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Hunter's Lodge update by: Leyteno@aol.com

Got two trigger guard assemblies from Hunters Lodge and-believe it or not was very pleased with the product. Both were in excellent condition with clear WA stamps of the WWI period. Bluing slightly worn on edges. Floorplate release is the long, beveled stud that would benefit greatly from a little checkering. When I ordered, I mentioned that I would be informing a lot of people on the net about what I got from them. I think maybe it helped. Not a pit, scratch or ding to be found, but it took weeks to get them. Have ordered two each bbl M94 carbine, M38 short rifle in new unissued condition and will report on these when received. I am beginning to think that our newsletter can have some positive influence on junk peddlers and overgraders-especially if they are sent a copy of our Reader's Comments. Speaking of which, I think we are most fortunate to have a dedicated editorial staff to turn out such a good paper. I have learned much from the newsletter and hope to be able to contribute something useful myself, one of these days. Anybody have any thoughts on WJD Ball's book on Mauser Rifles? No new loading data for .264 Scheisskopf Krashenboomer Magnum as Delbert vaporized his Swede a month or so ago with what he said was a very light load. About 2 .22lr cases full of some powder removed from some old .223 govt. ammo. He fired the thing from a vise and the action tried to leave the stock. I wasn't around for this but the stock was badly splintered just forward of the floorplate which seemed to be slightly buckled. He said the thing made a godawful bang when it was fired. He swore up and down that he used just enough powder to move the bullet through the barrel and I tend to believe him. He is a little crazy but hardly stupid. Wonder what happened? This is the second swede that he has ruined so I'm encouraging him to stop fooling around. This guy can give us all a bad name. Got him to take his 7.7 Jap to a gunsmith to see about a new bbl. & chamber job since he is adamant about having a 30-06. Seems to me a new commercial rifle would not only be cheaper but a lot prettier. That Arisaka is UGLY! Would like to find a mint M94 carbine stock if possible as I have acquired an excellent action, with a home butchered stock that would bring tears to your eyes. I have been pondering a maple stock with a fiddleback figure but really dislike working with maple. I'd want a drop in type stock but have not yet found what I'm looking for in the normal catalogues.

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An oddball Mauser - the Gewehr 41 by: Ward M. Clark  
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Mauser-Werke Oberndorf is known for bolt action rifles, but bolt guns were not the only action types produced there. An example of a semi-auto Mauser is the little-known Gewehr 41.

The GEW41 was an odd-looking, gas-operated semi-auto firing the 8X57mm cartridge. A large 10-round detachable box magazine protruded from the underside of the rifle. The stock was a full-length affair similar to the stock found on the Kar98k. A clumsy charging handle, resembling the bolt handle found on a GEW98 bolt gun, stuck straight up at the rear of the bolt.

The GEW41 used a gas-operated action developed prior to 1914 by Soren Bang. Propellant gases were caught in a muzzle cup, expanding in the cup to drive a actuating rod under the barrel to unlock a two-piece bolt similar in design to a straight-pull bolt gun mechanism.

The Gewehr 41 was developed in response to a specification issued by the Army weapons office (Heereswaffenamt.) As far as I have found out, none of these guns were ever issued to combat units. The Gewehr 41 remains, however, an

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interesting, unusual piece of work and a unique bit of Mauser lore.

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Publisher's Comments - by WCLARK1046@aol.com (Ward M. Clark)

By now you all know about my recall into active service in the U.S. Army and my pending deployment. I'll tell you, it sure has thrown a wrench into my hunting season plans!

I do have some more details. I will be spending six of the nine months in Heidelberg, Germany, and the other three in Hungary. I have purchased a second computer to take with me, so that I may keep in e-mail contact with you all and keep the newsletter going. Any contributions or comments anyone has, continue to e-mail them to this same address (WCLARK1046@aol.com) and my wife will forward them to Germany, where I will be compiling the newsletter monthly and returning it home to her, where she will e-mail it out to all of you. Sounds complicated, but my goal is to simplify things for the readers. Just keep using the same address.

The newsletter was a bit thin this month. Contributions are down! Keep those stories, tech tips, and anecdotes coming! I should have some great stories the next few months from Europe - I do hope to travel to the Oberndorf Mauser-Werke itself, and I will give you all a full report. I also hope to do a little hunting for red deer and roebuck, when I find out what all is involved.

Everybody have a great month. Look for the October issue from Europe - until then - Good Shooting!

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