

## Liliput Blank-Cartridge Pistol

A small pistol, stated to have been taken from a German SS trooper during World War II, is marked on the right side of the slide LILIPUT KAL 6,35 MODELL 1, and on the left side NUR FÜR SCHRECKSCHUSS PAIR. At top of the grip plates is a medallion made up of the letters AM overprinted, in a wreath.

There is a slot at the end of the slide, through which the bullet travels after leaving a one-inch long unrifled barrel. The owner and I found by firing that the slot reshapes the bullet passing through, flattening it down to a thickness less than half the original diameter. The bullet starts tumbling immediately after leaving the gun. Apparently this pistol was made to inflict a horrible wound.

Please give available information and collector value of this pistol.

**Answer:** Examination will show that the actual marking on left side of the pistol described is NUR FÜR SCHRECKSCHUSS PATR. This is best translated into English as ONLY FOR BLANK CARTRIDGES. The gun was never meant for any kind of cartridge having a bullet, and you and your friend firing bullets in it were lucky not to have suffered serious injury.

The grip insignia indicate the pistol was made by Waffenfabrik August Menz, Suhl, Germany.

As 6.35 mm. (.25 ACP) blank cartridges are not easily obtainable in this country, the pistol can only be considered a curiosity of uncertain value.

This incident illustrates the extreme importance of understanding the markings on a gun, and the correct ammunition for it, before firing it.—W.D.

## T275 Match Ammunition

A cartridge collector has obtained a 20-round cartridge box labeled 7.62 mm. T275E3. What is this unfamiliar ammunition?

**Answer:** The 7.62 mm. T275 series was made up of certain special match ammunitions, distinguished from the more widely known 7.62 mm. M118 Match.

The numerous historical cal. .30 special match ammunitions were produced for Olympic, International, and Palma competitions, the first two being fired at 300 meters and the Palma at long range. The 7.62 mm. T275's were made for Olympic and International competitions. As in these 300-meter types in cal. .30, the T275 series of loadings changed from year to year, swinging back and forth between 2200 f.p.s. and the highest practicable velocities according to desires of the U. S. rifle teams.

The loads, velocities, and target dispersions of all the cal. .30 special match ammunitions, and of the 7.62 mm. special match through T275E4, are tabulated in the comprehensive article "The Cal. .30 Cartridge In Match Competition" by Col. B. R. Lewis, THE AMERICAN RIFLEMAN, Sept. 1969, pp. 42-47.

The T275 series eventually reached T275E5. It was never given an M designation as standard, however, and is no longer produced.—E.H.H.

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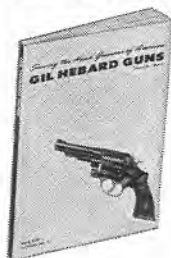
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