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It lists Mauser issues by Country, who manufactured them and giving all information as to size of barrel, length, weight and just a lot of info.

It supplements Ludwig Olson's book and is welcome addition to the Mauser Library.

The text is short but there are thousands of pictures. Many of which are in color. Well worth the price.

Just purchased a Swedish Model 1938 Husqvarna dated 1943. This weapon looks new and the barrel is without a fault. Stock is wider in the hand guard area than my Gustav dated 1899.

Has any body worked up a load for the 6.5 Swede using VARGET? I use the Sierra HPBT 140 grain bullet and would like to use VARGET.

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SOG's "Argentine" Mausers - by: Kyrie Ellis (KYRIEELIS@aol.com) and Ward M. Clark
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I received this e-mail recently from our long-standing friend and reader Kyrie Ellis:

***I just received a new flyer from SOG (Southern Ohio Gun Distributors) with an interesting item. On page two there is an advertisement for an:

"ARGENTINE MAUSER 1908 7MM CAL ... WOW! These are RARE!
These GOOD TO VERY GOOD CONDITION Argentine Mauser rifles
still have their marks and crests..."

Next to the photo of the rifle is a photo of a national crest. The difficulty here is that the pictured crest appears to be that of Brazil rather than Argentina. If the photo of the crest is accurate, these rifles are more of the latest load of Brazilian Model 1908 Mausers, and are anything but rare.

I'm not sure if the photo of the crest is wrong, or if Brazilian rifles have been mis-identified as Argentine rifles. Either way, anyone interested in one of these might want to use some caution and call SOG before ordering.

FWIW...

Kyrie

I checked my latest SOG flyer, which has been setting in a stack of mail that I had not yet reviewed since I returned from Germany. Sure enough, there was the crest, exactly like the one on my 1908 Brazilian action. I confirmed the Argentine crest by looking in my Bible (Olson's Mauser Bolt Rifles) and the crest in the SOG catalog does not remotely resemble the Argentine crest. Also, as I'm sure you all know, the 1909 Argentine would have been a 7.65mm, not a 7mm. Both guns were produced by DWM, this may be a part of the confusion. It looked to me like SOG goofed up.

To solve this mystery, I called SOG to inquire just what it was that they had. The young

lady I spoke with in the Sales department confirmed that these were in fact Brazilian guns, and that the Marketing people goofed up the catalog.

I know that I would be snapping up 1909 Argentine's at \$99 apiece, and a lot of you probably would as well. However, the 1908 Brazilian is a good action as well; my .338 Win Mag is a 1908 Brazilian. \$99 isn't a bad price; SOG described the condition as "good" and said they have about 50 of these guns left. Might be a good buy for someone.

A visit to Oberndorf! by: Ward M. Clark (WCLARK1046@aol.com)

The Army kept me pretty busy on my recent taxpayer-funded visit to Germany - I got around to Stuttgart, Bad Kreuznach, Frankfurt, Nurnberg, and a few other places in addition to Heidelberg, doing things that I'd best not discuss here.

As I was preparing to return home right after New Year's Day, though, I did find myself with a couple of days free. After consulting a map, I found that I was about two hours from where it all began - the town of Oberndorf, on the Neckar River, in southern Germany.

After driving to Oberndorf on the 2nd of January with a couple of friends (also shooters,) We arrived on the historic site on the Neckar River where Paul and Wilhelm Mauser began setting up to produce the 1871 Infantry rifle in 1871-72. We arrived at the gate of the modern Mauser-Werke plant, only to learn from the guard that the plant was closed until the 7th for the holiday season! (Germans enjoy a lot more time off around the holidays than Americans, it seems.) Obviously, we didn't get to tour the plant.

So, we took pictures (I will scan and e-mail out a photo as soon as I get one developed) and walked the grounds. For a rifleman, there was a great sense of history in this town; not only is Mauser located in this scenic town, but Heckler&Koch is also located in Oberndorf - literally just across the street from Mauser.

.Afterwards we crossed the river to downtown Oberndorf to a small gasthaus for large plates of jagerschnitzel and Oberndorfer pilsener (I was able to buy a large Oberndorfer beer glass; every town in Germany seems to have it's own brand of beer.) That afternoon we had to return to Heidelberg, my friends to return to duty and I to begin out-processing to return home. One day I will return to Oberndorf when the plant is open; until then, at least I can say I have been to the place where it all began, 125 years ago, with two brothers whose name has become a legend in the shooting community.

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

With the late release of this January issue, things should now get back to normal around here. February's issue, our 1st Anniversary issue, will be out about the 5th or 6th; I hope

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to get issues out on or about the 1st of each month hereafter. My thanks to all of you for your patience during this unsettled time; I still intend to turn this newsletter into the best periodical work on Mauser rifles published anywhere.

Thanks to all who contributed to this (hurried) issue - please keep the articles, stories and such coming! The newsletter has been getting a little shorter lately - partly because I have been disconnected and partly because reader contributions are down! Everyone has a good shooting story or a favorite rifle to write about - let's share our experiences! The February issue will be coming out in just a few days, and it's looking a little thin...

In the upcoming year, I plan to try to add more to the newsletter. I hope to start including a scanned photo now and then, maybe try sending the file out in a Rich Text Format (RTF) for a new look. Please let me know ASAP if anything doesn't come through properly on your system.

Germany was a wonderful experience, although Uncle kept me busy most of the time; I had very little time for sightseeing. I never did get down to any of the former Yugoslavian areas, so I was not able to tap into a good supply of CZ 24/47's or anything like that. My visit to the (closed) Mauser-Werke in Oberndorf was as close as I got. I did get spoiled by the good German beer, though. Better luck on the Mauser search next time, I guess.

As for now, I have a new load to try out in my .338-barreled 1908 Brazilian - 225-grain Barnes X, 68 grains of 4350; guess I'll go let the old girl hammer away at my poor shoulder some more. (Six shots or so off the bench is enough for the day with that beast.) Until next month - Good Shooting!

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