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The owner of the following described items, unless otherwise noted, was a Captain in the G-2 section of the 11th Armored Division which division captured the city of Zella-Mehlis, Germany. During the interrogations of Fritz Walther, President of the Walther Weapons Company located at Zella-Mehlis, the Captain was informed by the President, Fritz Walther that he had not turned in his personal guns and equipment at his home that day. Thereupon, the Captain told him that he would go to his home the next day to pick up these items..

The next morning the Captain and his Master Sergeant, Robert Snell (now residing in LaVerne, California) did go to the President's home and picked up the items that were to be turned in.

Thereafter, the Captain and his sergeant took the items to the Division G-2 Section and a rifle was selected by Col. Wm. Slagden, Division G-2 now residing in Knoxville, Tennessee, another rifle was selected by Major Harry Douglas, Assistant G-2, whereabouts unknown and a final rifle by Sergeant Snell. The rest of the items were retained by the present owner.

A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF TENNESSEE )

COUNTY OF )

SS:

I, William Slayden, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and state that I reside at 611 Kenesaw Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37919.

That I was a colonel in the G-2 Section of Division Headquarters of 11th Armored Division.

That I was in charge of the G-2 Section when the 11th Armored Division captured the town of Zella Mehlis, Germany.

That Clemens A. Werner was a captain in my section and I well and personally know that he and Master Sargent Robert Snell, who was in charge of my section, went to the home of the president of Walther Weapons factory and that they received from him the rifles, revolvers and other items that he was to turn in; that such items were brought by Werner and Snell to G-2 Section. At that time, Captain Werner asked me if I was interested in a rifle and I made a selection from the rifles that Werner had.

I also recall that a rifle was selected by Maj. Harry Douglass, my Assistant G-2.

Further this affiant sayeth ~~that~~ that the entry below is a true copy of the Apr. 5, 1945 entry in his personal diary.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me by William Slayden this

18 day of July, A.D., 1980.

Joan E. Houghton  
Notary Public in and for the State of Tennessee

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"Thursday, April 5, 1945.

We moved our Command Post to ZELLA MEHLIS today which is the city in which is located the Walther Arms factories. The town is only a few kilometers southeast of STEINBACK HOLBERG and we moved on account of a change in division boundaries. Our Hq occupies the former City Hall. Upon our arrival here, as is customary, we ordered all weapons and cameras turned in. I've never seen so many fancy and curious types of firearms in my life. --".

A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF IOWA       )  
                          ) SS;  
COUNTY OF SCOTT    )

I, Clemens A. Werner, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and state that I was a Captain in G-2 Headquarters of the Eleventh Armored Division and that on April 5, 1945, the G-2 Section of Division Headquarters of the Eleventh Armored Division moved into Zella Mehlis, Germany, being a town that said division captured.

That during the evening of April 5, 1945, I interrogated a man who represented himself to me to be the President of Walther Weapons Factory and, my recollection is, that his name was           Walther.

That during the interrogation this gentleman told me he had not turned in his weapons, pistols, knives and swords as he was told to do and that they were in his home.

I told this gentleman that the next morning I would call at his home to pick up the items that he was to turn in.

Accordingly, the next morning, being April 6, 1945, Master Sargent Robert Snell, who was the top non-com in our G-2 Section and I took a Jeep to this gentleman's home and then and there loaded up the Jeep with the rifles, pistols, knives and swords that he had intended to turn in the previous day but had not accomplished.

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The balance of the items were retained by me and were in my possession until the end of the war. Thereafter, the various items that I retained which were taken from the home of Mr. Walthers were mailed or delivered to my home in Walcott, Iowa,

and from and after my discharge from the service in November, 1945, they have been in my continuous possession.

Attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A" and by this reference made a part hereof, is an inventory of the various items that were received by me from the household of the President of the Walther Weapons Fabric on April 6, 1945.

To the best of my recollection, the foregoing is true and correct in all respects.

Further this affiant sayeth not.

Thelma T. Odell  
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Thomas L. Myers  
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Witnesses to Signature

Clemens A. Werner  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me by Clemens A. Werner this 6th day of August, A.D., 1980.

Lillian J. Kunz  
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Notary Public in and for the  
State of Iowa.

EXHIBIT "A"

1. Over and under rifle with scope.
2. Side by side rifle and shotgun with scope.
3. Double rifle with scope mounts.
4. Drilling; shotgun-rifle combination with scope mounts.
5. Drilling; shotgun-rifle combination.
6. Steyr-Oesterr Waffensabr rifle with scope.
7. Walther Model 9 with holster.
8. Walther Model PPK-22.
9. Walther Model PP-32. Cased.
10. Walther Olympia-Pistole-22.
11. Walther Model MP-PP-9MM. *7/5008*
12. Zenit air pistol.
13. Walther Olympia-Pistole-22. Cased presentation.
14. Mauser Broomhandle with stock.
15. Mauser Broomhandle with stock.
16. Two miniature rifles and one pistol.
17. Sword and scabbard. Heyersburg & Co.
18. Sword and scabbard. W Gunther, Dresden.
19. Two Nazi daggers.

This completes the articles from the Fritz Walther home.

*I HAVE COLOR PICTURES OF ALL THESE  
ITEMS FROM WHEN THEY WERE IN MY SHOP  
ON CONSIGNMENT. BOB SIMPSON*