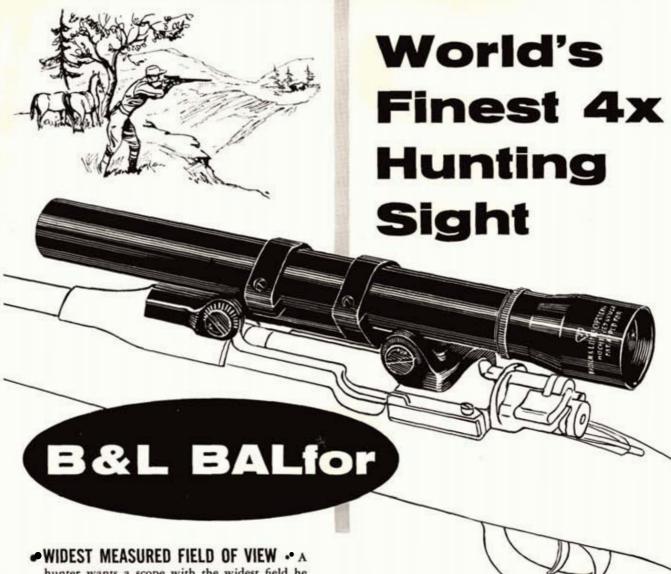
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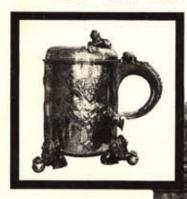
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By CHARLES COLES

Colt Museum Curator

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EVERY day I look at over 2,000 of the rarest Colt guns ever made: here are Paterson and Walker revolvers, unique experimental firearms handmade by Sam Colt's gunsmiths, and hundreds of variations of factory models produced over the past 121 years by the Colt company. And of all these many guns, my favorites are the "Peacemaker" revolvers, the Colt .45 single action with 7½" barrel, of which the museum has many sam-

ples. I don't do much shooting these days (though when I was in charge of machine gun manufacture at Colt's there was plenty to do) but the Peacemaker seems to sum up a lot of the legend and romance of the Colt, yet remain a pretty practical gun for the shooter. I was very pleased a short time ago when Colt's presented to me a Peacemaker, suitably inscribed, on the occasion of my completing 65 years with the company.





By WM. T. "WILD BILL" ROESER

Cousin of Wyatt Earp

Y favorite gun is the new Ruger M Blackhawk .44 Magnum, using the hottest factory ammunition ever made for a handgun. I like the way the big Ruger handles, feels and shoots, and the damage it does. My cousin, Wyatt Earp, would have swapped a wagon load of Tombstone's silver for the equipment in this picture, that includes the Ojala Hollywood Fast Draw Holster. This is my favorite rig and is far faster than any the tough gunfighting lawmen or outlaws ever had. The gun and holster can't be beat for a combination of fast draw and plenty of punch. The old western gun fighters never saw a rig like Ojala's, but if they had known about it I'll bet they would have liked it.

#### TRIGGER TALK

FROM FRONT COVER to Date, ROM FRONT COVER to back, this issue of 100,000 law enforcement officers in America who keep the peace with guns.

Wayne Weems, gun editor of Southwestern Law, leading police journal, has contributed his thoughts on police rifles. Many policemen, who enjoy hunting, are good shots with the rifle, says Weems, and he goes on to show why a long gun in the police cruiser can be a valuable aid to crime prevention.

Another weapon closely allied to police work, pro and con, is the fabulous Thompson Submachine Gun. Machine gun salesman Valmore Forgett discusses from his long experience the merits and demerits of submachine guns for police work under today's crowded conditions. He reveals some surprising facts about Tommy Guns for police.

Kent Bellah has created a special "Gun Rack" review for this issue, testing metal penetrating bullets for police handguns. The test results will prove valuable to the officer who wants to load his gun with the right ammo for the job.

Tech editor Bill Edwards made an armchair tour around the world, surveying police work in other lands for his report on "Guns Behind the Law Abroad." His descriptions of current Soviet police; of the training of the famous Carabineri of Italy; of Mexican police shooting programs, contain much of interest and some points worth imitating in American training programs.

A highly critical study of budgets and bullets in American police training is Robert Dyment's "Whose Fault Is It If Cops Can't Shoot?" This is a followup on "Why Cops Get Killed," published in our last police issue many months ago. Dyment lays the blame squarely at the feet of the city officials and the general public who fail to support police training with enough funds to give officers good shooting practice. Many improvements have been made since Guns' last story. Much yet remains to be done in raising all American police instruction to the high levels enjoyed by some departments.

We promised you an article for this issue, "Why Not A Pro-Gun Law?" The article was prepared, the pictures made (some pretty amazing ones, revealing the facts about the illegal traffic in confiscated guns, for example) but something came up which demanded we hold the story and await events. By the time you read this, new revised regulations to the Federal Firearms Act of 1938, under which all manufacturers and gun dealers are licensed, may impose such a heavy burden of bookkeeping and record-tending that could change the whole picture of gun-making and gun selling. A representative of one major firearms firm told us, "If this regulation goes into effect, we will have to go out of business." Protests have been filed with the Director, ATU, Bureau of Internal Revenue, at Washington, about these revised regulations; but as we go to press, the decision is a few days off and the results are anybody's guess.

Guns will carry the full story, including what you can do about it.





THE COVER

Colt SA .45 marked on butt "Robert A. Pinkerton from Richard Croker." Son of detective Allan Pinkerton, investigator Robert Pinkerton received this gun from one of New York's leading Tammany politicians. It is thought that Coroner Croker gave this Colt to Pinkerton about 1879.



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♦ A Portland, Oregon, man mailed a .22 cartridge to his estranged wife as a hint that he was "all shot" because of their breakup. He was arrested when the shell went off in and wrecked a stamp-canceling machine.

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♦ Frank Witherell of Sebastopol, California, went deer hunting but, when a huge 300-pound bear lumbered out of the brush, shot him instead. He fired twice to make sure the bear was dead, although the first shot from 125 feet away felled him. One shot went through the bear's head, the other through his heart. Frank Itherell is 10 years old.

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 Arrested in Aurora, Illinois, for shooting out street lights with BB guns, seven boys were sentenced to write The Ten Commandments 50 times,

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Although only 16, Chuck Long of Covina, California, possesses 13 trophies and 80 medals for his marksman prowess. Chuck, who belongs to four rifle and pistol associations, began shooting at the age of 12 "just for fun." And shooting is still fun for this high school senior, although he takes three or four days out of a week to practice his marksmanship.

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 How lucky can you get! Robert Dillard of Butte City, California, lost his wallet while hunting. The next week his uncle, Andrew Dillar, shot a dove in flight. The bird fell right by his nephew's wallet.

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♦ In Washington, D. C., Policeman James J. Cassidy discovered that he had shot himself with his nightstick. At first he thought he'd been the victim of a sniper when a bullet grazed him leg as he was making the rounds of a tough beat of the city. But then he realized that what had caused it to happen was smacking his night stick against his thigh. He had five .38 caliber bullets in his back pocket.

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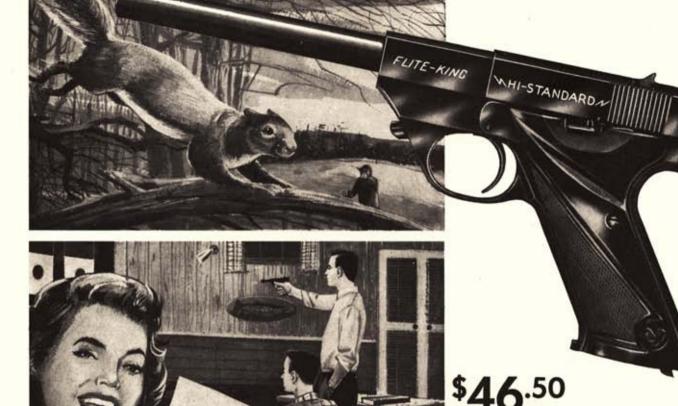
Tossing a goose he had just shot into his car trunk, Clarence Hyde of Oshkosh, Wis., drove to display the fruits of his marksmanship skill to his friends. He threw the trunk open—and the supposedly dead goose let out a honk and away it went.

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Story making the rounds: The Washington Biological Survey, United States Government, had banded some crows for migration studies but abbreviated its designation on the bands to "Wash. Biol. Serv. U. S. G." Some weeks later a letter from a farmer who had shot one of the crows read: "Sirs: I shot a bird of yours. I followed directions. I washed it. I biled it. I served it, but it was still tough."

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#### CROSSFIRE

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Servicing the Colt

I want to express my enjoyment of the article you wrote in the May issue about Servicing the Colt Revolver. I only wish that the gunsmith books that I have invested in during the past 20 years were as clear and complete as your article. If they had been, maybe I wouldn't be so bald-headed. Pulled all my hair out trying to figure what those guys were talking about.

R. E. Maxey Sundown, Texas

#### Lessons in Gun Safety

It is not often that I take the liberty of expressing my views of a magazine article. As a whole, I think your publication serves a shooting public in a good and useful manner. But for the last 30 years I have been drilled in gun safety, have preached it and in some cases practically beaten it into young people I've taught; and now, in your June issue, page 28, you show two supposedly intelligent and well trained men resting the muzzle of shotguns on the toes of their boots. Loaded or empty, those guns are dangerous!

Jack Wilder

Ralston, Nebraska

I wish you would inspect your illustrations more carefully than you did the one on page 28, June issue! I know, and you should also, that there are individuals who were "sure it wasn't loaded." Some of these goofs, or their friends, or some innocent bystander, are killed or wounded each year.

My three sons are interested in firearms. They also read your magazine. If they handled firearms in the manner illustrated, their posterior anatomy would be considerably rearranged. It is a damned shame that the characters depicted never received any proper training in handling firearms. It is preposterous that editors of a firearms magazine would not recognize it. Why don't you all take a beginners' course to learn the basic precepts of your subject?

R. W. Emerick, M.D. Muskegon, Michigan

We noticed the position of the guns in the picture. We also noticed, as readers will if they look, that the slides of both guns are retracted, actions wide open. This does not entirely absolve the "characters" of a technical breach of one of the "Thou shalt nots" of gun handling-but it happens to be an offense committed every day by skeet and trap shooters everywhere, to rest muscles from gun weight while waiting in position where no rest for guns is provided. The editors of GUNS took their beginner's courses in gun safety a long time ago, Doctor, and we too suffer some qualms each time we see guns in this position; but we have yet to hear of a single gun casualty occurring on any accredited trap or skeet range.-Editors.

That Quick-Draw Contest

I have been reading your magazine for quite some time and find it very interesting. But I have been waiting for you to publish where and when this fast-draw contest is to take place. I'm sure you have had a number of persons anxious to enter. I for one am willing to try my gun along with the rest. Would it be possible to publish information regarding how it will be held, types of guns to be used, the way it will be judged, etc? Last but not least, where, and when?

H. E. Swanlund Los Angeles, California

I am very anxious to receive all the information I can get on the fast-draw contest as soon as possible. I have been timed with a camera with a speed of 15 frames per second and believe that this is as accurate a way to be timed as there is. The results were satisfying and if these are needed to complete my application I will send them to you as soon as I am notified.

John Dobelbower Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

So far, the "big names" in the quick-draw crowd have not shown much eagerness to compete against each other, perhaps because of a fear that such a shoot-out would reduce all but one of them to an also-ran status. They can hardly be blamed for this, since in many cases their livelihood depends in part on their reputations as fast gunmen. We do have a story being readied for an early issue, offering Hollywood's answer to the challenge. We'll make our "draw" on this as fast as possible.—Editors.

#### Police Are Reluctant

Having received your fine magazine now for 12 months I should like to tell you how much I and my fellow shooters enjoy it. As members of a small rifle club, we here are very restricted both in our shooting and reading. You know how tied up we are with gun laws and the like, but nevertheless we enjoy what shooting we can get. We shoot at Bisley nearly every year, are members of our N.R.A. which is the only body that can get us the guns we need. The police here are very reluctant indeed to allow private citizens to own or use rifled weapons.

However, we do use both our service rifle and any handguns we can get, so you can see that keenness and determination can win in the long run. We are, of course, very envious of the freedom you enjoy as regards owning guns and using them for hunting as well as target shooting. We feel that we are sharing your privileges through reading your magazines.

May I extend our congratulations to you on the publication of Guns and ask you to keep up the good work. It would be a bad blow to us if you stopped printing it.

T. E. Jones Rhos, Nr. Wrexham, North Wales

## SHOOTING NEWS

Coral Gables, Florida. Some Yankees claim Florida is monotonous because it always has sunshine. Well, the shooting at the Coral Gables Police Pistol Club must have a touch of monotony these past two sessions because D. C. Olive topped the list both months, taking gold trophies in the .22 and .45 aggies . . . This guy handles a .45 Colt like it was a pop gun, firing 184 slow, 199 timed, 188 rapid in the .45 match, better than George Hardie, Jr. who topped the .22 Expert class with 184-193-188. . . . Olive took the aggregate both months with 1691 first, then a terrific pace-setting 1705, while M/Sgt. J. Goodfellow followed right along for second honors in the open shooting 1681 and 1694. . . . Goodfellow and Lt. Fraser teamed up for doubles, ran second to the Altman-Howard duet, scoring 593 over 560; then came back the next month to sweep the team event with 593. . . . Class winners were E. M. Murray, scoring 1657 for expert aggy based on his gold trophy 553 in the .45 event; J. T. Mills topping the sharpshooters with 1557; C. F. Sprague scoring 1528 for gold trophies in the marksman aggregate and 499 for gold first in the .45 match. . . . Sunshine state does okay . . or is that California? Well, they do pretty good in California, too. . .

Oakland, California. A young shooting star has risen from the horizon to the zenith as America's shotgunning "queen." Named All-American team member, 19-year-old Judy Allen of Oakland has acceeded to the title relinquished by retiring Carola Mandel of Chicago. Judy, who had been shooting little more than two years, lifted one of Carola's titles, the national 28-gauge diadem, last year at Reno. . . . Judy's biggest triumph came at the Pacific Coast open at Belmont last March where she won the men's all-gauge. . . . At Dallas she won four of five women's titles in the big Pan American shoot.

San Francisco, California. The Pacific Rod & Gun Club's last open shoot found a few bird dusters off their feed and some pretty rocky competition in the .410 round. . . Ed Williams emerged champ and Don Westwater runner up with darn good totals of 48 and 47, with "queen" Judy Allen, lady champ, busting 47. . . . Junior champ .410 Jo Ann Wallis missed a few, checking 37 out of 50.

Stockton, California. Young'uns up the river also starred in trap. . . . Danny Faull, 13-year-old Santa Rosa Junior High School student, captured the California State Trap Shooting Handicap championship in a shoot off with veteran Cal Parks of Bakersfield. The youngster, son of building contractor Don Faull, was tied with Parks at 98 x 100, then scored 23 in the shoot off to top Parks 22.

Shoots around the nation. . . .

Reno, Nevada. National Skeet tourney to take place at Harold's Trap & Skeet Shooting Country Club, Reno, Nevada. \$7,500 in trophies, over five grand in added money. Date, August 5 - 10, 1957. This is your chance to spend a week in Reno, all expenses paid . . . if you win. Take along your guns and the wife can go swimming while you win the trophies. Or let her win the trophies, and you go swimming. . .

Grand Island, Nebraska. Smallbore Regional matches are scheduled Aug. 3, 4. Registrations to Harold Klein, GI Rifle Club, 203 E. 20th St., Grand Island, Nebraska.

Middlefield, Conn. Northeastern Regional Smallbore tournament is scheduled for July 13-14, at the Blue Trail Range. . . . Check with J. Russell Lent, Middlefield, for entry cards. full details on how to reach their beautiful, covered-120-firing-point range

Peekskill, N.Y. The N.Y. State Rifle & Pistol Association is conducting a 30 caliber match at Camp Smith. All you guys who are discouraged listening to the "spat, spat" of a smallbore contest and want to hear some noise, write to Dorothy C. Wardin, 158 Beresford Rd., Rochester, N.Y., for programs. Remember, it was New York shooters started this game back in 1871 with big bore matches, so don't let their successors down. Even if you can't hit anything, get out there and shoot.

Port Clinton, Ohio. Might be a good thing to mention National Matches August 9 through September 10 at Camp Perry, O. In case you have to be told, this one is what you guys have been training for all year, so get your entries in early and make plans to go to Perry this year, even if you didn't go last year. Write to Director of Civilian Marksmanship, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D.C., for full details on entries, billeting.

Friendship, Indiana. Labor Day Weekend is a big thing for the muzzle loaders, and the National Muzzle Loading Rifle matches scheduled on the Walter Cline memorial range are well worth attending. . . And in case you don't have a front-loading musket to use in an event, you can buy one, plus all the fixings, at the commercial row set-ups which are a colorful feature of this unusual shoot. . . Write Secretary, NMLRA, Portsmouth, Ohio, for reservations, entry cards, full details.

Durham, New Hampshire. The Oyster River School rifle club wound up its first season as a high school team gaining second place in the Maine State Postal League . . . Then, entering the Intersectional meet at Portland, Me., the foursome captured top honors from the same teams with a top score of 1394 in a two-day shoulder to shoulder meet. . . . Team members Robert True and Lewis Newsky came in second and sixth on individual scoring, shooting 361 and 363 respectively. . . . Box score included Welch, 343, and Merrick, 327. . . . The team kept their standard Winchester 52's warmed up, Redfield Olympic front sights, Lyman 524's to look through. . . Del Main and Charles Brock of the Senior Oyster River club and Harry Faucy of the school faculty coached the team.

Washington, D.C. This one we'll call "non shooting news." Every gun fan in the nation has come darn close to wearing black in mourning, for the gun business was almost killed by the Alcohol & Tobacco Tax Unit of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. While this unit disclaims authority to "make law," it does issue what are called "administrative rulings" and is permitted to "reinterpret regulations." By so doing, it is, in effect, doing what every reasoning person would admit is "making law," since it is for violating these rulings and regulations that people go to jail . . . Latest amended regulation would require pistol shooters to sign in person for ammunition bought at dealers; would require extensive record keeping. In fact, as Congressman Bob Sikes of Florida has stated, "If this ruling goes through it means every gun dealer, every hardware store in the country, will have to put on extra clerks to handle the records." . . . First step to beat this sort of anti-gun work is to write letters in duplicate to the Director, ATU, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Washington 25, D.C., protesting the amended regulations. Next step is to write to your Congressman or Senator and give him your ideas on the kinds of gun laws you want to see in effect. We can't wait around any longer and try to beat these anti-gun guys. The only thing left is to fight them by presenting sensible legislation at federal, state, and local levels which will revoke existing bad laws and give shooters and hunters some sense of security in the enjoyment of their sport. . . . The Sullivan Law, disarming the citizens in crime-ridden New York, is the only example we need of how bad prohibition laws can be. Now let's stop fighting these "anti-gun" laws, and get in a "pro-gun law." Only you, the shooters, can do it . . . Send your ideas to your congressman right now. Let's get a congressional committee organized to study firearms legislation. The Russians make sure their citizens can shoot . . . It's about time we did the same. That "nation of riflemen" should be more than just ancient history.



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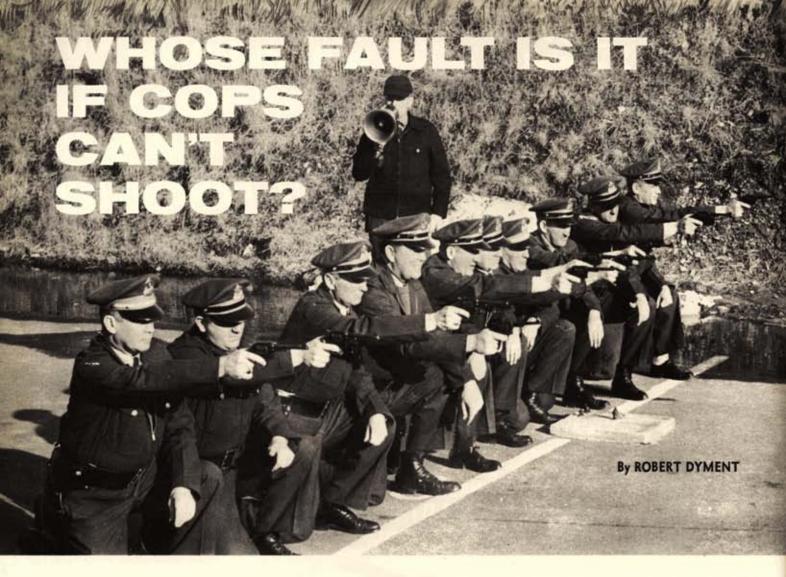
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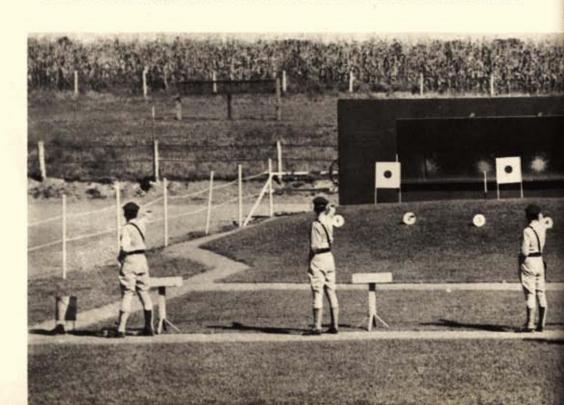
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M AJOR CRIMES in the United States hit a new high in 1956—partly because the average policeman is not good enough with guns and the average law enforcement agency is not well enough trained or well enough equipped to use guns and gun sciences to prevent crime or stop criminals.

This is not the fault of the policeman. It is the fault of officials who refuse to provide money and facilities for police firearms training, and of the citizen like yourself who lets these conditions continue to exist. You depend on the police officer and his gun to protect you, yet you elect officials who refuse to provide that officer with the training he needs to do the job. In more cases than not, you don't even give the cop a gun. He has to buy it out of his own pay.

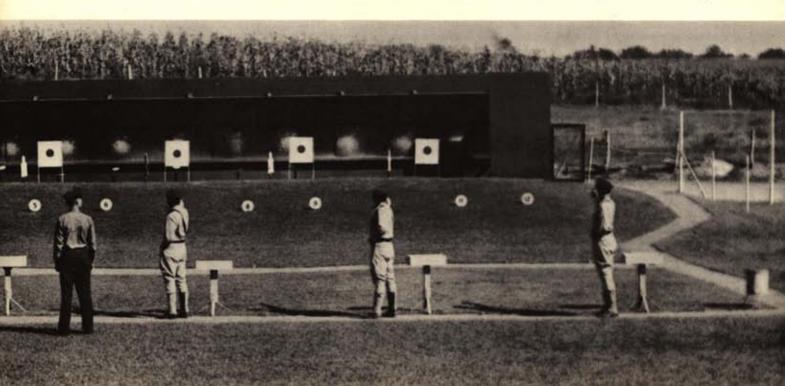
It has become "smart" in recent years for shooters, people "in the know" about guns and shooting, to chant wherever police use of guns is mentioned, "Cops are lousy shooters! Cops don't know one end of a gun from the other!"

Unfortunately for all us, they are right in all too many cases. A few years ago, a lieutenant on a big city police force appeared at a gun repair shop with his service pistol wrapped carefully in a hotel dinner napkin. Trouble? The gun was cocked—the officer had cocked it in anticipation

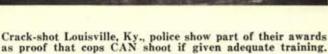


Wearing fatigues, Florida Highway Patrol recruits give rapt attention to instructor's tips. Like Massachusetts State Police (at left) they must qualify annually with firearms.

Many police lives are saved by gun training such as is given on Hershey, Pa., range where Pennsylvania State Troopers fire handguns, rifles, and submachine guns.









How to handle the police service revolver safely is demonstrated by Henry L. Sloan in the gun vault of FBI Academy.

of trouble which had not developed—and he did not know how to uncock it without pulling the trigger. . . . Then there is the one about the officers who were called to dispose of a large dog that had bitten several children in a school yard. The policemen approached within a few yards and commenced firing. They ran out of ammunition. The dog, no longer amused, went home. The police followed, and the scene was repeated. Nobody knows (or will tell) how many shots were fired, but all agree that the dog was not hit. The dog catcher was called, finally. He caught the dog.

Disgraceful? Sure it's disgraceful. But the point is that neither of the police departments involved in these situations had been given enough money to cover police firearms training. In both cases, the officers had to buy their own guns and their own ammunition. Neither city had range facilities for police pistol practice. Men were hired, required to wear guns, given potentially dangerous jobs made more dangerous by the very fact that they were armed—yet no check was made to discover whether or not they knew how to use the weapons, nor was any effort made to teach them.

There are stories on the other side of the coin, too; stories proving the efficiency of police officers with weapons where they are permitted or required to develop that efficiency.

In Kansas City recently, a "holdup in progress" call was received and two officers, first to arrive at the scene, captured one bandit who was acting as a lookout and driver. They had to hold this man and at the same time fight it out with two others who were using a woman as a hostage. One officer, already dangerously wounded, felled

Facing firing line of Providence, R.I., officers holding service guns at safe "Raise Pistol" position, photographer gets dramatically unusual shot of police firearms training in progress. Steep slope back of targets provides natural bullet stop.





Shotgun training is part of 20-hour firearms course given Dallas, Texas, police recruits. All Dallas officers spend four days a year on the firearms practice range.

one of the bandits with his riot gun. The other officer, using a .357 Magnum, killed the third robber. In capturing one, wounding one, and killing one, the firearm prowess of these officers was ably demonstrated. Kansas City, as it happens, teaches its cops to shoot.

Captain Paul H. Vice of the Kansas City Police Department Research and Planning Bureau, states that they have approximately 600 men in the department and they are taught to fire .38 revolvers and Model 31 Remington 12 gauge riot shotguns. Lieutenants and sergeants are also trained in the use of tear gas guns, and certain officers are trained with Thompson and Reising sub-machine guns. All officers must qualify on the FBI Practical Pistol Course during recruit training and once each year thereafter. Two men are assigned full time as firearms instructors, and there is a two-point indoor range and a 50-firing-point outdoor range for required target practice. The Kansas City department expends between 100,000 and 170,000 rounds of ammunition annually in training and practice. The program costs the city, for salaries and equipment, around \$12,500 a year and it has paid off a hundred times over in increased police efficiency.

Good firearm training has helped many times in saving lives not only of policemen, but of private citizens. In Allentown, Pa., an officer had to shoot it out with a man armed with a rifle who was firing at people in the street. The man was on a roof, behind a chimney. One civilian had been hit in the arm. Others would certainly have fallen had not a policeman, trained and confident of his skill with his weapon, climbed to the roof and shot the rifleman.

Lieutenant P. P. Woodson, Commanding Officer, Personnel and Training Division, of the Richmond, Virginia, Bureau of Police states the case for police firearms training:

"It is a well known fact that a police officer trained in the use of firearms has the skill and confidence that is essential to him in his job of protecting life and property. To be unskilled is to be unworthy of the trust placed in him by his community. Through adequate instruction and practice, the police officer develops confidence and skill that often makes the actual use of the weapon unnecessary. An officer trained in the use of weapons also learns general information about firearms that will help him in the solution and prosecution of crimes where types of weapons used must be determined. The amount of money allotted our Bureau of Police for training the men in the use of firearms has steadily increased during recent years. It totals less than one per cent of our 1956-57 budget, yet is sufficient for our needs." (Continued on Page 58)

## GUNS OF THE THIEF-TAKERS



German police of Weimar era and early in Nazi regime carried Lugers rebuilt after WW 1 because Versailles treaty forbid new ones.

MODERN POLICE SYSTEMS ARE COMPARATIVELY NEW, BUT

GUN DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN INFLUENCED BY CHANGING

By WILLIAM C. L. THOMPSON

POLICE NEEDS SINCE THE DAYS OF HENRY FIELDING'S

TOUGH "BOW ST. RUNNERS" IN 18TH CENTURY LONDON



Webley & Scott .38 revolvers are carried by London's Metropolitan Police on special occasions by constables who have been trained. O NCE UPON A TIME there were no policemen. Today's city-paid professional police officer is a modern invention, has existed for only a little over a century. But "thief takers" and soldiers enforcing the King's Law have been important to the peace of communities throughout the world for many hundreds of years.

Charlemagne had organized police in France in the 800's, although his rule of law and order broke down after his death. The "nine o'clock and all's well" watches guarded American towns in the colonial period. London's "thief takers" working on a per-capita share of fines, were integral but inefficient parts of 17th century England. But it was in England that the first regularly organized police department, Henry Fielding's "Bow Street Runners," set the pattern that was later incorporated into the building of the London Metropolitan Police, of the famous "Sureté"

of France, and of our modern American police departments. And the evolution of police needs is reflected in the design of the guns used by the cops and robbers of the various eras.

Englishmen of today are considered models of respect for law and law enforcement. But when Henry Fielding went to Bow Street in 1748, there were Englishmen in that slum jungle who respected neither the law nor its minions. When Fielding, having failed in business and as a novelist, took on a job approximately equivalent to that of a present-day Commissioner of Metropolitan Police and sent his deputies, his "runners," to take thieves and keep the peace in that environment, it was truly a tremendous undertaking. To make matters worse, newly discharged soldiers returning from the wars in France set off a new crime wave. Drunks, whores, gentlemen, tradesmen, children made al-



Historic weapon of North West Mounted Police was Winchester .45-75 Model 1876 military carbine, and constables belted on Enfeld top-break .476 revolvers when they "went to get their man," but sense of justice, not firepower, made "Mounties" strong force for law. Canadian police wore dress uniforms in 1887 jubilee parade.



Provost-marshal's

men in Union Army

liked Colt 1862 pistol.

coholic as a result of licensed and unregulated dram shops, all mingled with criminals of all degrees of viciousness and violence.

"Not only pickpockets, but street robbers and highwaymen, are grown to a great pitch of insolence at this time," reported the London Magazine in December, 1748. ("They are) robbing in gangs, defying authority, and often rescuing their companions (from the police) and carrying them off in triumph." A month later the General Advertiser reported: "On Friday evening about twenty fellows armed with pistols, cutlasses, hangers, etc., went to the Gatehouse, and one of them knocking on the door, it was no sooner opened than they all rushed in and struck and desperately wounded the turnkey and all who opposed them, and in triumph carried off the fellow who picked General Sinclair's pocket of his watch."

But Henry Fielding got to work, and on February 18 the same paper reported that "one Edward Mullins was committed to Newgate by Henry Fielding Esq., on the oaths of John Ball and John Few, for assaulting them with several other persons, cutting and wounding them with cutlasses and hangers in a desperate manner; and also for going armed at night in the public streets."

When criminals went armed, honest citizens went armed, too, for the police could not be everywhere. Alfred Noyes' poem about the highwayman and moonlight chivalry is romantic nonsense. Road agents were brutal, harsh customers. Life was cheap. The penalty for a five-shilling theft was hanging. Military wheellock pistols since 1650 had been issued to cavalry, two to a soldier, carried in holsters slung across the saddle. But with the increase in travel and the rise of highwaymen, special forms of guns came to be employed by "thief takers" and coach guards. The short barrel, flared muzzle blunderbuss was used as much for the psychological effect of that huge muzzle as from any ballistic superiority. Flint blunderbusses with brass barrels about 20" long were used, some with switch-blade bayonets fixed atop the tube. These bayonets were sprung out with great force when the catch was released. Gentlemen also went in for firepower, including four-barrel carbines which snapped off two shots, then two more when the barrels were rotated. Such guns were expensive and the solitary traveller usually relied on a pair of flintlock (later percussion) pistols of large bore, heavy barrel, designed to fire a big, .70 caliber solid bullet. Sometimes these pistols were double barrel jobs, and combined the terrible effectiveness of a sawed-off shotgun loaded with buck. At other times they were smaller, "great coat" pistols, carried in the pockets ready for use when occasion demanded.

And the streets of London were full of such occasions. Gangs of youthful hoodlums, sometimes slum kids, sometimes "young gentlemen," roamed the alleys looking for mischief. Woe to the girl caught out at night by one of these gangs, and woe to the gentleman, slightly fogged with a good dinner and good drinks, who should stumble unarmed into their clutches. The least he could expect would be a beating; the worst, being stripped of his fine clothes and left to lie in the gutter, his throat cut ear to ear. Some of the more imaginative criminals in those lean years disposed of the corpus delicti by the logical expedient of eating the cadavers. The children's fairy tales of giants and ogres had practical, terrible reality in the inhumanity of man to man in those lawless times.

Gradually Fielding and his successors, such as Sir Rob-



Officers of British police on duty in the colonies carried Webley & Scott "Army Express" built for tropical service.



Police model Colt of 1880's had "cop and thug" figures on grips, posed by engineer F. A. Thuer and secretary A. L. Ulrich.

ert Peel in 1829, managed to clean up London and enforce the laws. Bob Peel's "Bobbies" turned criminals into honest men, or into jail. Soldiers armed with swords and the regulation "Brown Bess" muskets often assisted the policy authority in quelling riots. In Birmingham, city constables read the riot act wherever three or more persons assembled, then dispelled the "mob" by menacing the people with handsome octagon barreled pocket pistols presented by the city fathers.

France also had troubles. Riots and disturbances wracked the nation, unchecked by the most complete and successful police system the world had seen, up to the middle of the last century. Until the late 1400's France had no effective police. "Wolves roamed unmolested in the streets of Paris at night," and danger threatened every honest man. Then King Charles VII took charge of the criminal business of the realm alarming every hard-working criminal by his intentions. He was out to destroy the human vultures who lived on the property and peacefulness of the community. His successor, Francis I, in 1520, appointed a provost-marshal with 30 constables. Although these men had national authority, their responsibilities

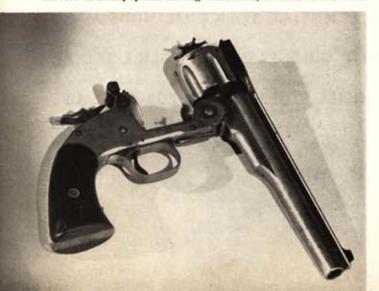
involved enforcement on the local level, including civil and criminal cases not specifically against the state.

Next was the creation of the office of lieutenant-general, under Louis XIV. The office existed from 1667 to the day of the storming of the Bastile jail, July 14, 1787.

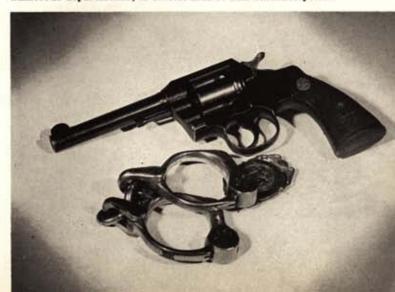
The rioting Paris mob vented its anger against the prison, a symbol of kingly oppression, but the police department itself continued to remain apart from the public hatred of the national government. The storm of the French revolution, which swept away the government and replaced oppressive autocracy by manifold bureaucracy, reduced the police organization to sixty petty committees. After the restoration of the monarchy in 1836, a prefect of police was appointed. Through all these changes, the national police of France was recognized for the mighty power it held for securing the public good.

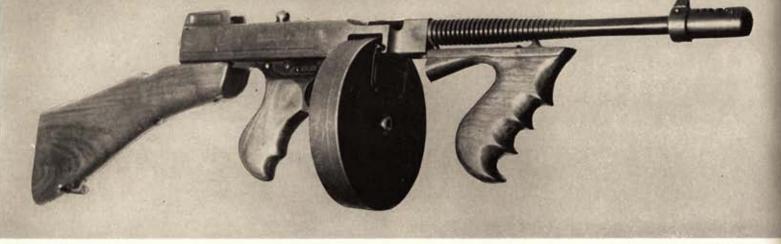
Among the agencies entrusted with policing duties was the Gendarmes, which were a branch of the army, not police. Composed of men who had served in the army, the Gendarmes were used for home guard duty. Both full-scale holster pistols and a small sized "gendarme model" were issued to them (Continued on page 63)

Army-surplus Schofield Smith & Wesson's on frontier found service as arm popular among marshalls, sheriffs of old west.

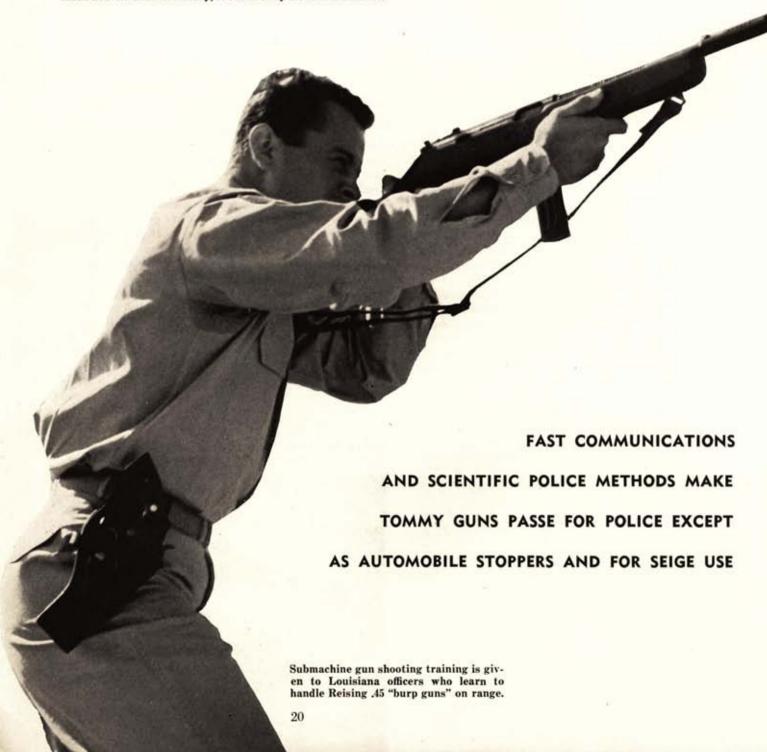


Modern Colt Police Positive .38 special revolver is used by numerous departments; is official arm of San Salvador police.





Big drum magazine of Thompson is characeristic easily seen even by infuriated mob, has strong terror effect in pacifying crowds without need for officer to fire a shot. Tommy gun is much heavier than necessary, is obsolete by modern standards.



# IS THE TOMMY GUN A POLICE WEAPON?

By VALMORE FORGETT, JR.

M ACHINE GUNS ROAR In Down-town Store!" The inchhigh screamer headlines shocked newspaper readers with vivid memories of Prohibition days, when gang guns chopped hoods and law enforcement men alike to bloody bits. Three men died in this most recent "incident," cut down by machine gun fire in the 11th floor cashier's office of a big, busy store. Once again, the redoubtable Thompson Submachine gun had handed down its swift death penalty. But these were police guns, not gangland weapons. The men behind the guns were officers.

The story? Three bandits intent on lifting some \$150,000 in cash from the store vault walked into an ambush. They did not know that seven city detectives, including one machine gun specialist armed with one of Colonel Thompson's "Superior Tools For the Protection of Life and Property," were waiting for them. Newspapers said that the officers fired a warning burst over the crooks' heads. But later bursts wrecked a wastepaper basket on the floor, smashed chest high into the mahogany railing of the cashier's cage, splintered the glass elevator doors—and cut three men to ribbons. The dead bandits were armed with automatic pistols.

It is a basic premise of law enforcement that the intent of the police power is to bring the law-breaker before a court of justice. This brings us face to face with the question: "Is the machine gun a proper police weapon?" My answer is, "No." It is an answer based on a lifelong study of automatic weapons and law enforcement, as one of the few federally licensed dealers in operative machine weapons.

In nine out of ten of the cases in which Tommy Guns have been used by police in recent years, equal results How to carry Thompson concealed is demonstrated by Philadelphia Police Inspector John J. Kelly to Detective Deal as force prepares for active war on crime.





Exotic sidecar mount for Thompson gave dashing air to cycle officers of New York's police.

could have been obtained with less bloodshed, less wreckage of property, less danger to innocent people, by trained officers with other weapons.

Tommy Guns have suddenly become meaningful to policemen again because they are again available. The original Auto Ordnance company which contracted with Colt's for the commercial M1921 and M1928 Thompsons is no longer in existence, but the assets of the firm were taken over by a New York dealer who continued to assemble parts, supplying guns to police. More recently, the sale of "dewat" warsurplus firearms by one or two licensed machine gun importers has pointed out to police that they can now buy ex-GI Tommy Guns at considerably less than the new-gun price of Prohibition days. Understandably, the modern police armorer must decide about the much-repeated claim that the Tommy Gun as a police weapon is a thing of the past, along with the speakeasy, prohibition, Pretty Boy Floyd, and John Dillinger.

Have modern day electronics with emphasis on instant communication, and other new police sciences, forced the Tommy Gun into the background? With modern radio the policeman can call for assistance and guidance in any emergency that might arise. He no longer has to cope with the situation as an independent individual, relying on his own skill and the submachine gun to back up his badge. Yet I have had many calls for Thompson guns, and many requests for parts to maintain those in the field. The Virginia Highway Patrol school asked about guns, and a query from the Indianapolis, Indiana, sheriff's

Some departments like Milwaukee, Wisc., (below) give thorough Tommy Gun training but few uniformed officers achieve marksmanship like F.B.I. agent's (right).



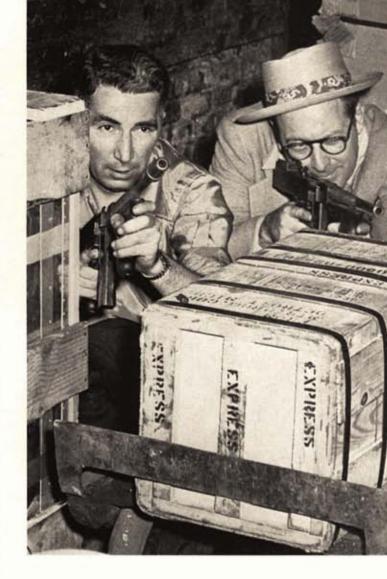


department was for parts for the simplified M1A1 Thompson. Marion Williams, head of the FBI laboratory in Washington, sums up part of the police value of the Tommy Gun by explaining that the FBI uses them mostly for "siege work," in cases where a known criminal barricades himself and refuses to surrender to law officers with conventional small arms. The FBI has recently purchased some Thompsons to replace those in the field which are worn out. But this points up the main reason why more and more police recently have been obtaining Tommy Guns—the TSMG is the Cadillac of the burp gun world.

The Tommy Gun is "the Cadillac," but it is as tricky to operate as a Bugatti, Submachine guns are not toys, and they require an expert to use them efficiently. Some departments, such as Seattle, Washington, do try to give adequate training in machine gun fire. Seattle's gradually increasing budget now allows for Tommy Gun shooting sessions at night, where tracers reveal to the officers the pattern of the guns. The FBI gives a thorough course in the Tommy Gun. But New York familiarizes the officers with the general nature of submachine guns, reserving use of the weapons to riot squad specialists. New Hampshire police have practically eliminated such weapons from their armory. From Concord State Police headquarters a machine gun specialist can be transported to a trouble area anywhere within the state by helicopter in 30 minutes In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, some Tommy Gun training is given to officers.

The police department of today is made up of specialists in every field, from scientific crime detection down to automobile mechanics. When the situation arises, the department can call on one or two trained men for siege work. In Hartford, Conn., three years ago detective Frank DeMaio used a Thompson under typical "specialist" conditions in capturing a gunman blockaded in a drug store. Tear gas shells had been fired into the room, but a ventilating fan blew the gas out. Detective DeMaio took careful aim and shot out the fan with a short burst, after which the tear gas shells did the job of reducing the criminal to submission.

Yet the average policeman receives little or no training in the use of a submachine gun, for many reasons. The small urban police departments usually cannot afford the time or the money necessary to (Continued on page 51)



Specialists mainly use Thompsons, as in Northwestern RR station where two detectives (above) combat wanted ex-con. Below, "Cadillac of burp guns" backs up surrender order in search for killer.





## GUNS BEHIND THE LAW

By WILLIAM B. EDWARDS

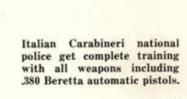
THE DUTCH STATE POLICE lieutenant uncrossed his booted legs, leaned forward, and carefully knocked the ash off his cigarette. His frown made it obvious that he was using equal care in framing his question. "The people here," he said, "even the honest people, they hate us. Why don't people like policemen?"

The answer, I thought, was pretty apparent. The lieutenant was a nice enough fellow, but as I looked at his blue-black military-cut uniform and glittering boots, all so reminiscent of the Nazi "SS" plumage, I could see why people might hate him. Police are not much liked where they have, or where they assume, political strong-arm functions; and this is particularly true in nations where connections with the violent past are obvious.

Much European police work has political slants. In France, love-nest murders may take the newspaper spotlight, but it is not for these that French police train with light MAS .32 caliber machine pistols. The agents de police in Paris go on duty with small

Shanghai's "Flying Fortress Squads" are heavily armed with .45 pistols and Tommy Guns.





POLICE WEAPONS AND POLICE
METHODS VARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
TYPES OF DUTIES THEY MUST
PERFORM, WHETHER MILITARY OR CIVIL

## **ABROAD**

Japanese police at end of war continued to use 8 mm Nambus, have since got .38 S & W's. French police (right) fire MAS guns in Paris.







Rare historical photo shows Nazi SA troopers, "brownshirts," in Berlin match with Walther PP pistols. Private army is type of revolt feared by European police today.

pocket .32 automatic pistols strapped to their belts. They are one of the sights of Paris, with their capes neatly rolled across their shoulders, strolling two by two along the boulevards, being grave, courteous, helpful to the American tourists. But their fear is of revolt, not common crime. Steel helmets and bayonets and machine guns are ever ready to back the police when the people take to the barricades. Even so, French police manage somehow to retain the good will of most citizens.

The duty of French police, like other police, is to "maintain order and public safety." This was especially needed in December of 1944 when the Allied liberation of Paris ended the Nazi policing of the city. By decree on Dec. 8th, 1944, the government created the Compagnies Republicaines de Securité, the CRS. Motorized, with modern trucks, automobiles, and motorcycles, the CRS is a highly trained, disciplined, mobile force. They have a military nature, dressed in GI-type uniforms set off by white helmets, white gauntlets, white leggings, and Sam Browne belts. Like the state police, the Gendarmes, they are under the Ministry of the Interior. They might be compared to a uniformed branch of the American Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Weapons training for French police is comprehensive, including "individual and collective armaments," automatic weapons, pistols (the new models of Browning-Petter automatics, M1935A and D have replaced older Spanishtype .32's among many police in France), the new M1949 gas-operated automatic rifles, plus morters and light and heavy machine guns are part of their curriculum. Trained at the instruction center of the Sureté Nationale, the CRS have rescue, first aid, and fire equipment, and by acting in major catastrophes with efficiency and humaneness, have earned the genuine esteem of the French people. Near the suburbs of Bordeaux in 1949, they "successfully fought terrible fires. They evacuated whole villages, maintained order and directed traffic in a particularly praiseworthy manner. . . . The men of the CRS, who are often donors of blood, render valuable services to the population; the latter are now on familiar terms with them, and also with the motorcyclists of the traffic police."

In Germany, democratization of local police departments has gone on under the guidance of the Allied occupation. In 1945 Chicago's Capt. Redmond Gibbons helped their police reorganization. Recent conjectures as to whether a

centralized state police would be wise, or would enable some future dictator to seize power, have been ended by the creation of the West German Federal Police. Attempts have been made to create an organization essentially democratic (nonmilitary) in nature, and censure has been levelled at "the highly militaristic attitudes . . . within the Bundesgrundschutzpolizei and some other such police units. The clicking heels, the stiff salute, and the stiff verbal report rendered to a superior officer regarding the condition of the policeman's post, all dispel the illusion of a police force. . . . There appears to be a severity underlying the recognition of superior rank far beyond that which a democratic organization need possess."

Meanwhile, the new police is uniformed in a combination of American GI and German patterns. The German cloth infantry (Continued on page 42)



Checking with his station, London police constable dials "999" to receive orders and follow up complaints. British police carry no guns but fire pistol in training.



Shanghai police watch skillful work on parallel bars by physical education coach.

Italian Carabineri national police engage in field maneuvers, studying squad problems with Breda Mod. 30 light machine gunner flanked by Beretta burp-gun crew.



## FUN ON THE RANGE-



At starting signal, shooter draws, fires double action from near waist level. Course allows 25 seconds for ten shots from this position, including reloading time. Super-speed draw is not necessary. Object is to place shots for highest score.

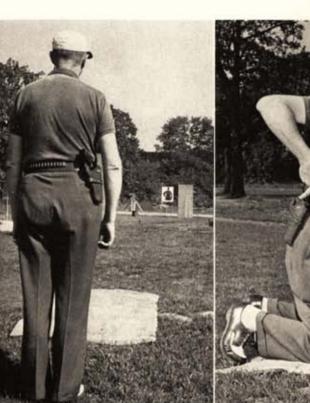
## **FBI FASHION**



FBI COURSE THAT HAS PRODUCED SOME OF WORLD'S

BEST POLICE GUNMEN IS FUN FOR CIVILIANS, EASILY INSTALLED BY CLUBS

By ROBERT HERTZBERG







Target from 60 yards looks very different, but shooter is given advantage here of rest position. With gun loaded and holstered, at starting signal shooter kneels and draws, falls forward to prone and rests gun on fist for best single-action slow-fire accuracy.

66 T's MORE FUN than target shooting. It's fun to watch too. And it's much more likely to be useful."

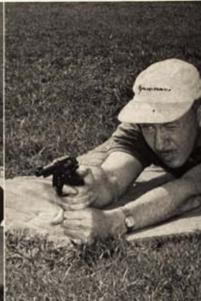
This was the general reaction expressed by members of the Gunners Club of Long Island after they had fired the FBI "Practical Pistol Course" for the first time. Try the course yourself and you'll agree that it offers real excitement for the shooter. Watch others try it, and you'll agree that it has spectator appeal far beyond anything attainable in conventional pistol target matches. It's a kind of shooting within the reach of any club that has an outdoor range, because the only "props" needed are some standard Colt silhouette targets and a couple of old doors for barricades.

"Combat type" shooting with handguns has generally been regarded as something reserved for police or military training, impractical for the average civilian club. There have been a few combat type matches, like the "Hogan's Alley" course at Camp Perry, where shooters were given a chance to try their skill on informal, man-size targets. These have been offered for the specific purpose of building up interest on the part of shooters and spectators alike, and nobody has ever denied that both purposes were accomplished. Yet most clubs have written these matches off as being beyond the reach of average club facilities. We have proved that this is not true; and if you want to see a boom in shooting interest and a corresponding boom in club activity, this is a way to get both. You can get them with only a small cash investment and with no sacrifice whatever of safety. The rules of safe range conduct are just as applicable and just as easily enforced here as in conventional target shooting.

The FBI course was designed primarily for the training of law enforcement officers whose targets, in the line of







Moving forward to 50 yard line, shooter sits, draws, fires 5 from knee rest and 5 from prone with fist rest. He then rolls behind barricade, reloads and fires 5 each, right handed and left handed, keeping his body behind barricade as if in combat.

business, are man-size and man-shape, not black bull's-eyes on white paper. Proof of the successful application of this type of training lies in the fact that the men who have had it are respected wherever police use of firearms comes under discussion. FBI agents, and police graduates of the FBI police training courses, have set new standards of police pistol marksmanship, with disastrous effect on crooks and killers who have come against them.

The FBI course emphasizes rapid "point" shooting at short, in-fighting range, plus deliberate, carefully aimed fire at longer ranges. There is no emphasis on "quick draw" or any of the leather-slapping dramatics of the Wild West. Time, and not too much of it, is a factor, but not to the point where a split-second draw is essential. The shooting in the first, rapid-fire, stage is from about waist level, without use of sights. With a revolver, the gun is fired double action. The long range shooting is done the way shooting should be done when it is something other than a game—with careful sighting, and with the shooter making use of every aid to accuracy and to his own safety that is available to him. He shoots from a rest if he can find or provide it, and makes every shot count.

The combat shooter does not use the classical, feet-apart, arm level position of the target shooter. That's fine for scoring on a bull's-eye target, but it's hardly practical when the target may be shooting back at you. Target shooters who have spent lifetimes perfecting the conventional target techniques are inclined to be somewhat patronizing when they note that the gun arm is allowed to rest on the ground or against a wall.

"Heck, how can you miss that way?" they say.

You'll be surprised! On their initial attempts, hot competition shooters have been known to miss the silhouette target completely, although it is enormously larger than an ordinary target. On the other hand, some indifferent target shooters are stimulated by the tricky course, and do very well on it.

The worst hazard by far is the left-hand shooting. Give yourself plenty of left-handed practice, in the privacy of your basement or back yard, and save yourself some embarrassing misses when you get on the firing line. Anybody can do it; it's just a question of developing a few new muscles and then letting your left hand learn what your right hand knows.

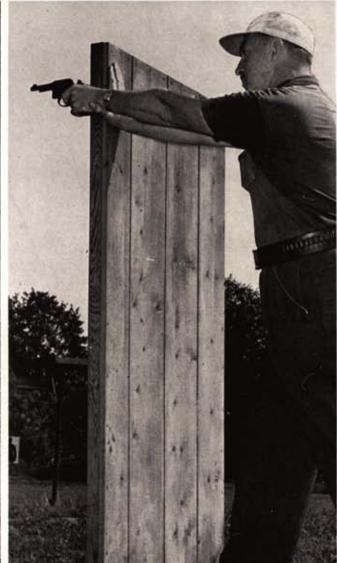
This is the only kind of handgun or rifle shooting that attracts a gallery the way golf matches do. It is something on the style of an obstacle course, and that makes it interesting and provocative. You can fully expect other club members to make good-humored but uncomplimentary remarks about your shooting ability as you hit the dirt instead of the target, or when you drop your cartridges while reloading. Laughs and occasional applause for a real G-man type performance add to the enjoyment of the event.

While the course is timed for the center-fire revolvers generally used by law enforcement officers, there's nothing to prevent you from shooting it with any automatic.

The accompanying pictures showing how the course is fired were posed by Valentine B. Cleaver, president of the Gunners Club. And that 95 target at the end is no phony; Val really knocked it off. It's mighty good shooting, as you will see when you fire the course.

The total time allowed for the FBI course is six minutes





Advancing to 25 yard line, shooter fires 5 sitting and 5 each right- and left-handed, making fullest possible use of cover. Course consists of 50 shots fired in 5 minutes 10 seconds.

and ten seconds for the four stages. You start with a holstered gun containing five rounds. In a pocket, you carry forty-five more cartridges.

Stage No. 1 is the brisk one. Fire ten shots double action from about waist level at seven yards in 25 seconds, including reloading. Cries of "Atta boy, Wyatt!" are sure to be heard from the gallery at this stage. You start facing the target, hands straight down, as in the picture at the left of page 28. Note that the gun is belted high, the way you would wear it for concealment under a coat. So worn, the gun does not interfere when the wearer is seated, and it can be drawn from a sitting position, as is required in the next stage.

At the command, "Fire!" you draw. Be careful here; you're no Ed McGivern, no Wyatt (Continued on page 48)

Target experts scoff at first, think that shooting from rests makes the course easy. But they learn that scores like the 95 shown here are made only after much practice.









Ranger tanks save lives in such chores as storming barricaded buildings. Capt. Clint Peoples (above, left) and Ranger Lester Robertson display weapons not known to horseback lawmen like Rangers "Doc" White (below, left) and John Hughes in 1890's.

# The TEXAS RANGERS STILL



Unmarked cars are rolling arsenals, often pull trailers with mounts for roadless areas. Capt. E. J. Banks (left) and Chief Bob Crowder choose weapons, prepare for action.



More nearly fitting popular conception of a Ranger is Capt. Clint Peoples on "Chico," wearing matched Colt .45 autos with .30-30 rifle in tooled saddle scabbard.

#### RAW COURAGE, DEADLY MARKSMANSHIP, AND FIRST-CLASS EQUIPMENT HAVE BUILT RANGERS INTO ONE OF WORLD'S BEST AUTHENTICATED LEGENDS

By FRANKIE WAITS



HE WALKED ALONE to quell a riot—and did it.

Yes, it's an old story, one of the oldest in the history of the Texas Rangers. But this is 1955, not 1880. This man is dressed in a smart summer suit, not in wild-west regalia. His .45 Colt automatic is hidden beneath his coat, not swung low in buscadero holsters. This is news, not history. The Rangers haven't changed; "one man, one riot" is still standard operating Ranger procedure.

This was Rusk, Texas, on an April day, 1955. The scene: the maximum security unit at Rusk Hospital for the criminally insane, where a pack of inmates had been rioting for six hours. The man: Chief R. A. "Bob" Crowder, then a Ranger Captain.

Crowder sent word in to the Negro who led the rioters: "I'll come and talk with you. But, Ben, I don't want any funny business. My gun holds eight slugs. You can take me, but I don't intend to lose. I'll take eight of you with me."

Ben was armed when he talked to Crowder. He wore an ice-pick in his belt. But there were no fireworks. Crowder's cool courage, plus the Ranger reputation, won again. "I waited," Crowder says, "and pretty soon they tossed out their weapons."

Similar battles of courage, electric with danger, have happened many times in the history of the Rangers, and the consistency with which the Rangers win has



One of the top names in Texas Ranger history is that of Capt. J. B. Gillett, shown here with full working equipment on horse, "Dusty," in tin-type dating 1879.



Sixguns in slick leather holsters on broad belts looped for both rifle and pistol cartridges were a Ranger trademark in 1900. So were the open vests, the hats, and the everpresent fast .30-30 lever action rifles, still Ranger favorites.

Gas gun displayed by Ranger R. L. Badgett (top right) and log cabin Dallas headquarters building are samples of modern Ranger equipment and facilities. But Rangers still rough it, with chuckwagon on side of car-drawn horse trailer.







made this one of the most famous of the world's law enforcement agencies. The legend grows with each re-enactment. Each Ranger's raw bravery becomes the heritage of every Ranger. Living up to that legend is "the Ranger way."

It's a small force, totalling only 51 men. But it is the world's oldest state police organization, dating back to 1823 when Texas was still a part of Mexico; and it's the hardest police force in the world to join. The average is—one man accepted out of 440 who apply. But they keep trying.

Modern Rangers have supreme police powers within the state and their jurisdiction spans all of Texas' 263,513 square miles and includes all of the 8,657,500 citizens. Their main duties are to protect life and property, suppress riots and insurrection, apprehend fugitives, and investigate major crimes. On the basis of present man-power, each Ranger's responsibility spreads over 169,755 residents and 5,167 square miles.

But Rangers are used to being outnumbered. It has been that way for 134 years, since Stephen F. Austin, the "Father of Texas," first gathered a group of Rangers together to protect the frontier colonies against Indians. Texas had her Rangers before she had an army or a navy, even before she won her independence. In 1835, on the eve of the Texas War of Independence, the revolutionary council formally authorized Rangers to guard the frontiers. A century later, by an act of the state legislature in 1935, the Ranger force was made a division of the Texas Department of Public Safety, its present status.

The 100 years in between saw the building of the famed Ranger legends—from the days of lightning-fast gunfighters who were tops in the serious art of "leather slapping"—to the modern Ranger "gunfighter" who does everything possible to avoid a battle with bullets. But he still wins.

The first Rangers were Indian fighters; but as settlers moved farther and farther westward, Ranger duties changed with the times. They were called upon to patrol the Rio Grande border, to scout, to settle family feuds, to run down cattle thieves, outlaws, train robbers, and fence cutters, In the words of the old horseback Rangers, "sometimes we crowded 'em plum clean to the bone-yard and sometimes we took 'em alive and put 'em in stripes." So widespread was their fame that in Mexico City they were known as "Los Diablos Tejanos"—the Texas Devils.

Many times after the passing of the frontier and before 1935 the Texas Ranger force was allowed to dwindle and its members were frequently changed by political appointments. But the force never entirely died out and, with the establishment of Ranger hiring on a merit basis only, the political tampering vanished.

Not long ago a newspaper writer estimated that during their history Rangers had personally accounted for 5,000 criminals "bitin' the dust," and had sent untold numbers to jail. The modern 51 Rangers, with the latest crime fighting equipment, complete more than 6,000 cases annually. A recent report from their administrative offices in Austin shows that in the year 1955-56 the Rangers completed 601 felony cases which sent nine persons to jail for life, seven to the death chamber, and all others convicted to prison for a total of 3,755 years. In addition, the Rangers recovered \$759,149.46 in property. Of the 1,003 murders in Texas in 1956, the Rangers investigated 215 and made criminal case reports on complete investigations. As one Ranger modestly noted, this is a pretty good year's work for a police force which has less members in the entire state than the FBI has in Houston alone. (Continued on page 45)

Rangers select guns to suit their own personal preferences. Sidearms of one group included Colt .45 automatics, .38, .44 and .357 Magnum revolvers—and, inevitably, the legendary Colt Single Action.







About 150 officers were stopped an hour by Illinois cop killer in open field, but police sniper could have disabled criminal in 30 seconds. Many police know value of rifles, carry guns in cushion brackets (left) like rig of Tarrant Cy., Texas, sheriff's office in new emergency wagons. Rifle is .257 Jap, with Weaver 2.5 scope, Buehler mount, firing 140 grain Sierras.

## The Pistol

By WAYNE WEEMS

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INCREASING POLICE EFFICIENCY IN

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Tragic drama in which Indianapolis policemen were wounded by maniac might have been avoided by one shot from sniper.



# 90 Not Enough

When does a man become a policeman? That deepdown feeling of being an officer does not come with the donning of the uniform, nor with the pinning on of the badge. It comes when the man buckles on his service pistol. It is usually not until much later, sometimes only after costly experience, that the law enforcement officer realizes that the pistol is not always enough.

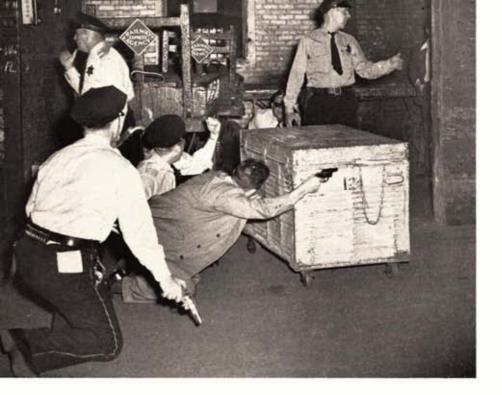
Here is one example: Two hold-up men had emptied the cash boxes of five gas stations, had wounded two uncooperative station owners, were on their way out of the city when they were spotted by two patrolmen in a police car. According to the reports, only one of the hold-up men had been seen with a weapon—a pistol. This made the odds look good. If shooting became necessary, both officers were armed, and they would be shooting from the pursuing car, which is easier than shooting from the car ahead.

But the odds changed very suddenly. The motor in the police car seemed to fall apart. The smashed motor locked the wheels. The "good men" were out of the race—knocked helpless before they had ever come within two hundred yards of the "bad ones."

What happened? Simple. The stick-up man in the back seat of the fleeing car was armed with a .30-06 rifle, complete with telescopic sight. When pursuit developed, he rammed the rifle through the back window, lined the scope reticle between the headlights of the police car, eased off his shot—and that was that. Had he been a real "cop hater," he could probably just as easily have killed either officer.

It could just as easily have worked in the other direction. At two hundred yards, a fleeing car is a tough target for a pistol. But with a rifle, a good marksman, even shooting from a speeding car, could do a lot of damage.

Cops should have pistols. But police are depending too much on pistols. They are doing it, not because individual policemen are not aware that other weapons would help, but because police departments fail to furnish the other



Three Chicago police were wounded in gun battle in railroad station. Aimed rifle shot might have stopped criminal with less wear and tear on the officers.

Pistol-armed police in Lawrence, Mass. were held at bay an hour as exhaust fan cut effect of tear gas. Weems says rifle shot could stop fan, permit capture.

weapons. This is costly economy.

True, most of the larger departments have shotguns. Some may have rifles. A few have machine guns and gas gun equipment; but this is emergency equipment, usually locked up at headquarters. Few police cars are equipped with any kind of a "long gun."

Any time there is any shooting to be done, you are playing for keeps and it is an emergency. You don't have time to radio for emergency help and equipment, go home for a gun, or polish your badge so it will show up good in the news photographer's pictures. Death is striking at both sides in any gun battle and your chances of survival depend on whatever edge you have on your opponent, or opponents.

Very often, that "edge" could be one good rifleman with good equipment and the know-how.

For another example, take John Doe. John drank a lot, did a stretch or two, was an all-around bad customer. John's trouble was, the wheels in his head went haywire. The medicos have a fifty-cent word for it, but to the police officer, John just went nuts. One day, he armed himself with a shotgun, a couple of pistols, and plenty of ammunition, took over a small hotel and

amused himself by taking pot-shots at anyone he saw on the streets. The first two policemen to arrive received a few bird shot. One of them got it in the front, approaching, the other got his in the rear, departing. The second officer was able, however, to radio (standing up) for the riot squad. But even the riot squad was stymied. John, though crazy, was not dumb. Only the gun barrel was visible over a window sill, with a two-foot thick brick wall protecting him. No one could come close. Tear gas was put into use. John,



still crazy like a fox, just turned the two large fans in the room towards the windows and switched them on. This blew the gas out as fast as it came in. John was comfortable on the floor, taking a peep now and then, with his gun always ready. You could have machine-gunned; John wouldn't have minded. What was the answer? One of the officers, they called him a gun-nut, was an expert rifleman. This officer secured his deer rifle, a Model 70 Winchester bolt action equipped (Continued on next page)

## THE PISTOL IS NOT ENOUGH

(Continued from preceding page)

with a Weaver K-4 telescopic sight. So armed, he had a choice of three things he could do with the rifle. From a safe distance, he could shoot John when John took a peek out of the window, or he could shoot through the window and demolish the fans. But the simple thing that he did do was to shoot once into the exposed electric meter. The fans stopped, the tear gas did its work, and John was captured uninjured.

Another instance where the use of police snipers could accomplish more than machine guns and tear gas is in mob control. In a situation where a mob of people get out of hand and there are one or two of the armed leaders mingled in the crowd, the one or two men start shooting at the officers trying to restrain the mob. What do you do here—spray the mob with machine gun bullets, killing and injuring many who are there only for the excitement or to protest something they do not like? Many in the mob, perhaps, had no idea there would be any violence, much less shooting.

Russia used spray-gun tactics on large groups of people in Hungary. They succeeded in breaking up the mob, but drove the people in revenge to armed revolt. Hatreds and violence so engendered may never be stamped out.

Or should the police open fire with pistols? With people milling about, this would be about as disastrous. But a police sniper with a rifle could use high-velocity varmint bullets, with soft noses or hollow points and pick off the armed individuals without injury to anyone else. This type of bullet, on striking, would not penetrate all the way through. It would play havoc with the individual hit, but who cares about the size hole you make in a guy that is shooting at you?

Few policemen, and even the hunters in this country who use rifles every year, know what they can do with a good scope-sighted rifle, particularly at night. At night, shooting with a pistol, you are shooting blind, even with some light. The trained rifleman can consistently hit a ten-inch target up to two hundred yards with a minimum of light. Any good standard hunting scope, with its high light gathering power, will make a good target out of an animal or man that would be only a shadow in front of an iron sight. This is true not only at night, but in late evening or early morning.

Let the cop keep his pistol. It is a standby for emergency purposes when he cannot or does not have time to secure a better gun. But let's equip his automobile with a .30-06 rifle, having a 2½ or 4X scope. This scope should have a post reticle so he can shoot it at night. Suitable ammunition to be used for police purposes is easily obtained for the .30-06. There are armor-piercing bullets, if he must shoot through or completely disable an automobile; solid patch bullets could be used to disable a criminal without cashing in his chips permanently. Varmintloads—fast,

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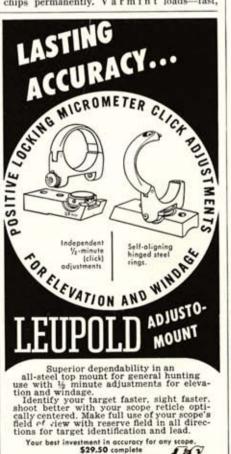


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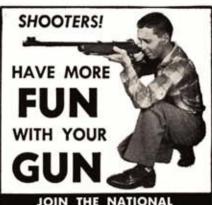
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light, quick-expanding bullets-would have many uses. Even tracers can be obtained. The police rifle should be light, with a short barrel, not over 22 inches. It must be more rugged than a hunting gun and above all, it must be accurate.

M ost of the so-called "rifles for police use" are as out of date as the Model-T Ford. Winchester made the semi-automatic Model 07 in both the .401 and .351 calibers using heavy, low velocity bullets. The M07 was heavy, both in weight and price. The fast drop of their projectiles definitely put them in the short range class. The .401 has been discontinued for years and the .351 has now been dropped. Many police departments which have rifles are using this model 07. Other very popular police rifles have been the light Winchester and Marlin lever actions. While these rifles were not made for police work but for the hunter, officers have found them to meet some of their requirements. In no instance could this family of lever action rifles be classed as sniper rifles for police, with the exception of Winchester's new Model 88, in .308 caliber.

Remington has produced two rifles that have the rapid fire quality that at one time was looked for in a police rifle. These are the Remington Model 760 Pump and the semi-automatic Model 740, both chambered for the .30-06, the .270, Remington's newest .280, and the .244. These two guns are both a great improvement over any rifle previously produced for the rapid fire police require-

Too much emphasis has always been placed on the rapid fire, how fast an officer could pull the trigger, in selecting a rifle for police work. Rifle makers copied after the military weapons, but the problem is not fire power, as it is for military use.

In a police action, you do not want to lay down a barrage, when one well-aimed shot will do the job. There is a similarity between shooting a deer or a man, except the deer can't shoot back. Miss a deer and you can tell about the big buck that got away. Miss a criminal and others may tell what a good officer you were.

Creating the ideal police rifle is a job for your gunsmith. Select a good bolt action in .30-06 caliber. Cut off the barrel to 20 or 22 inches. The stock should have a high comb for telescopic sight use, but be as light as possible and no longer than is absolutely necessary to fit the shooter or shooters. Stock finish should be as good or better than that of a hunting gun. Leave off the checkering or fancy work.

Buy a good scope, not a price job. This scope must have a post reticle. The mount must be one that will permit rough handling of the gun without the sight being knocked out of zero. Buy the best in mounts. Your gunsmith can recommend several but tell him you want a sturdy type.

There is a bullet for every use for the .30-06. Ammunition for the .30-06 comes in bullet weights of 110, 150, 180, and 220 grains, hunting types. From G.I. ammo you can obtain metal piercing, full patch, tracers, and

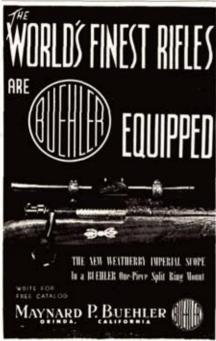




others. Extra ammunition, when carried in an automobile, should be protected from vibration or rolling around. The clips for the M-1 rifle will hold eight rounds each and two clips will fit into a small military pouch, available at most surplus stores. This pouch can be carried in the glove compartment or attached to your belt.

MANY departments of police require that their officers carry only those guns furnished, or buy only the guns recommended. There is a reason for such a rule. Some policeman would show up for duty packing a pearl handled .25 automatic. But amendment of the rule, setting certain standards, would permit the individual officer to have a telescopicsighted rifle as part of his standard equipment in his police automobile. Most every law enforcement agency, whether it be police, sheriff, State Police, or others, have in their ranks men already qualified to be the snipers of the department. Percentage of hunters among officers is high. Many of them have used scope sighted rifles for years to hunt big game. With some incentive, given by furnishing ammunition, the proper rifle, and time to practice, these men would become the police snipers your department needs,

Let the TV "Who-Done-It" shows portray the cop under heavy odds shooting it out, always winning, with a pistol. It looks good, but in real life there are too many dead heroes that were wearing police uniform. Let's use guns that will give police the odds. After all, they are protecting our lives and property.



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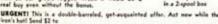
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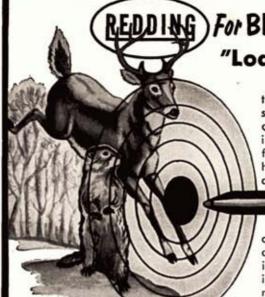
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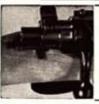
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## GUNS BEHIND THE LAW ABROAD

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cap is retained, but combat boots and American-type clothing is used. M1 carbines are issued; no German material is used yet. Border police are equipped with the SIG Swiss 9mm automatic pistol, while other units have Smith & Wesson .38 "Victory model" revolvers. If a West German policeman has the bad luck to lose one of these guns, the list price to replace it from the local sporting goods store is just about \$100, 500 D. Marks, instead of the U.S. price of about \$29.95

Italian police, too, are an agency of politics. Italy's national police, the Carabineri, are among the best-equipped of foreign police. When the American armies liberated Italy from German domination in 1944, Carabineri were ready to move into Rome and take over the duties of civil policing.

JODAY the Carabineri train to be ready for anything. Each man, regardless of his past military experience, must qualify with Beretta .380 pistol; M91/38 carbine; Beretta 9mm submachine gun; Breda M30 machine rifles, caliber 6.5 mm; the Model 37 Breda machine gun, caliber 8 mm; Browning light machine guns supplied by American sources, caliber .30; 37 mm anti-tank cannon; Brixia 45 mm mortar; and grenades. The Carabineri battalions are fast-moving trouble-shooting outfits on call for public emergencies, floods, riots. They are tops as marksmen and serve as a national police to catch criminals, their authority being nation-wide.

Carabineri have a quaint tradition: if an officer permits a prisoner to escape after sentencing, while he is guarding him on the way to jail, the policeman must serve a portion of the prisoner's sentence. A successfully escaped prisoner is almost unheard of in the annals of the Carabineri. They are dead shots, and train constantly in intra-squad competitions. It is better to serve time than try to escape from the leather-hatted elite of Italy's national police.

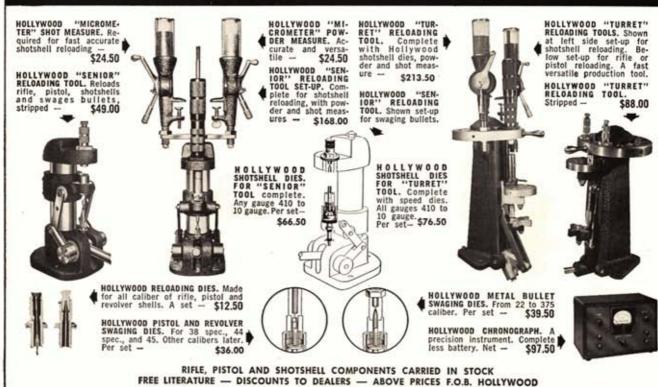
A national police is the rule in other nations. In Belgium, the Gendarmerie Nationale fights crime through the kingdom, aided by the secret police and rural, local uniformed police. Recruited from former soldiers, members of the Gendarmerie Nationale have lifetime careers. Browning automatic pistols and FN Mauser model 1924

carbines are their usual arms.

In Spain, the Guardia Civil, a strong force during Franco's rebellion, now maintains the political order. Civil and criminal cases are handled by this outfit. Modeled on the Spanish police are South and Central American national police, such as Guatemala's Civil Guard. All are military-type national police.

From the Civil Guard school of Guatemala to Shanghai's waterfront is a long hop, but not so far in police ideology. Shanghai mobs are pacified by the "Flying Fortress Squads," organized in 1948. Three companies totalling 120 men have proved their worth. Each third man carries a Thompson submachine gun. Each is armed with a Colt .45 automatic pistol in belt or shoulder holster. With highfronted trucks, each carrying a Thompson on a swivel bracket on top of the cab, they make a formidable police patrol. Members of

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As different as night from day is the separation between the Metropolitan Police of London, and other agencies. Yet the Britishpatterned Flying Fortress Squads have organizational similarities to the British police. Their weapons differ. The most famous single fact about the London police is that they do not carry firearms. When necessary to arrest an armed criminal, (but only with the approval of a senior officer,) .38 Webley & Scott revolvers are issued to officers who have been properly instructed in their use. The Royal Ulster Constabulary, however, does carry revolvers. The Metropolitan Police hold annual tests for specially selected men of the uniformed branch and the Criminal Investigation Department, Each man fires 36 rounds at figure targets.

The practice course is at 15 yards: six shots aimed fire, right handed, and six shots aimed fire, left handed. Then at 10 yards, twelve rounds fired by sense of direction (in bursts of two shots fired in quick succession), six using the right hand, six left handed. For record, 12 rounds are then fired, six at 15 yards, and six at 10 yards, using either hand. The standard of proficiency required is not high-50 per cent hits for the 15-yard aimed firing, and 1/2 hits for the double action firing.

Mexican police have a distinguished history. The dictator Porfirio Diaz' Rurales, well-mounted lithe men in silver-buttoned dove-gray uniforms, patrolled the dusty roads of the Republic before 1910. They slung Model 1893 Mauser carbines in vertical leather boots behind the right leg. The Rurales dispensed justice among the cacti according to the precepts of Diaz' famous telegram, "Catch in the act; kill on the spot." Today, the efficiency of the Rurales, tempered by democracy, is carried over into the discipline of the different modern Mexican police corps, Federal, State, or City.

EXICAN police are among the best-trained marksmen in the world. Elementary shooting instruction is comprehensive. It includes history and use of firearms, with emphasis on firearms safety, and information on ammunition and ballistics. Officers are drilled in nomenclature and functioning details of regulation firearms. These are mostly .38 Colt revolvers, issued to the Preventive Police of the Federal District, Mexico City, while Colt .38 Super and .45 automatics are preferred by rural officers. The bodyguard of the governor of Durango recently was equipped with nickel plated .45 Colt automatics, while a few .45 caliber Colt-like "Obregon" pistols are fabricated in Mexico.

Reloading data and practice is a part of regular police training. Sighting exercises follow, then work on perfecting single action and double action trigger squeeze. Position exercises with pistol and rifle come next; and when, finally, preparatory instruction has been completed satisfactorily, the officer may use live ammunition.

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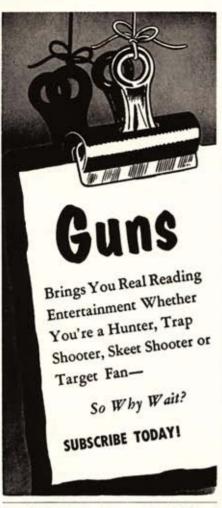
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the command "fire." According to orders, he may be standing or walking—he may have to shoot with his arm extended from one side or the other, or backwards, according to where the silhouette is located. The target might be at five, ten or 20 meters, and the maximum time for six shots is five seconds, during which time he must draw his revolver and take the right position.

POLICE in the Soviet today differ but little from the uniformed and non-uniformed police of the Czars' era. A different set of rulers, that's all. In the old days, a foreigner would be roughly ordered to remove his hat in the Post Office, because there was a picture of the Czar, the "little Father," somewhere on the wall. Today, portraits of Stalin until recently were the ones which got public reverence. Police enforcement of the people's homage to the State are an important part of routine Soviet law enforcement.

The present title of the main police bureau indicates its essentially 19th century capitalistic organization: it is called the Komitat Gosudarstvennoi Bezopasnosti, the Committee for State Security (KGB). Emphasis is on protecting the State, which in communist Russia means protecting the Communist Party, from the rest of the people.

From the first days of the dread Cheka, through its masquerade as the OGPU, then the NKVD, and lastly, the late but unlamented Lavrenti Beria's MVD, to the present KGB under General Ivan Serov, the way has been one of force. Maintenance of the "order" in Russia is in strong, if ruthless, hands. The KGB has many millions of persons in its ranks, from part-time informers to full-time police, counter-espionage agents, and

border guards. About 400,000 KGB men are organized into military elements, the Interior troops, Border troops, and Signal troops. "Interior" and "Border" are formidable military outfits, but only in an emergency would they be used for routine military operations. Their mission is to combat internal enemies of the regime, rather than foreign armed forces.

Border troops are equipped like infantry units, with light automatic weapons, and armor at their disposal if they need it. Border troops might expect to function in a delaying action against an invader, while their arms are the "iron" in "iron curtain." Interior troops are the elite of the outfit. They are superior to the Armed Forces of Russia in training, equipment and indoctrination. This crack fighting force is organized into divisions and brigades of sufficient strength to suppress revolt and mutiny within the Red Army. They were among the first troops to be issued the newest Soviet light weapons, the series of short rifle, machine carbine, light machine gun, all taking the short 7.62 x 38 mm cartridge.

On the southern fringe of the Soviet orbit, some changes have taken place in police administration. Tending to a centralization of police power, these changes, as in Turkey, have resulted in a democratic police organization with much increased effectiveness. Formerly Turkey was monitored by Police and by national police, Gendarmes. But more recently, "Both in the capital and in the towns," according to a report from Turkey in the International Police Journal, "the maintaining of order will be assured by the police in uniform, according to the principles of military discipline. Judicial police and administrative affairs will be dealt with ex-

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The changes in Turkey are changes for the good in a democratic land. Police administration was harsh. But as Turkey has changed, become more democratic and progressive, so has the police organization improved. Higher standards of intelligence and education are demanded of officials in Turkey, a move that is spreading over the Eastern world. Egypt, too, has high standards for higher officers, though the patrolman is only required to know how to read and write. But science, communications, and high standards imposed by idealistic bureau chiefs are raising the performance of police throughout the world.



## TEXAS RANGERS STILL RIDE

(Continued from page 35)

Rangers can go anywhere on any case at any time and, in addition, they can be called out by their chief, the public safety director, his assistant, or the governor.

In the early days the force had only a stable-full of Indian ponies, quarter horses and a few pack mules. Old Rangers would never recognize the modern mounts in the old corral now. There are two single-engine airplanes, five M-8 light armored, bullet-proof cars, a 21-foot deep-water cabin cruiser with twin 30 horsepower motors, a pack of bloodhounds, and one of the finest scientific criminal labs in the world with divisions of intelligence, identification, records, and communications.

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When they need one, a helicopter can be obtained from various sources and when a Ranger's car rolls down the highway to a major crime he is equipped not only with his own sidearms and rifle, but usually has, in his car, a Thompson sub-machine gun plus gas or riot guns, gas masks, two pairs of handcuffs, a prisoner transport belt, various tools, and perhaps his saddle, horse, and 'chuck wagon" trailer.

The Texas Rangers still depend on "four legged critters" to take them into the brush country where their "rolling mounts" could not travel and where their "flying mounts" could not land. They still investigate hundreds of cattle thefts each year. They frequently conduct a man-hunt on horseback and sometimes they stage gigantic 200,000acre cattle roundups to check the herds and single out stolen animals.

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ner. A man must be "tall in the saddle" of criminal investigation before he has a chance of getting in, and once in, he has to keep growing.

By Chief R. A. (Bob) Crowder's definition, a Ranger "is a peace officer who is capable of handling any situation without immediate supervision; a diplomat who is tactful, tolerant, even-tempered, cool headed and who, above all, must understand people and know human nature." Each man's ability is proven beforehand or he never becomes a Ranger.

Because they must keep rigid mental, physical and moral standards, each potential Ranger is investigated thoroughly for months and sometimes years, before he is approved. The force hires some lawmen who never apply but who distinguish themselves as Ranger material. "We get 500 applications a year from men in all the states, Canada and Europe," Chief Crowder said. "We don't have trouble finding volunteers for the 1 to 1½ vacancies that occur yearly." Seldom does a Ranger quit, and rarely is a man fired. Rangers are members of that elite corps "just as long as they keep their noses clean" and until they reach the retirement age of 70.

Rangers must be dedicated peace officers who love their jobs, for each man works an average of 12 hours a day, seven days a week, often working around the clock for days on end, without sleep, shower, or shave. They are on call 24 hours a day, every day. They get two weeks vacation a year, but unless they "kick traces across the Texas line" they're liable to be called back, vacation or no vacation. Beginning Rangers make \$3,960 a year. Captains' pay is less than \$5,000, and there's no such thing as overtime.

A potential Ranger must be at least 27, with a minimum of four years in major crime investigation with an outstanding law agency. He must be in excellent physical condition and be "especially adapted for the particular type work demanded of Rangers." All present Rangers are native Texans although the rule requires only that a man live in the state at least a year before applying.

Most modern Rangers come from the ranks of the Texas Highway Patrol. Once appointed, a Ranger must undergo a threemonths special training period in Austin in criminal investigation, raids, mob and riot control. Throughout his Ranger service, each man takes a yearly week-long course in the latest crime fighting methods and equipment.

Modern Rangers describe their sidearms as "tools of our trade. Dangerous. Not to be played with." And although they practice marksmanship when they find the time, they do not practice "leather slapping" as did their forerunners. "A Ranger," explained Chief Crowder, "doesn't like to pull his pistol for a demonstration, gag, or photograph, because he's taught to show it only when he means to shoot to protect his own life or somebody else's."

Rangers generally wear one sidearm, highholstered on their belt and, "depending on where we're going," may strap on a gun belt with double holsters to become "two-gun" Rangers. The state furnishes all necessary equipment, but most Rangers use their own sidearms, long guns, saddles and horses.

Generally speaking, most Rangers wear .45 Colt automatic pistols or .357 Magnums, and carry .30-30 rifles; but no special type of gun or sidearm is prescribed by the force. Chief Crowder prefers the .30-06 rifle, and Capt. Jay Banks likes a .38-44 revolver. Ranger Lester Robertson uses a .38 Super Colt automatic. Ranger Sgt. J. L. Rogers carries a Government .45 and finds it "dependable and comfortable." Many Rangers have in their personal gun collections (and often carry) old "Thumb-buster" Single Actions used by their Ranger fathers, brothers, or uncles

Rangers have no uniforms; they dress to suit their duties. But whether they appear in business suits in the city or bluejeans in the brush-covered country of the Chaparral, their gold or silver badge is pinned over their hearts and they'll be wearing a big white hat, a hand-tooled leather belt and holsters, a pair of cowboy boots, and their choice of sidearms. Gray gabardine trousers, Western jacket and black tie is typical field dress.

The Ranger fame, which labeled the men "Texas Devils" in the mid-1800's, has now spread far outside national boundaries. Annually, some 1,500 letters reach the Rangers from children, parents, teachers, and admirers all over the world. A mother in Kearney, Neb., wrote that her cub scouts use the Ranger Prayer at their pack meetings. A 17-year-old boy named Freddy in Rothenburg, Germany, wrote to reserve a spot for himself on the force. A 13-year-old boy in Hobbs, N. M., offered his aid in rounding up stolen cattle. An 8-year-old lad in Anchorage, Alaska, asked "How tall should I be?" And two little girls in Ireland sent a letter addressed to "Santa Claus, c/o The Texas Rangers." Christmas cards and valentines from children reach Ranger headquarters by

The legend of the Texas Rangers is but the lengthening shadow of every Ranger, past and present; his courage, persistence, pride and devotion. Of all the "Things Tremendously Texan," Rangers head the list. An old definition of a Texas Ranger, still used, is that "he's a man who would charge hell with a can of water." No Texan doubts it.

And it's not just legend. In 1902 Capt. J. A. Brooks talked a mob out of a lynching by telling them, "You'll have to kill me and every other Ranger in Brownsville." Capt. M. T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzaullas, famous for minute detail in criminal investigation work and described as "dynamite" by his men, once rode his horse into an East Texas saloon to round up a group of ladies of questionable character when they refused to come out. . . . In 1930, Capt. Frank Hamer stood on the Sherman courthouse steps and defied a mob to try to lynch his Negro prisoner. "Come on up if you feel lucky," the Ranger yelled, "But if you try it, there'll be a lot of funerals in Sherman tonight!" Nobody felt that lucky. . . . Ranger Lewis Rigler, in 1956, threw his gun down and walked unarmed to talk with an insane farmer threatening everyone with a rifle. The farmer handed over his gun. . . .

No Ranger talks much about these deeds of valor; but the public remembers. Over and over again the stories are told of how one man calmly shouldered his way through a hostile crowd, a pistol on his hip and a big white hat marking his progress.

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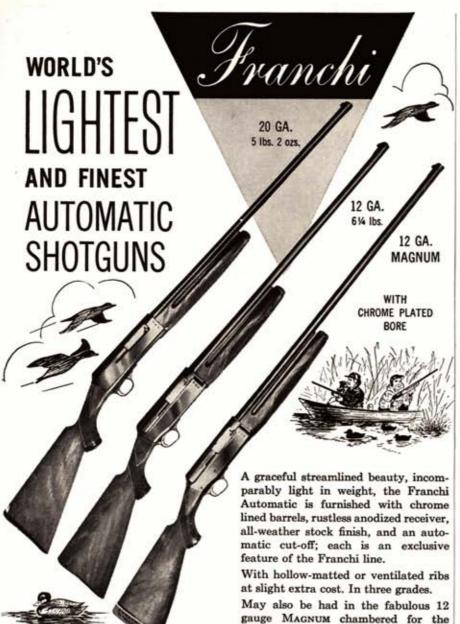


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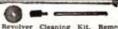
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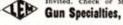
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gle action. Stand facing the target, hands down, as in the first picture on page 29. (The target isn't so big from here, is it?)

T THE command, "Fire!" the timing com-A mences. Kneel quickly, drawing the gun as you go down, as in the second picture on this page. Fall forward, breaking the fall with the left hand and bringing the gun hand forward at the same time. Bend the left arm slightly, make a fist, and rest that fist solidly on the ground. Now rest the heel of the gun hand on top of the left fist-and start shooting. It's easier than conventional target shooting from the 50-yard line, but don't get careless. You'll need a good sight picture and a careful squeeze here, too, for top scoring, rest or no rest.

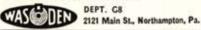
Having fired five, remain prone, eject the empties, haul fresh ammo out of your pocket, and reload. With gun still in the right hand, push up to the kneeling position, holster the gun, get up, and trot to the 50-yard line.

Stage 3 consists of 20 shots at 50 yards, You're in for a busy time here. Drop immediately to a sitting position beside the barricade, and draw (see picture at left, page 30). Rest your elbows on your knees and steady the right hand with the left. The second picture on page 30 shows a good, workable position, although it can be varied. Fire five. Then flop to a prone position, eject, load five more, rest the gun hand on the left fist as in Stage 2 and fire five, right

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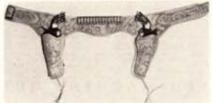
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with five. Place your left hand flat against the barricade with the thumb projecting beyond the right edge of the barrier to form a crotch for the gun hand. Rest the heel or wrist of the gun hand over the left thumb. From this steady position, with as much of your body behind the barricade as you would wish were hidden if the target were shooting back at you, fire five.

Behind the barricade, eject, and load five more. With the gun in the left hand, move to the left side of the barricade, place the right hand against the boards with the thumb extended, rest the heel or wrist of the left hand over the right thumb, and fire five. Eject, reload, and move "on the double" to the 25-yard line.

Stage 4 repeats Stage 3 at half the distance, except that no shots are fired here from the prone position. Fire five from the sitting position, move behind the barricade, fire five right-handed from the thumb rest past the right side of the barrier, then five left-handed with thumb rest from the left side of the barricade.

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But the main thing is, this is fun shooting. You'll find yourself burning up a lot more ammo, going out to the range a lot more frequently, getting a lot more fun out of your pistols. Try it and see.



#### IS THE TOMMY GUN A POLICE WEAPON?

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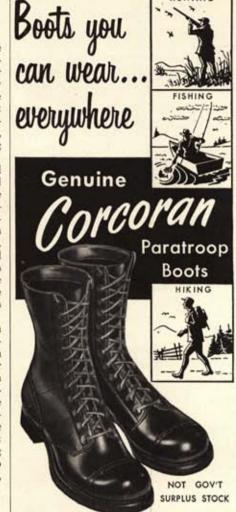
train properly all the patrolmen. Due to their inherently dangerous characteristics, among which is the ability to let off a clip full of 20 or 30 shots in the flicker of an eyelash, the burp gun in the hands of an untrained policeman can do more damage than good. Clinton, Tennessee, could have been the scene of a bloody "segregation riot" recently, when volunteer deputized officers were issued Reising submachine guns from the town police arsenal. The volunteer police dispersed the mob with tear gas, but had someone carelessly touched off the burp guns, a tragic massacre would have resulted.

New Jersey police departments regard the submachine gun in the hands of an untrained man more of a liability than an asset. In the hands of a shooter not completely familiar with the weapon, it is more of a hazard to himself and his fellow officers than to the individual under fire. Training is a problem due to the lack of safe range facilities in many departments. The average police pistol range is not suitable for training in the use of submachine guns, due to the special target-carrying equipment which may be damaged by inaccurate fire until the trainee learns to control the gun. Even with the riot squad, there is an extremely limited use by urban police due to the congested conditions and the hazards of stray bullets and ricochets.

The submachine gun today in most city police departments has been relegated to the position of a show piece. Before World War II, as a boy, I can remember going to the police department and staring in awe at the two gleaming Tommy Guns hanging in the glass-fronted rack over the desk of the Sergeant. I wondered if someday I could ever own anything as wonderful as a real Tommy Gun. I suspect that the principal use of the Tommy Gun today, where it is called out from time to time for police work, is by officers whose imaginations have been captured, just as I was years ago, by the menacing power of the Tommy Gun.

In lands where population is dense and life is cheap, the submachine gun has played and does still play an important role. The Chinese military and Asian police departments have always regarded it as their favorite riot-quieter, to such an extent that it was widely copied by various Chinese armories. In dealing with vast mobs of rioting and danger-bent thugs, the Tommy Gun does come into its own. As a weapon when the chips are down and war is on between police and mass disorder, the submachine gun has no equal.

The psychological effect of a Tommy Gun with the 50- or 100-shot drum is immeasurable. The association of such a weapon in the public mind with prodigious firepower has managed to settle many incipient riots in past years. Special ammunition was developed for just this type of work, such as the large bird shot load and Remington multi-ball that would disintegrate on leaving the barrel into several missiles, none having great energy, but each having a high "wounding factor." With all this scrap lead flying into the crowd at the rate of 600 rounds a minute,





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The statement carried within itself the facts of the Tommy Gun's gradual demise for law enforcement. It was by no means a deterrent-it could not be a "deterrent" to crime if its principal use was to riddle the cars of "fleeing bandits," an after-thefact judgement. Carrying Tommy Guns in police cars merely made it easier for crooks to get one, by stopping police cars for flattire assistance. When the officer's attention was distracted, out of the prowl car, the crooks would hit him on the head and make off with the gun.

Perhaps one major point against the Tommy Gun was that it is impossible to frisk a suspect, while encumbered with 12 pounds of burp gun. As for concealability, the stocked gun is impossible to hide. Only with the stock removed is the gun capable of astonishingly complete concealment, underneath the suit coat; but the large capacity drums could not be used and accuracy, firing it twohanded from the hip, was nil. Yet the popular press found "Tommy Gun" magic words, and ballyhooed the weapon as an adjunct

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The Thompson was used by police briefly in many forms, including the Model 1928 with the detachable shoulder strap, carried by cruising policemen on motorcycles, and the special yoke attachment which cradled the Thompson for aimed fire from sidecar, harbour police launches, or trouble trucks. But the popularity of the Thompson worked against it. Too many were stolen from police cars, and the habit of carrying them as standard equipment declined. The few officers who toured about town with a submachine gun slung over their shoulders might have gotten a "kick" out of it, but got a bigger kick when they checked in at the station and the Sergeant told them the aldermen had been on his neck. Most towns like to consider themselves respectable places in which to live, nice to bring up the kids. Sight of a machine-gun armed policeman routinely patrolling his beat might lead to wrong ideas about the safety of the community.

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Ballistics were for the original Winchester ammo in an 8%" barrel. As a hip holster police gun the long tube was about as popular as a pay cut. Winchester long ago discontinued the fodder under their name, but reduced loads are sold under the Western label. Remington supplies a still more reduced load, hardly better than a good hot .38 round, in the popular four-inch barrel guns. Both firms supply metal penetrating (or metal piercing) loads. Remington has a round nose bullet, and Western Super-X a more efficient spire point.

I discovered a very important fact while making metal penetrating tests for Guns. The higher velocity Super-X lead bullet gives much better steel penetration than the Remington M.P. jacketed bullet. Before you decide this is a fiction story, test the two loads yourself. My tests were with the same fourinch barrel S & W .357 gun. Velocity is more





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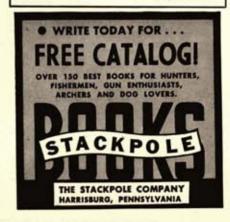
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important than bullet design in these loads. For the tests we decided that penetration of 1/8" cold rolled steel plates at 12 feet would be considered "excellent". Two plates were set up, spaced one inch apart. The commercial loads tested were: standard .38 Special lead; W.R.A. 9mm Luger; Remington .357 Hi-Speed M.P.; .38 Super automatic; G.I. .45 ACP steel jacket; Super-X .45 ACP M.P.; Super-X .357 lead; Super-X .357 M.P.; Remington .44 Magnum lead; and Super-X



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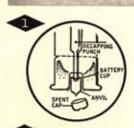
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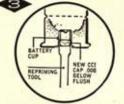
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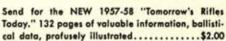
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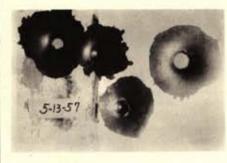


Plate of 1/8" steel shows impact of .357 Super-X lead, Rem. .357 M.P. dent, Super-X .45 M.P. dent, and .44 Super-X magnum hole. Plate was 12' from gun.

The cartridges are listed with my evaluation of increasing performance. Only the last four completely penetrated the first steel plate. The .45 loads made dents less deep than the .38 Colt Auto, but were rated higher because of the heavier bullet and larger area dents. The G.I. round with a steel jacket is nearly equal to the Super-X M.P. bullet. The Colt .38 Super Auto gives almost identical performance as the underloaded Remington .357 Hi-Speed M.P. round.

Both .357 loads in Super-X made very decent dents in the second plate, with the M.P. bullet showing some slight advantage. The lead bullet is better for anti-personnel work, is effective enough to rake a car interior, and I'd choose it for general use. Dick Tracy and some movie and TV characters



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No metal penetrating bullets are supplied in .44 Magnum loads and tests indicate they are not actually needed. The heavy bullets in both makes smashed through the first plate, making great gaping holes and huge, deep dents in the second plate. The whammy on the second plate looks about like a .44 Special dent on the first plate, Super-X make has a bit more power, indicated by a larger hole and the bullet sheds more lead. The difference is slight, however, and cannot be compared with the Super-X advantage in 357 fodder.

Not only "what metal penetrating bullets to use," but "when to use them," is a matter for concern by police. One cycle officer I know is in the habit of loading his .357 with several standard lead bullets for close-in work, then carrying a couple of metal piercers in the last several chambers. His theory is good, but our tests showed the effect produced might not be that desired. Since the soft lead bullets showed up well on steel plates, the highway officer can load a full round that way and feel able to handle crooks or cars.

Either .44 Magnum load will certainly drive through the steel hood of a car and shatter the guts in a motor. Either will rake through doors, body or seats with power to spare. Tests were made with a four-inch barrel S & W .44 Magnum gun. A 61/2" barrel gives slightly better penetration, but hardly enough to justify packing the uncomfortable "Long Tom" for police holster use.

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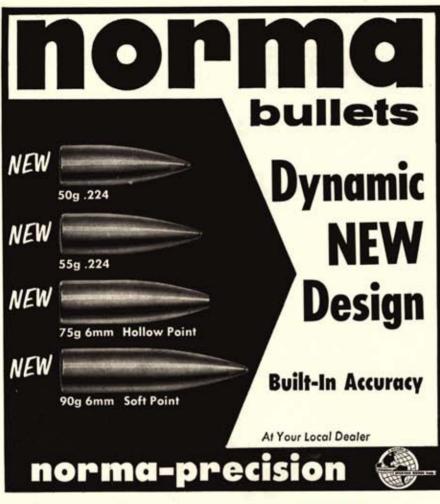
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The reports range from an absolute low of zero dollars, no expenditure at all for firing training for a force of 28 men employed by a sheriff's office in Colorado—to a high nine per cent of the budget spent for gun training in Richmond, Virginia.

Chattanooga, Tennessee, has no appropriation for police firearms training. Members of the Chattanooga police force must purchase their own ammunition, practice on their own time.

Concord, New Hampshire, spends \$375 a year for firearms training out of a police budget of \$177,613—about two tenths of one per cent.

Madison, Wisconsin, allocates \$4,500 for firearms training out a police budge of over \$1,000,000—less than half of one per cent.

The great city of Chicago, with well over 10,000 men in its police and detective forces, allots just \$23,000 for firearms training out of an annual budget of nearly \$55,500,000—less than one-half of one-tenth of one per cent! Lieutenant Bernard M. Dier, Rangemaster for the Chicago Police Department, says that the budgeted allotment for firearms training has not increased in recent years, is not sufficient for adequate training because of increased man-power and increased costs of ammunition.

Lieutenant Dier's report concerning the failure to increase firearms training allotments to meet increases in police personnel and increases of as much as 100 per cent in equipment costs, is echoed throughout the nation. Only 14 per cent of the enforcement agencies contacted by our survey report any increases at all, over the past few years, in firearms training funds. And of those reporting increases, all but a rare few state that the increases are not proportionate with growing needs.



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although more and more cities are beginning to realize the importance of what a wellarmed and well-trained officer can do with firearms. For many departments, larger police forces and rising costs mean less and less money is available to spend on firearms training than ever before. Some departments, of which the Miami, Florida, police is one, are attempting to offset this situation by reloading police ammunition. This helps; but the real solution is better allocation of funds by elected officials who make

Even though most of the police departments of the country aren't given enough money for proper firearms training, a change is taking place. More and more city officials are becoming aware of the importance of having well-trained, well-armed officers, who know how to use their weapons, on the force. Also, FBI assistance in helping sheriff and police departments set-up adequate firearms training programs is having its effect.

The New York State Police believe that firearms training, including competitive target shooting with their regular training, unquestionably affords a better background for combat-defensive shooting than any other type of practice.

Rhode Island, the smallest state in the Union, has one of the best training programs under operation for their State Police. The amount for shooting instruction has increased in recent years in order to absorb overall rising costs and give adequate firearms training. The Rhode Island state trooper's weapon is the .45 Colt New Service revolver. Upon completion of training and appointment to the department, all personnel must compete in an annual qualification pistol match which includes slow-fire target shooting with combat shooting over a course patterned after the FBI layout which has proved so successful.

This training has paid off. A Rhode Island state trooper receiving a radio broadcast giving the description of a holdup man and the car he was using, observed the wanted car is it ignored a police order to halt at a road blockade. The trooper swung his cruiser across the narrow roadway to erect a blockade which prevented the wanted car from continuing. This action forced the operator, now under police gun fire, to abandon the car and flee on foot. The chase continued for approximately 700 feet. Then the suspect suddenly turned, faced the trooper and drew a gun from his right hand pocket. At this point, the trooper fired a well placed shot into the suspect's right hand, dislodging the gun before the holdup man had an opportunity to raise or fire it. This suspect was later identified by the victim of the holdup.

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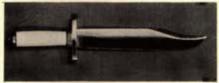


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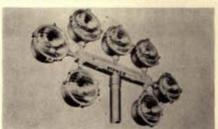
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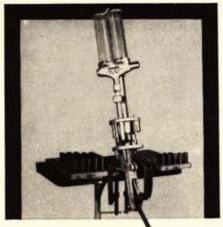
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### WHOSE FAULT IS IT?

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Some sheriff's departments are doing much not only to train their own men, but to help other local law enforcement groups. Sheriff Charles C. McCloskey, Jr., sheriff of Chautauqua County, New York, and a former FBI agent, knows the importance of good firearms training. Police officers from eight town, village, and city departments in the county have attended three 50-hour courses in basic police training a the sheriff's office in Mayville, the county seat. The program is sponsored jointly by the Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police Association of the state and the FBI. A 16-hour course in firearm instruction is given.

Police departments with little or no budget allotments for firearms training can increase their knowledge and protection to the community by setting up a training program in conjunction with local pistol, rifle or shot gun clubs. Sportsmen's organizations usually have facilities that could be used for training.

Night firing and gun handling in darkness conditions should be taught. Some police departments have found that training with gas-powered pistols and rifles, over short 25-ft. ranges is highly effective. They can actually train in almost any 25-ft. room with maximum safety and convenience. Men can keep in constant practice all year, and they can practice for a total cost of less than one-half cent a shot.

There are many departments which have veteran police officers who have never had ample opportunity to train with revolvers. The need for adequately equipped ranges, indoor and outdoor, to be used for both training and recreational purposes, is well known to all modern law enforcement agencies. The cost of construction of an indoor range need not be prohibitive. By utilizing the individual skills of the member of the department such as carpenters, bricklayers, mechanics, electricians, etc., overall costs can be limited almost to that of the materials alone. Civic organizations, rifle and pistol clubs, manufacturing and construction concerns have in the past contributed money, materials and advice to expedite the construction of such a project, Farsighted individuals in these organizations realize the ultimate value of an indoor range to the overall good of the community. The facilities of an indoor range, when supervised by the police range officer and made available to the public for special competitive matches, is conducive to better relations between the community and the police department. In addition, both regular and reserve officers receive constant instruction in the use and maintenance of firearms.

It is important that the elected officials, who control the police budgets, be made to understand the importance of this training to them and the citizens they represent.

There is no such thing as first-class protection at no cost. Don't blame the policeman if he is not a master marksman—look at your police budget. If it does not include proper allocation of funds for police firearms training—remember that fact in your next election.

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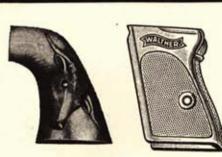
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## GUNS OF THE THIEF-TAKERS

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for keeping the peace. Tactically similar to the English single shot flintlock pistols, the French pistols, models of 1763, 1777, and several patterns designed in the Napoleonic era, were used with a solid round lead ball of about 70 caliber. While a good modern officer skilled in target shooting can group his shots within the profile of a man at 200 yards, using .38-44 Hi-Speed or Magnum ammunition, the best accuracy obtained in recent tests with one of these late 18th century smoothbores was a pattern at 200 yards some thirty feet high and 200 feet wide, spotted against a cliff.

Predecessor in America of the uniformed, organized patrolman was the "watch." New York's first police department was set up in 1658 by Dutch colonists, who maintained watchmen under the control of the local burgomaster. When New York passed to English control, the watchmen's association continued, operating under a high constable and subsconstables, equivalent to commissioner and captains. Watch houses protected main roads against highwaymen. Firearms were stored there for issue in extreme conditions. In the middle 1600's, matchlock military muskets and some few snaphance pistols, using a snapping flint to strike sparks and flansh the charge, were the "main battery" of police power.

Loosely organized, untrained, poorly disciplined, the watch was held in low esteem by the public. Internal disputes hampered self-improvement. Carrying great coat pistols by the gentry was common practice. Around 1800, a handgun was as much a part of the garb of the day in New York as was the revolver in Dodge City eighty years later.

Then, in 1844, New York provided for a "day and night" police, and the era of the uniformed patrolling officer, armed and on a professional basis, began. During the next few years similar police departments were set up in other cities but it took until 1856 to gain administrative agreement even on the type of uniforms to be worn.

Colt and Remington had improved police firearms. Colt's "pocket model 1849" fiveshooter was issued in a special short-barrel version for police use. Made without a loading lever, these little guns were loaded by the officer in the watch house, then carried in his pocket on duty. Belt holsters for revolvers were brand new in 1856. The "pocket model" was carried only in the pocket. Remington's small .36 caliber revolvers, bigger than the Colt .31", were also popular, while farther west the distributors of the Moore tit-fire cartridge revolvers gained the approval of the chief of police of Cincinnati as an endorsement for their under-powered arms.

In 1861, Federal General Benjamin Butler, at the head of Massachusetts volunteers, marched into Baltimore, Mr. Butler quelled the disturbances in "this most miserably governed city" and his provost marshal raided the police stations and removed all their military muskets to an armory for storage.

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Formal policing became pretty informal west of the Mississippi in the post-Civil War era. Practically any gun that would shoot was used either in the commission or suppression of crime. Vigilantes found the Navy Colt useful, but everything from a tiny pocket .22 Smith & Wesson up to big .44 and .45 revolvers of a dozen makes were in use. Law enforcement officer James B. "Wild Bill" Hickok on various occasions used an Adams .45 revolver (a licensed copy made in Belgium of the English design), a Smith & Wesson tip-up .32, a percussion pepperbox pistol (he was buried with one), and a pair of white-handled six-shooters which may have been either Navy Colts or Army .44's. Wyatt Earp, Bill Tilghman, John Slaughter, and hundreds of lesser-known lawmen used a variety of small arms. But in old pictures of the western lawmen one thing seems to stand out, though debunkers of today would have it otherwise. The short-barreled "civilian" model Frontier Colt, usually bright plated or engraved, with pearl or ivory grips, was a high favorite. Popular also in its day was the double action Colt Lightning .38 and the Thunderer .41.

At the turn of the century some changes were made. Colt's had developed a solid frame side-swing .32 revolver, and 20 of these in single action were ordered by New York police commissioner Theodore Roosevelt for the officers to try. But they preferred the double action "Colt's New Police," since evolved into the Police Positive series.

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emerald isle into Eire and Ulster set off the centuries-old "troubles" and in the 1920s everything that could shoot was dusted off, sent to the gunsmith for repair, then used by loyal sons of Erin to fling lead at the British.

In 1920 the Home Office passed the Firearms Act. While it supposedly struck a death blow at the freedom movement in Eire, it mainly changed the IRA's sources of supply. After the Firearms Act (superseded in 1937 by another Act), which required permits to possess rifled-bore guns, including revolvers, pistols, and shoulder rifles of whatever nature, and the ammunition therefor, commercial arms to the outlawed Irish Republican forces were stopped. Seeking for supplies, the IRA found it easier and faster to knock over a police barracks and steal the munitions stored there. Webley & Scott had developed a neat 9mm automatic pistol adopted by London's Metropolitan Police. But when the IRA commenced slugging individual policemen for their sidearms, the issue of pistols to police constables was discontinued. The people of England also remained disarmed. Meanwhile the IRA, in disfavor in Free Eire now, continues its clandestine raids on police and military barracks to get small arms. And today, the police radio effects captures short hours after the incident.

In Germany, some unusual guns mark the recent historical development of police firearms. In the days of the Weimer republic, after the peace treaty of Versailles, manufacture of pistols in 9mm caliber was forbidden. For police, Luger pistols were rebuilt to factory-new standards, date stamped 1920 on the receiver beside the wartime date. These Lugers may bear police issue stamps on the grip frame. Civilian arms makers produced pocket pistols with police applica-tions: Walther's "PP," or "Police Pistol," is the best known. Walther listed the gun as "Zum sport, zum schiess, zum dienst," for sport, target, and "office" or police use. One lot of Walther PPs in .32 and 9 mm caliber was made for a city police department, stamped "PDM." They are distinguished by having a bottom magazine latch instead of the side button release.

During the 1930s the Nazis issued a curious police training manual. Titled substantially "Gun Handbook for the Policeman," the monograph described German handguns, machine guns including the MG08 and light, bipod MG08/15, and Czech pistols and machine guns. The march of the Nazi legions into the Sudetenland in 1938 explained finally to any querelous German police officers just why they were supposed to bone up on handling Czech police weapons.

Today the development, the change in police arms goes on. New revolvers, new calibers, have been introduced and the police officer is faced with new decisions on the "right equipment." In evaluating arms for police duty there is an important guide rule to go by. "The function of the police in a perfect system of civil administration," says W. Wyatt Paine, noted criminologist and jurist, "should be to curb the liberty of the subject only when it degenerates into license -and any material variation from the standard is to be deprecated as being arbitrary and tyrannical."

In a stake out for a noted cop-killer, adherence by the law enforcement officer to this almost dream-world concept is difficult indeed. But in evaluating weapons and their applicability to police needs, this is a rule that must be followed, as long as there is to be a free society. Good police administration has made it possible for men to live in freedom under law. Bad police power has destroyed empires.



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