one decisive factor. In both the "Wehrmacht" and the "S.S." Divisions, the Fuhrer principle prevailed: "Der Fuhrer Hat Immer Recht," (the Fuhrer is always right). This principle worked against their military, and to compound their problems Hitler fragmented his military command structure just to enforce his supreme authority. As a result, the German Army was unable to take the initiative on the bat-



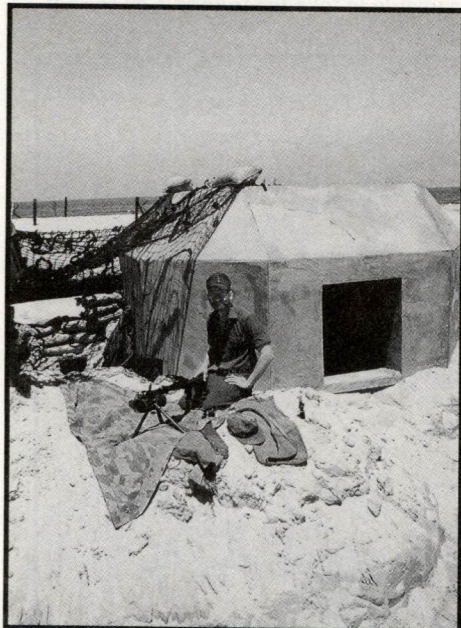
Allied soldiers in final assault. Note: Sherman tank maneuvering against beach obstacles. In background are U.S. Warships. Photo credit: Joe Burlas.



German soldiers in heavily sand-bagged fox-holes gaze out to sea—watching and waiting as K-98s and MG-42s point skyward.



German soldiers prepping their half-track.



MG-34 about to be field stripped.



Vintage German vehicle with mounted belt-fed and basket drum.

tlefield. On the Allied side, the British and U.S. leaders from generals to lieutenants could and did adjust to unexpected situations. Their German equivalents, however, showed little initiative from fear of Hitler and his intentionally fragmented command. For example, when confronted with a new situation, they didn't anticipate; they contacted command to be told what to do. Command would, by orders, contact Hitler. So where was Hitler? He was asleep. Having taken a sleeping pill the night before, he overslept through the invasion until 2:00 p.m. Perhaps the

fundamental flaw to the German strategy on D-Day was that no one was truly in charge except Hitler... and he was asleep.

It is worth remembering that Hitler truly believed that his totalitarian regime would produce soldiers tougher than those of a democracy. History proved Hitler wrong. Unlike the Hitler regime, American "citizen-soldiers" fight for their freedoms and their country...not for politicians. In our system, politicians can be easily replaced, but there is no substitute for freedom.

It has been said that if Hitler knew where and when the Allies were coming, there is no doubt that he could have hurled the invasion back into the sea, because Hitler had a 10 to 1 manpower and firepower ratio against Eisenhower. The Germans, for example, had machine guns

that fired three times faster than their Allied counterparts and had heavier tanks and bigger guns. Tank for tank, weapon for weapon, the Germans outclassed Eisenhower's army except for transport and artillery.

For Eisenhower to succeed, surprise was crucial. He had to use deception. To that end, an elaborate Allied deception campaign began. Code named "Operation Fortitude," it was one of the most successful deception efforts of all time. By sending hundreds of thousands of messages on radio traffic about an invasion to occur anywhere from Norway to the Balkans, 24 over-age British officers pinned down about 100,000 German riflemen! Through such deception, the Germans were led to believe that the Allies had 89 divisions for the invasion when in reality it was only 47!

In addition to "Operation Fortitude," Eisenhower had no shortage of problems. Not only did he have to endure British General Montgomery, a difficult personality and a Prima Donna, but the Allied Generals were convinced that if only they had more time and be allowed to do additional bombings that "Operation Overlord" would be unnecessary. However, to pound the Reich into submission, without introducing ground troops, would only result in allowing Soviet troops to seize, hold, and claim all of Europe for Stalin. Replacing Hitler with Stalin in Europe was not a solution. Fortunately Eisenhower knew better. He knew and acted upon the fundamental maxim of war, "The only way to destroy an enemy soldier is with another soldier. When it comes down to the fighting, it will always be the individual rifleman who

holds the ground and wins the war." Ike overruled the Allied generals, and when it was time to make the historical decision, he did it with three single words: "OK, we'll go." Later, on June 17th, only 11 days after the invasion, Rommel advised Hitler that the war was lost, and only ten days later the Commander of the 7th Army General Dollman committed suicide. Seventy-seven days later on August 21st, Allied troops liberated Paris.

American veterans of D-Day recall it as one the deadliest and bloodiest battle in American history. Because most of the American troops hitting the Omaha Beach had no prior combat experience, they took higher risks with a "gung-ho" attitude. For the 1st and 29th Infantry Divisions, the beach at Omaha became a kill-zone. Company "A" of the 116th lost 96% of its men without firing a shot.

But both sides on that first day of the battle had heavy losses. On the U.S. side, the Americans suffered 9,000 casualties, including 2,900 dead. On the German side, the 12th S.S. Panzer Division came to the battle with 20,000 men and 150 tanks. However, by battle's end they had 300 men and 12 tanks. In 12 1/2 weeks of fighting, Germany lost 450,000 soldiers, either killed or wounded. Not to be forgotten was the loss of 12,000 plus French civilians who just happened to be in the way. Eventually over 500,000 Americans were killed or wounded before they entered Berlin.

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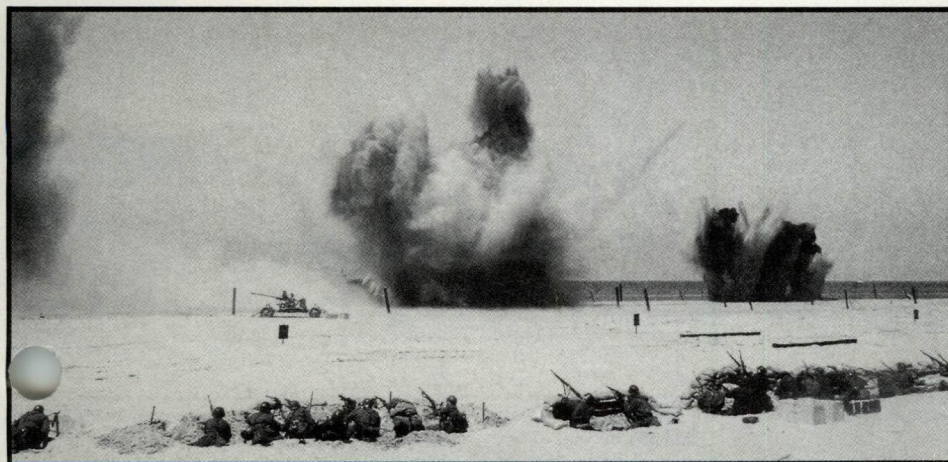
It's now June 1994, and it has been 50 years since a stretch of the northern coast of France became a blood-soaked battlefield that would determine the course of modern history.

To remember those who have fallen in this battle, and to give recognition and

thanks to D-Day veterans who are still with us, victory celebrations and reenactments occurred stateside and on both sides of the English Channel. Two U.S. cities had large-scale reenactments of D-Day: Chicago and Fort Story, Virginia. Indeed there was a special urgency to this celebration. Most of those who fought in the D-Day battles are in their 70's now and this 50th anniversary of their "longest day" will never be equaled. For many it may be their last anniversary of this historic landing.

Fort Story's commemoration of the 50th anniversary of D-Day grabbed a piece of history for itself today. The ceremonies were sponsored by the well known War Memorial Museum of Virginia with the help of the Department of Defense, the City of Virginia Beach, and the Virginia Army National Guard, with proceeds going to the National Kidney Foundation. It was the largest reenactment of the Normandy Invasion in the United States, second only to the ceremonies in France! Indeed, nearby Camp Pendelton in Virginia Beach had a historic link to the landing because it was the home to Virginia's own 29th Infantry Division who fought in the mud, the crud and the blood on Omaha Beach.

Over a year of preparations went into the planning of this event, and Eric Gibbons, the administrator who made this all possible, is to be applauded for his organizational skills. Their program was well planned and ran like a military operation beginning with a parade at 09:00 down Atlantic Avenue with flags waving, marching bands, veterans, historic vehicles and vintage military aircraft doing several flyovers. Van Johnson, a vintage actor in WWII movies such as "30 Seconds Over Tokyo," was the Grand Marshall of the



German soldiers crawl down into foxholes as U.S. planes continue to strafe the beach.

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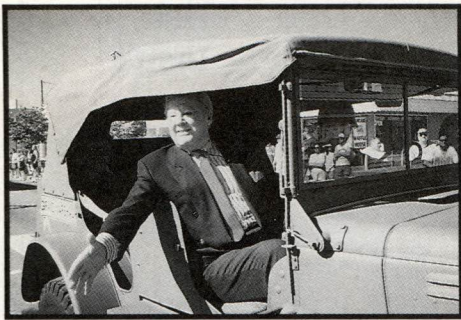
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Van Johnson, vintage actor of WWII movies, was Grand Marshall of the parade.

parade.

The commemorative side of the ceremony began at noon at Fort Story with keynote speakers. Over 50 D-Day veterans were honored, and all those who didn't return were remembered by prayers and speeches.

The ceremony began with a bugler playing "Call to Arms" and a prayer from the U.S. Army Chaplain. Speakers then praised the heroism, the patriotism and the sacrifice of those who participated in the D-Day landing. France, at the invitation of the U.S. Government, sent a detachment of soldiers and the band of the 3rd Infantry Regiment from the French Foreign Legion, stationed in French Guiana, to participate in the ceremony. As the ceremonies continued, veteran after veteran came to the microphone to share his experiences of that day and remind us of the terrible price to be paid to regain freedoms once they are lost. One paratrooper from the 101st Airborne (Screaming Eagles) told us their planes bounced around so bad from the flak that the paratroopers had to crawl on the floor of the plane to get to the door to jump over Normandy! For these 50 veterans, escorted to and from the stage by the French Foreign Legion Honor Guard, it was a day to remember and be remembered.

At the conclusion of these ceremonies, a re-creation of the Normandy invasion began. This ear shattering, ground shaking reenactment on the beach involved over 1,200 German and Allied reenactors in "period uniforms," including 25 D-Day veterans as participants, 15 landing crafts, 2 LCM's (landing craft mechanized), several U.S. Coast Guard and Navy vessels escorting the landing craft, 4 military airplanes: 3 P-51's, a B-25, a C-47 and a P-47 and members of the current 29th Infantry Division, (light).

Up and down the beach in sand-bagged bunkers and foxholes, were Germans; both Wehrmacht and S.S. Divisions digging in and pacing about awaiting the bombardment and invasion. Off shore were British, Canadian, and U.S. soldiers packed into landing crafts waiting to seize the beach. Overhead a German ME-109 Messerschmitt Fighter flew back and forth over the beach to smiling and waving Germans. They were smiling until three U.S. P-51 Mustangs roared in off the ocean to pursue it in a dog fight. The Germans, now realizing that things were beginning to heat up, responded by letting loose with ripping anti-aircraft fire. To lower German morale and wear down their resistance, a vintage U.S. P-47 Thunderbolt fighter began strafing runs on the beach. The beach erupted in rippled explosions with each run.

Moments later, a B-25 Mitchell Bomber did bombing runs over the beach as German anti-aircraft gunners ran straight for their foxholes. About 150 feet in front of the German trenches, the bombs hit their impact area and explosions formed huge clouds of sand over the beaches, while spectators wobbled on their feet from the shockwaves.

As German tracked vehicles roared up and down the beach to deliver more troops,

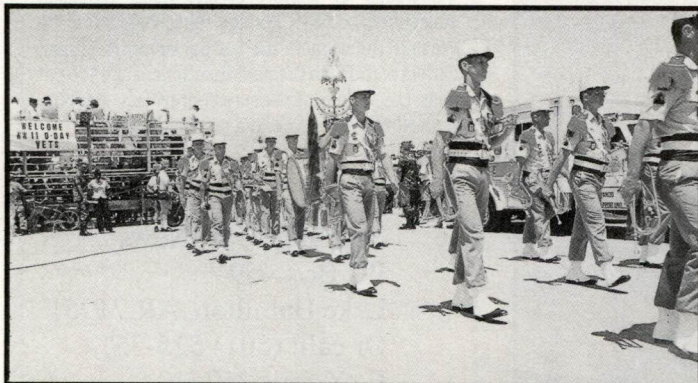
the off shore breeze blew in and pushed toward us the aroma of the sand, the diesel fumes, and the smell of gun powder from the thousands of rounds that ripped into the skies at Allied planes.

For additional visual and sound effect the Pentagon donated \$125,000 dollars worth of C-4 (plastic explosives) to create sufficient explosions in the water and on the beach to grab your attention. The C-4 was handled by members of "Navy Seal Team '4'" who literally crawled out of the surf onto the beach in support of the landing. Once on shore, they simulated clearing paths through minefields while under heavy fire from the Germans. We should remember that during WWII these "Seals" were then known as the "Navy Combat Demolition Units," and suffered more than 80% casualties on D-Day.

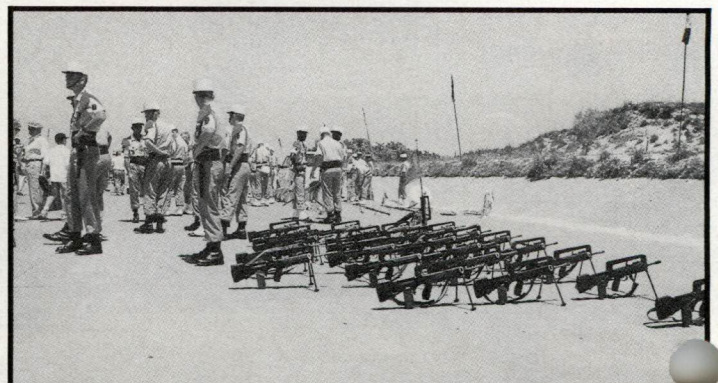
In the distance, the landing crafts began streaming toward the shore against a wall of German gunfire from MG-42's, MG-34's, MP-40's, Sturmgewehres, K-98's and other battle proven Teutonic devices.

Just as on D-Day when the ramps came down, many Allied soldiers once again fell into deep water up to their shoulders in the bouncing surf.

As the Allied troops stormed off the landing crafts, pushed through the surf and onto the beach, Sten's Greaseguns, Garands, and Thompsons opened up on the German positions. The first wave of troops were decimated by overwhelming firepower from the Germans; however, with each new wave of troops coming ashore, they closed the gap on the beach and pushed toward the German bunkers and foxholes. As German losses mounted, Allied troops in ever greater numbers crushed German resistance until the soldiers of the Reich put down their weapons and slowly stood up in their foxholes. With arms raised



French Foreign Legion doing traditional "88 steps to the minute" as they escort "D-Day" Veterans to ceremonies.



French Foreign Legion with french designed "Fusil Automatique MAS (FAMAS) in 5.56. They are unique to handle because they have the firepower of an assault rifle, but the versatility of a subgun in a bullpup design.



Two British troopers at Camp Pendleton discussing deployment onto landing craft and asking why the "YANKS" are "overpaid, oversexed and over here."

above their heads, they finally accepted defeat.

In honor of those who had fallen in battle, the ceremonies ended with the playing of "Taps."

The Spanish philosopher Santayana said that, "Those who do not learn the lessons of history are bound to repeat them." However, those who do learn the lessons of history are usually not the decision makers.

Soldiers learn the lessons of history because they understand the nonsensical aspects of war. Politicians never do, because when governments go to war the politicians decide to make speeches where it is safe and soft, and the soldiers go to foreign land to fight, sacrifice, bleed, and too often die. World War II was to be no different. Soldiers from both sides had the shared responsibility of following orders, which were sometimes brilliant and sometimes stupid, and all were prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice while sharing the brotherhood of soldiering.

For those who had perished, and for those who had survived and witnessed that day in '44, today at Fort Story was a time to remember. History must never forget and we shall always remember from generation to generation what both sides experienced and endured on D-Day.

Eric Gibbons, the manager of this commemorative project, and all his participants accomplished that goal today. MGN

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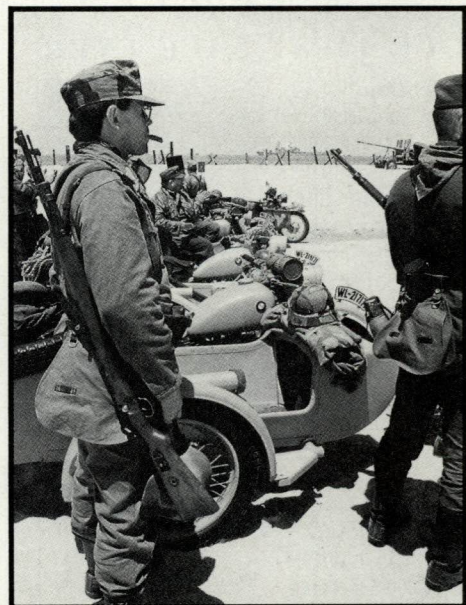
German soldiers sharing stories before aerial attack. Note: Anti-tank Panzerfaust is on far left.



Germans surrendering beaches to Allied soldiers. Note: Allied casualties face down on beach. Photo Credit: Joe Burlas.



German soldier using Browning .50 caliber confiscated as booty from Allies.



German motorcycle squad with K-98 on left.

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Tinkering with Thompsons



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Basic Reliability for the Semi-Auto Thompson Carbine, Part 1

Over the last few years, I have received many inquiries from owners of the semi-automatic Thompson Carbine, either in the 1927A1 configuration or the semi-auto M1 configuration, concerning basic reliability techniques for the firearm. Generally, the owners are quite pleased with their semi-auto version of the TSMG. However, occasionally some experience, more or less, feeding, chambering, ignition, extraction, ejection and very heavy trigger-pull problems.

I suppose the "purists" may object to my writing about the semi-auto Thompson; however, I am sympathetic to those who don't wish to go through the full-auto paper work, or live in states where full-autos are not allowed, yet still want to possess and shoot a firearm very closely resembling a TSMG. And, if they wish to own, even in this small way, a piece of the Thompson legend, I, for one, am not going to "nit-pick." Further, I might as well go on record as stating that I think that the semi-auto carbine is a legitimate variation of the Thompson SMG, deserving of its own following, and information about it certainly "rounds out" ones knowledge of the Thompson tradition. In addition, many full-auto Thompson owners also have semi-auto Thompson carbines. And, with the advent of the "crime control" act, those who legally possess even a semi-auto Thompson carbine will be limited in number and parts and accessories may soon be in short supply—making excellent condition carbines and their accessories potential collectors' items. So it stands to reason that semi-auto Thompson carbine shooters will want to keep their firearm in reliable working order.

Before getting into the reliability aspects, let me answer two of the most often asked questions concerning the semi-auto Thompson carbine. First, all full-auto trigger housing will not fit and function on a semi-auto receiver. Second, full-auto trigger assembly parts and full-auto bolt assembly parts will not fit and function in the semi-auto. The only two full-auto parts concerning the firing operation of the semi-auto that are interchangeable are the extractor and ejector. The full-auto barrel will fit and function on a semi-auto, but the change cannot be legally made unless the NFA short rifle paperwork is properly done and the tax paid. The front and rear sights are interchangeable as well as the wood, except that the 1927A1 takes an M1/M1A1 buttstock. Horizontal and vertical

foregrips interchange as long as the grip mount is the type that is 1/2 inch wide. There is also some interchangeability of some screws and small springs, such as buttstock screws and the magazine catch spring. This is not meant to be a detailed inventory of parts and accessory interchangeability but only to point out that semi-auto reliability, except for the ejector and extractor, cannot be solved by substituting full-auto surplus parts.

The internal trigger assembly parts and the internal bolt assembly parts of the 1927A1 semi-auto and the M1 semi-auto are the same, except that the 1927A1 has the cocking handle positioned vertically in the bolt and the M1 cocking handle is positioned horizontally. The semi-auto M1 takes an M1/M1A1 ejector and the semi-auto 1927A1 takes a 1928 ejector.

Based on my consultations with semi-auto owners and examining semi-auto Thompson carbines and with my own experiences with my semi-auto carbine, it appears that most of the reliability problems that the semi-auto experience are due generally, two things: 1.) lack of a proper cleaning and 2.) roughness of the internal trigger assembly parts and bolt assembly parts. This may sound basic and obvious, but as I have often found when dealing with the full-auto Thompson, a thorough cleaning and a smoothing and polishing of certain parts, may be all it takes for reliable functioning.

Many of the steps and techniques that I discussed for reliable functioning of the full-auto Thompson in the Gunmachines *TSMG 13-Step Trouble-Shooting Manual*, apply directly, or by analogy, to the semi-auto Thompson carbine. This is particularly true for the "five basic considerations" for reliable functioning that I discuss in the introduction section of the manual. With some modification, let me summarize them here:

1. The use of clean, quality ammunition, either military, commercial, remanufactured or handloaded. By "clean," I mean clean and polished cases. Bullet shape, with one or two exceptions, ought not to be a factor, though a round nose configuration insures top performance. Taper crimping may cause chambering and ignition problems. This will depend on how tight or loose your chamber is.
2. There are no broken or worn internal trigger assembly parts, and any springs that are part of the trigger assembly have not lost their resiliency.
3. There are no broken or worn bolt as-

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sembly parts, particularly the firing pin, firing pin retaining and recoil springs.

4. There are no foreign objects, dirt, or powder fouling in the barrel, chamber, receiver or trigger frame. In other words, keep Thompson carbine clean. Take it apart and thoroughly clean everything, particularly the inside of the receiver, the feed ramp, barrel chamber, bolt, firing pin, and the slot in the bolt that holds the firing pin.

5. The Thompson carbine is sufficiently lubricated.

These five considerations are so obvious that, perhaps, one need not mention them. Nevertheless, I cannot emphasize strongly enough that the neglect of one or more of these five considerations is often the cause of a malfunctioning Thompson carbine, just as their neglect caused malfunctioning full-auto TSMGs.

In Part 2, we will discuss how to properly disassemble the Thompson carbine for a thorough "reliability" cleaning and the cleaning techniques necessary for improved functioning. Part 3 will deal with smoothing and polishing techniques and the application of the *TSMG 13 Step Trouble-Shooting Manual* to the semi-auto Thompson carbine.

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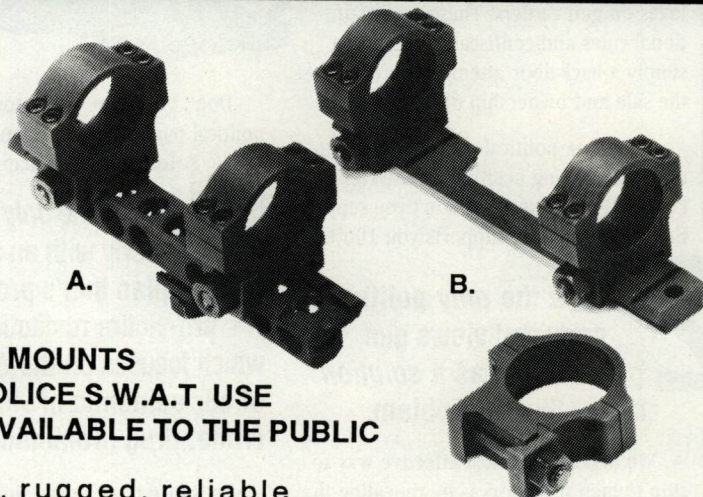
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Which political party is 100% pro-gun rights?

The Second Amendment's best friend: The Libertarian Party

1 We're the *only* political party that supports your right to keep and bear arms **100 percent!**

> The Libertarian Party opposes *all* bans, taxes and restrictions on the ownership of guns and ammunition.

> We oppose *all* forms of gun registration. Registration is simply a prelude to confiscation.

> We oppose *all* waiting periods. Waiting periods violate your right to provide for your own defense.

> We oppose *all* regulations and taxes on gun dealers. These unconstitutional rules and confiscatory taxes are simply a back-door attempt to prohibit the sale and ownership of firearms.

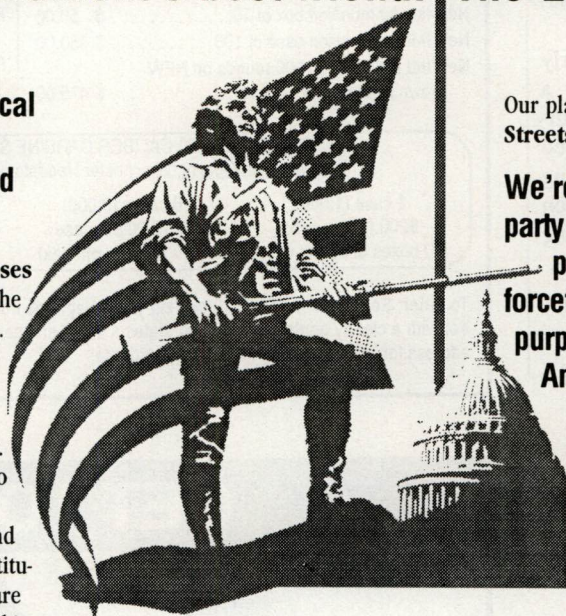
No other political party has such an uncompromising position on the right to keep and bear arms. Shouldn't you support the only party that supports you 100%?

2 We're the *only* political party that views gun ownership as a **solution** rather than a problem.

We believe the most effective way to stop human predators is by repealing the laws prohibiting concealed weapons.

We also know that guns are the best defense an individual can have against crime, and that the laws banning guns accomplish only one thing — victim disarmament.

We know that guns are **not** the cause of America's rising tide of violence. In fact, they're one of the solutions. We believe an armed society is a polite society.



Don't you want to support the *only* political party that **views guns as a solution**, rather than a problem?

3 We're the *only* political party with an anti-crime plan that's pro-gun and pro-victim restitution — **and** which focuses on the **true cause** of our epidemic of violent crime: drug prohibition.

Let's face it — the last time competing liquor "stores" shot it out with each other was during alcohol Prohibition. And today drug dealers are settling their disputes in the same way — with gun battles in the streets. *This* prohibition-caused violence is being used as an excuse to seize your guns. Make no mistake — drug prohibition will lead to gun prohibition, and only the Libertarian Party has a plan to keep this from happening.

Our plan is called **Operation Safe Streets**. Read on to learn more.

4 We're the *only* political party with the guts to publicly state, and forcefully defend, the **true purpose** of the Second Amendment.

That purpose isn't about hunting, or collecting, or target shooting. It's not even about stopping criminals. It's about defending freedom against tyrants, be they foreign or domestic. *We know that freedom wasn't won with a handshake*, and that the **only** way to defend the private ownership of semi-automatic weapons is by defending the true purpose of the Second Amendment.

Don't you want to support the *only* political party with the guts to defend guns—lock, stock, and barrel?

5 **We mean it.** The most recent federal gun ban was made possible by the Republican Party. That bill, which banned 19 semiautomatic weapons, passed by just two votes, with the help of 36 Republicans. *Why did so many Republicans betray gun owners?* Because traditional politicians view your gun rights as a chip, to be bargained away for things they value more.

But, to Libertarians, the right to keep and bear arms is a **matter of principle**. We've had 23 years to sell our principles for short term political gain. But we haven't, and we won't. Why? Because in



the long run you hit only what you aim at.

Don't you want to support the only political party that's aiming at what you want to hit?

6 We won't take you for granted.

The Libertarian Party's goal is **ultimate victory**. And we know that the *only* way to achieve that victory is by building a bigger "political army" than the other guys. That means recruiting new supporters, one person at a time, and then keeping them in the ranks until we're big enough to win national office. How do we do that? Simple: by always, *always* keeping our promises. Republicans assume you'll support them because you have nowhere else to go. We assume you'll support us, because **we support you**.

Don't you want to stop being taken for granted by the Republicans?

7 Supporting the Libertarian Party is good politics.

The right to keep and bear arms is **being lost**, slowly but surely. Gun owners can either fight a long series of losing battles at the side of the Republican Party, or they can prepare to win the war in the long term, by supporting the Libertarian Party.

We repeat — the *only* way to achieve ultimate victory is by building a bigger political army — an army that is *totally devoted* to the original American idea of individual liberty and self-responsibility, including the right to keep and bear arms. By supporting the Libertarian Party you contribute to building that bigger army. But you also accomplish a more short term political goal. You serve notice to the GOP — *shape up or ship out*.

Do you want to fight *to win* with the Libertarian Party — **or continue to compromise your rights away with the Republicans?**

8 The Libertarian Party is already succeeding.

By taking the long-term view, and building our political army one person at a time, we've become America's **third largest and fastest growing party**,

with over 120 people in public office, including four state legislators, five city council members, and three mayors.

Don't you want to *be a part* of this growing success?

9 Because gun ownership isn't the only issue you care about.

Most Americans think gun owners are single-issue fanatics, but we know differently. What's been missing is an organization that supports your basic principles on all the issues, all the time.

> **If you believe** in individual liberty and self-responsibility, *so do we*.

> **If you believe** government has grown way too big and needs to be cut way back, *so do we*.

> **If you believe** that the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights actually prohibit most of what our government does today, *so do we*.

That's why we deserve your support. Does any other party deserve it more?

10 In the long run, you hit only what you aim at!

This is common sense for

a gun owner. So ask yourself, have you *really* been aiming at what you want to hit? Can the Republicans or the Democrats really provide the solutions you seek, or is the Libertarian Party closer to the mark? *Give us a try* and find out for sure.

For a contribution of \$25 today, we'll do the following for you:

1. Work every day to build a political army large enough to secure the right to keep and bear arms, once and for all.

2. Send you a one year subscription to our party journal, *LP News*. You'll learn more about who we are and what we're doing.

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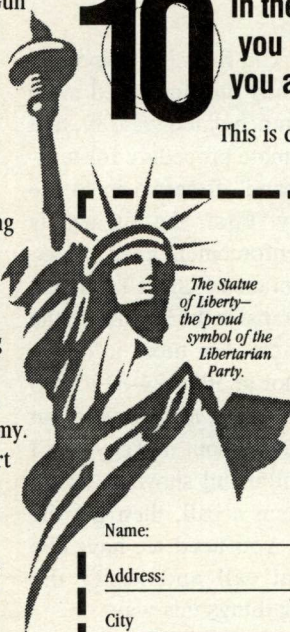
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> **Stop the early release** of violent felons without building more prisons.

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> "Myth-breaking" evidence to prove that using a gun is the very best way to protect yourself against criminals.

All of this can be yours for a contribution of just \$25. **Ready, aim, fire!**



Yes!

I want to give the Libertarian Party a try. Here's my contribution!

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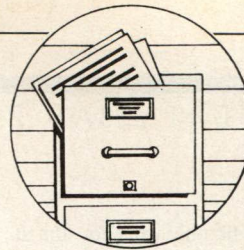
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The Forms

by DAN SHEA



Well, there's still crime in the streets. I thought the "Crime" Bill would affect that. Ha, just a little joke there. There still isn't any good, solid info on how this "assault rifle" manufacturing ban is going to affect us. I can't give much more light on the subject than in last month's analysis. There are, however, two things that appear to be clearing up. The first is that the definition of an "assault rifle" doesn't seem to include the newly manufactured, never assembled receiver, if you do not have the parts to complete it. If you are in possession of the parts to make it into a model that is banned, then it may be assembled. If it's just raw receivers, they are Title I firearms and may be sold, but no one can make them into a banned configuration. Allow me to get specific: if you had, say, 50,000 AR-15 receivers, fresh from the mold, and you had 1,000 sets of parts that included threaded barrels and bayonet lugs, you have 1,000 assault rifles and 49,000 Title I receivers that can not legally be made into the banned configuration. Can they be made into AR-15's without the bayonet lug or threaded barrel? That's still not clear, because all clones of the AR-15 are banned from further manufacture. This whole mess that Congress handed ATF is poorly thought out, and is going to lead to a LOT of litigation. The second item of note is: making a semi-auto AR-15 registered with the NFA as a Short Barreled Rifle is not going to be allowed unless the firearm existed with the "assault rifle" characteristics before the ban was signed. "The Forms" will keep you posted as we get the rulings in....

Some information just came in hot off the presses. There is a new line-up in command at NFA: Thomas B. Busey from Wine and Beer Division is the new Chief, NFA Branch, Carmen Lewis is returning to her old position as Chief, Imports, and F&E Operations Chief is Robert Mosley. This is all effective Monday, Sept 25, 1994. I'm going to give Mr. Busey a few months to get acclimated, then maybe I'll swing down

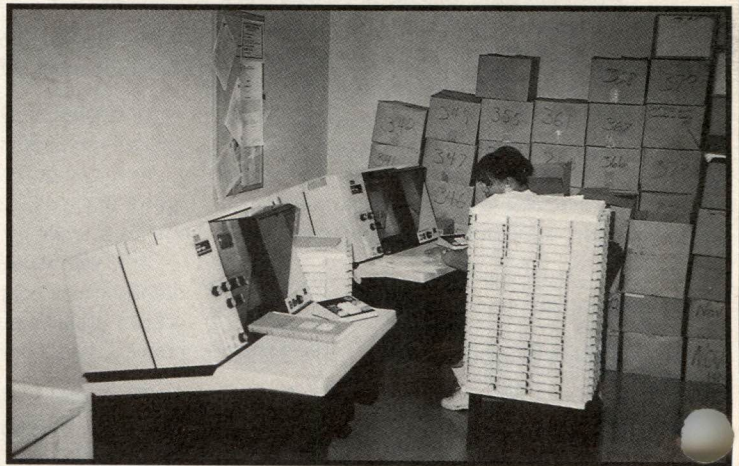
to D.C. and see if he'll have a few words with MGN.

We get a lot of calls and letters from people who have found firearms that need to be registered with the NFA but aren't—they're contraband. Your choices are slim, and I have said in "The Forms" that you may donate them to a government-affiliated museum. NOW, the big question from people who don't want to turn the firearm into ATF to be destroyed is: what museum will take them? I now have an answer — The General Douglas L. McBride Museum, at the New Mexico Military Institute. The Board of Directors contacted me recently and furnished me a letter from NFA Branch dated 9/14/89, that establishes a legitimate procedure for turning these "contraband" firearms in to the museum inventory. First, the firearm is turned into a law enforcement agency who registers the firearm on a Form 10. Then, a Form 5 is used to transfer the firearm to the museum. Very simple. For more information, call the director at 505-624-8220. No one should ship a firearm to them without first speaking to them about it. They don't want boxes of contraband showing up on the steps. Give them a call, then get the transfer started. If you need to, have the police department call and verify the legitimacy of doing things this way.

I don't know how you feel, but I would rather see "Uncle Joe's" Thompson hanging on the wall of this fine institution than torched up into a pile of scrap.

I am always being asked what the National Firearms Act Registry looks like. Well, here's a bonus "pic." The actual registry forms have been copied onto this microfiche system and may be reviewed to

back up dates of registry or movement. The originals are then stored in a controlled-atmosphere warehouse for documents. The registry is computerized for use by the examiners, but any questions that arise can be settled by having one of the specialists view the microfiche.



Q Your answer to Joe K. (September, 1994), asking whether you need a 5320.20 for interstate transport of a suppressor was **WRONG**. Federal law does not require you to get prior permission for interstate transport of a suppressor or an Any Other Weapon. Check out 18 USC 922 (a) (4), "It shall be unlawful...for any person other than a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, licensed dealer, or licensed collector, to transport in interstate or foreign commerce any destructive device, machine gun (as defined in section 5845 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954), or short-barreled rifle, except as specifically authorized by the Secretary consistent with public safety and necessity"; (emphasis added). Nothing about suppressors or A.O.W.'s! Both the directions to the 5320.20, the regulations (27 CFR 178.28), and the Q&A section in the ATF Red Book (question L21) are consistent with this.

What is your source for saying otherwise?

J.B.

A Right you are, and wrong I am. Being unable to find any reference to it on the

Form or in my "Red Book," I called NFA. I was unable to get in touch with my normal contacts there, and a conversation with the person on the line assured me that, yes, all firearms needed the 5320.20. After I got your letter I contacted my normal source and was told that you are 100% correct. To the readers—this is a very confusing business—please pass this correction on to everyone who you know. The only requirement for interstate transport of a registered suppressor or AOW is that you be legal to possess it at the start and finish of your trip, according to McLure-Volkmer '86. When you are passing through states, don't show it off in a state where they are illegal.

Q I have just gotten back my BATF approved Form 7. I was one of those unfortunates caught up in that great Catch-22: the reclassification of the Striker 12, USAS-12 shotguns. At first, I toyed with the idea of lying to the Feds when they got around to asking me where my Striker was. If I told them that I sold it privately and had lost the new owner's name, no one would be hurt? By that time it would be buried somewhere along with a few thousand rounds for a rainy day. Then it hit me, what if the forms really aren't so hard to fill out? What if the Police Chief would sign the back of the form? What if my worries were all for nothing?

I decided to put in an anonymous call to the NFA branch in Washington and ask about the procedure to register my shotgun. From a pay phone away from my neighborhood. I reached Ms. Colleen Davis, who was well versed in the answers to my questions. She convinced me that my fears were for nothing and arranged to mail me the required papers, saying that if I get the LE Approval, I was pretty much assured of smooth sailing. My problem was, I lived in New York.

The forms arrived and were scrutinized. The questions were straight forward and easy to answer. I broke out the trusty Smith (Corona, that is) and typed out everything, including the info on the finger print cards. I glued on my mug shots, typed out a return envelope and affixed postage to it. With copies of MGN articles on the subject to provide me with back up, it was off to police headquarters to see the Chief.

Well, in this county the Lieutenant in charge of the pistol license section was who I had to see. After introductions, I explained what I was there for. After he answered with a quizzical look, I handed him the

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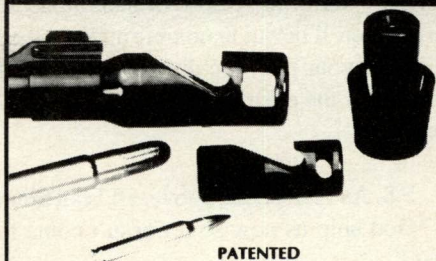
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MGN articles. He sat down and read everything. Three inter-departmental phone calls later, he looked at me and smiled. "I don't sign this," he said. My heart sank. Did I make a mistake in coming here? Did I expose myself to future prosecution? Then he said; "I'll be back, I have to see the Chief." As I sat there, the sweat poured out. Every cop there must have passed by the door and looked in. Fifteen minutes later, the lieutenant returned. "The Chief is impressed with your thoroughness and forethought. Yours is the first application we've seen, and we were not informed as to what our responsibility in this matter was. The articles you brought were more helpful than our call to Washington was," he said. The Chief would sign and stamp my paperwork and mail it out the next day.

That was back on June 20th of this year. I patiently waited for the phone call that would inform me that I did not qualify because I forgot to pay my '81 income tax or I had an outstanding arrest warrant from somewhere. It never came, and on August 29th I received an envelope with my now-stamped Form 1. It had the NFA Branch Director's signature and stated that my Striker was now registered as a Tax-Exempted Destructive Device. I continued to search the envelope for my new *NFA Weapon Owner's Manual*. You know, the one that tells me what paperwork has to be kept with the weapon. Where it can and can't be carried. What the procedures are to take it out of state to a shooting match? Can I shorten the barrel? To whom and how can I sell it, and what illegal or restricted actions on my part would put my owning an NFA weapon in jeopardy?

Wouldn't you know it, they forgot to send it to me. Now, I had bought my Striker back in '92, not intending to become an NFA owner. I feel that the position I have been forced into by the reclassification of my Striker has been done without my consent. I would have thought that the BATF would want me to become a good NFA owner, but it seems they have no intention of helping me do so.

Thank goodness I subscribe to *MGN* and read it cover to cover. If I had not been so diligent in this, I would have been in some other state at a shooting match, and some ATF agent would walk up and challenge me on my NFA paperwork. Bingo, I'm in federal jail.

Just what are the rules and regulations on NFA ownership in New York State? Can

I now buy more DD's since NYS is not a Class 3 state?

Thanks, for putting together such a great and technically exact information source.

Sincerely,
J.A.P. III

A Thanks for sending your story in. It's common now that the DD/ Shotgun regulations are in effect. To answer your question—yes, you may own more DD's! Cannons, Mortars, Grenade launchers—DD's can be real exciting, and they're about the only things left you can own in New York.

Q I read your column lately with a mixture of sadness and pride. Sadness that it has come to the point that so many Americans openly discuss taking up arms against our countrymen and pride that so many have the balls to do so. Please convey to them, when possible, that the enemy is NOT our armed forces, police agencies, or even our elected officials. It is only that portion of any group that advocates the asinine gun policies that is to blame. WE MUST REMEMBER TO PUNISH ONLY THOSE THAT CAUSED THIS MESS! Even when those officers show up at your door to ask for your weapons, do not assume they are your enemy. I personally know many policemen and active/reserve military that will be shoulder to shoulder with us when the time comes. Any movement needs insiders in the enemy camp. The value of someone who can alert the community to pending gun grabs is obvious.

So make your lists, do your gardening, and pick your targets now. Comply with the police, even to the extent of submitting to arrest. You'll be out in no time and can then continue your patriotic duty of ridding this country of the enemies of freedom and justice.

Robert

P.S. As I reread the above, all I can think is "God help us now so it doesn't come to that."

A God help us is right! You're pretty pessimistic. My rallying cry is Ballots, not Bullets! You should be out in the streets working your butt off to get our friends elected—the election is only a few short weeks away. Let's change things that way.

Q Being new to the MG world, I have a lot of questions. The one I would like answered the most is—why does it take the government so long to process applications for a MG?

It appears that three to five months is quite a long time compared to a five day waiting period for a handgun.

Walter J. S.

A The amount of time on transfers is a bone of contention in the Class 3 world. Individuals should prepare themselves to wait four months on a good transfer, six on a slow. That way, 90 days seems quick. Dealers to dealers—some are running two weeks—mostly smaller dealers—the rest of us are running 6-8 weeks, sometimes more. If there are two transfers involved, as in from one dealer to your dealer, then Form 4 to you, be prepared to wait six months anyway. NFA branch is sorely understaffed, and has had a high turnover in examiners. This adds to the slowing down, as well as the increase in transfers this year.

Q Dan, I'm writing you to see if you can help me with Tennessee and local (Memphis) law interpretations. I have the "Red Book" and the state law books governing firearms. I have been a Type 01 FFL holder for three years and a gunsmith for nine years. I'm still learning Type 01 laws. Now I want to move to Class 3, then change my status to Type 07 Class 2 later on. However, I have a problem. It seems I can't get any straight answers whether I can conduct that type of business or not. What I want is conduct Class 3 business for a couple of years, then move on to Type 07 Class 2 possibly, and then hopefully work with law enforcement. I have already paid my SOT and am waiting for stamp, but I don't want to conduct any business until I know I am legal in the state of Tennessee and locally (Memphis). I have called ATF a number of times, then referred to Washington examiners, then back to ATF in Atlanta, back to Washington. What's going on? I have not conducted any Class 3 business and won't until I'm sure I'm going in the right direction. I have read the state law book (Tennessee) over and over. It seems like the compiler notes at the end of statutes for Tennessee contradicts paragraph 39-6-1714 exceptions. Maybe you can clear this up for me, or should I get an attorney to interpret it for me. I want to call the nearest ATF in Nashville, but I'm afraid somebody might overreact due to the crime situation and Clinton's Crime Bill.

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George M.

A Yes, in Tennessee you can be a Class 3 dealer or Class 2 manufacturer. Memphis itself restricts NFA firearms, so you may have a problem there. The Federal books



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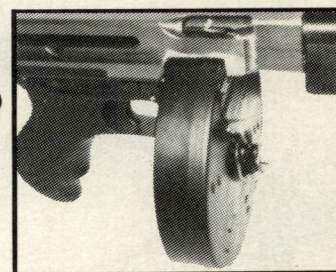
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Q I have a question: What are the procedures for ending SOT and keeping some guns, and doing intrastate NFA transfers not needing a dealer?

R. L.

A If you are a sole proprietor, send a letter ending your SOT status to NFA. If you don't, they may carry you on the rolls and bill you for the back taxes. Don't laugh; it's been done. Then, using a 4473, you sign out the firearms to yourself. Partnerships need to call the NFA branch and make arrangements. Corporations that end must transfer to the individuals on a tax paid Form 4. If you own an NFA firearm and want to sell it to another individual in-state, just use a Form 4 tax paid. It's very simple. When you cross the state lines, an interstate transfer, it has to go through a dealer in the state of your purchaser.

Q Our local CLEO (Chief Law Enforcement Officer) is a great person; he processes the ATF Form 4 within 10-15 minutes as long as he is in headquarters after the NCIC check he runs comes back. They even stop the Brady Law background checks on handguns in order to complete the Form 4! The entire department is composed of true professionals, and they are friendly and helpful. On my last trip in, I noticed that they now took a photo copy of my Form 4 for their records. Is this SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) for all CLEO now? They never kept a copy before.

Thanks,

P. K.

A There is not a new policy on a federal level. It is prudent for any police department to keep track of any papers that they sign. I don't blame them a bit. Constitutionally, they don't have any business doing it. It violates the Second Amendment for sure. You could make a good argument with a lawyer, but I doubt you would get such good service the next time you need a signature!

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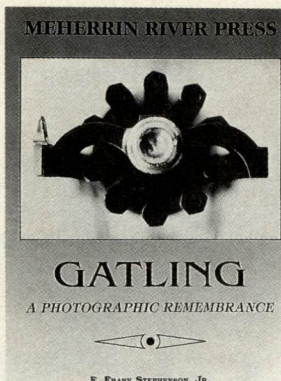
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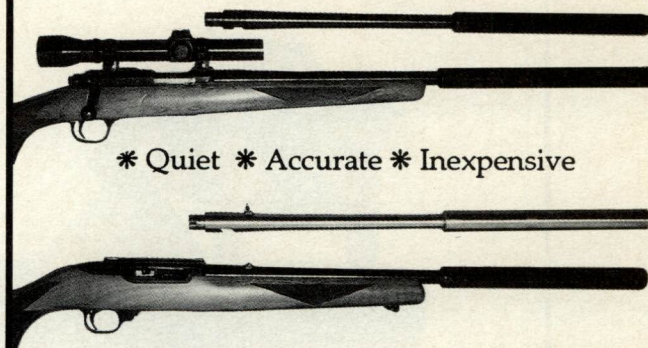
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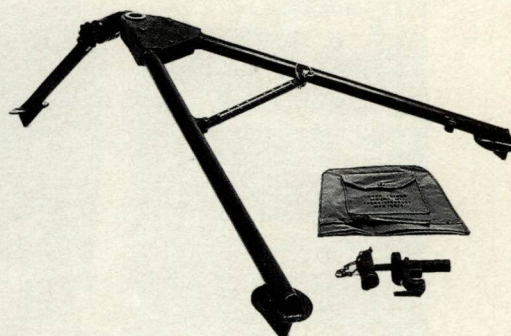
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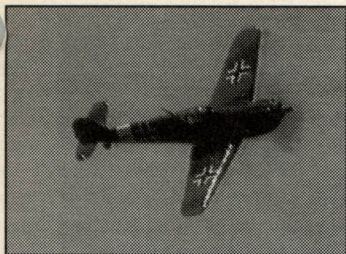
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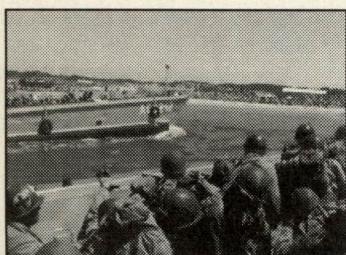
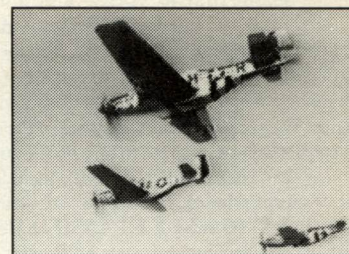
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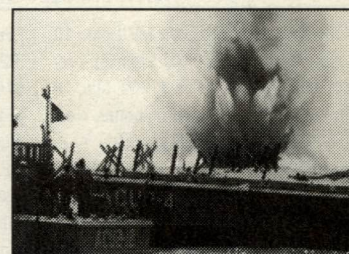
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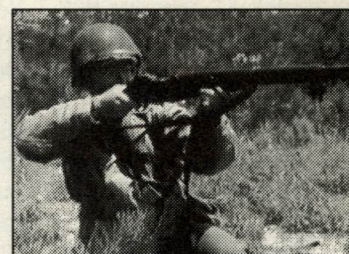
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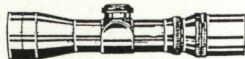
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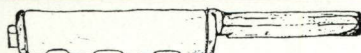


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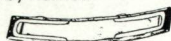
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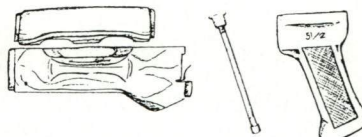
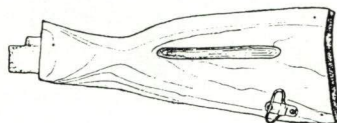


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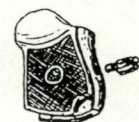


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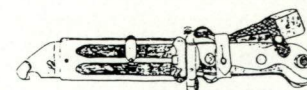


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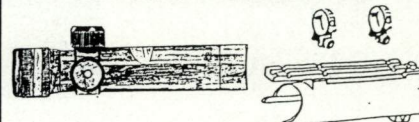


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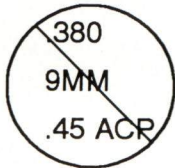
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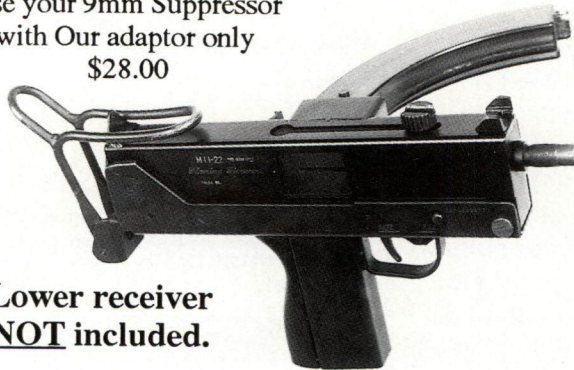
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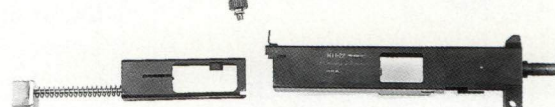
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