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1140 WILLIAM STREET. NEW YORK, January 27, 1906.

Brig. Gen. William Crozier,

Chief of Ordnance, U.S. Army,

Washington, D.C.

General:-

SUBJECT: SPECIAL AMMUNITION FOR LUCKE-AUTOMATIC-PISTOL, CAL. 9 mm.

Referring to our recent conversation, I have the honor to inform you that with the S. S. "ALBAHO" which sailed from Hamburg on the 17th instant, there were shipped to the Commanding Officer, New York Arsenal, Governors' Island, New York Harbor, the following:

1 sink-lined case, marked D. W. & M. N°1, containing:-

2 Luger-Pistols, cal. 9 m/m, with two extra magazines each
and also 1 set accessories each.

1 sink-lined case, marked D. W. & M. N°2, containing:-

1000 cartridges, cal. 9 m/m with new double projectile,

200 " " 9 m/m " normal projectile, for comparison in regard to function and effectiveness...

Although this shipment had been laying in Hamburg for several weeks past, it could only go forward with this slow steamer, as no other class of vessels, would take this cargo, and on account of the well-known difficulty of placing ammunition shipments. As the S.S. "Albaho" is due in New York harbor about the 30th inst, will

Now kindly send instructions to the Commanding Officer, New York Arsenal, to forward the shipment to Frankford Arsenal, where, according to your desire, the tests with the new ammunition should take place. --

Since your visit to our Berlin factory, on September 23rd, 1905, Mr. Luger has changed the new projectile for the purpose of preventing the jacket from being stripped off from the other part of the bullet, the projectiles having been crimped and the other part so changed that an absolutely incontestable patent will be obtained, all of which necessitated some experimenting, and consequently some unforeseen delay. --

Now, however, Mr. Luger has succeeded -- according to the German Government which has adopted the Luger Pistol, cal. 9 m/m -- to obtain, together with the most perfect hand-firearm in existence, a projectile whose stopping-effect on human beings is far beyond that of the largest revolver, incapacitating the enemy like a stroke of lightning. -- As you know, General, Mr. Luger is not in favor of increasing the caliber from 9 m/m (38) to 11 m/m (44), for the reason that, with a still larger caliber than 9 m/m, not only the weight of the arm and ammunition increases, -- thus decreasing the amount of ammunition which can conveniently be carried, -- but mainly because, with a larger caliber the "kick" is so much greater, thus diminishing the precision of the weapon, which superior hitting capacity is the essential advantage of the LUGER AUTOMATIC PISTOL over the revolver. --

On this subject, by the way, Mr. Luger has written me such a highly interesting letter, especially in view of the experiences of the Russo-Japanese War and of the opinion of other military authorities, that I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a translated

Extract of his letter, as I think that this will also be of the greatest interest to you.

As I understood from our various conversations, it is your intention, that after you have decided the question what kind of bullet to determine on, you would then decide the question regarding the adoption of an automatic pistol, inviting - after the completion of the tests with projectiles - all the constructors of automatic pistols for comparative tests; and, as you will see from the enclosed extract of Mr. Luger's letter, he is ready to again come to America for this purpose.

Meanwhile I would be very grateful to you, if you would kindly have the tests with our new projectile take place at Frankford Arsenal, if possible, in the week from February 5th to 10th, as I should like to be present at these tests, for the reason that on the 12th prox. I shall again have to make a trip to the West.

Awaiting your kind orders in this respect, I beg to remain, General,

Yours very respectfully,

H. F. Farnham

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3rd Endorsement
BY CHIEF OF ORDNANCE
Washington, Jan. 12, 1907.
Respectfully referred
Commanding Officer of
Frankford Armory, request-
transmission to the Board
Officers ordered convened
Special Orders No. 305,
Washington, December 26,

order of the
Chief of Ordnance:

W. H. Miller

r, Ord. Dept., U. S. A.

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in dup. accomp.

To the Board

Frank L. Phillips

Colonel, Ord. Dept., U. S. A.

Com. Farnham