

1 Bock Ejektorflinte Mod 201E *Spinn*
 mit Büchsenflinten Einlegelauf
 mit Doppelbüchsen Einlegelauf *Herrmann*

Com.	Gewehr-Nr.
420	21158

Lauf: 72 mm Kal 12/65
 12/65
 65 mm Kal 12/65
 8x75R
 66 mm Kal 8x75R
 8x75R
 bestellt bei: L. H. am: 14.7.33 geliefert: 21.7.33

System: Mod 201E
 50er Tasten
 vorderer Abzug mit Stecker
 Auslöser
 Meister: Karl Lehmann 4.8.33 geliefert: 25.8.33
 Schaft:

40 78
 5
 ohne Bohre 365
 8
 27.8.33
 31.8.33

Fernrohr: deutsches Lager *Prüfung* Langer Übergang #45518
 wird geliefert von: *Leopold* und Doppelbüchsenlauf
 Montage: auf Mitte mit Tunnel
 Visierung: Würfelvisier f. 8
 Handvisier f. 8

Einschießen: 12/65 deutsche Munition
 8x75R 4,6 gr Pulver etc. 1 & 30^{mm} per Rundkopf
 Flachkopf und Vollmantel. 14,7 g
 Gravur: 201E
 engl. mit Jagd grau geätzt
 nur unsere Fa als Lieferant

Sonstiges:
 2.9.33
 1034
 11.11.33

Liefertermin:
1.9.33.



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Director

DICK A. KING
Colonel USA, Ret.

12 October 1965

Home Address

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Boise, Idaho

Mr. A. J. Flood
24141 Summerhill
Los Altos, California

Dear Jim:

This letter acknowledges our telephone conversation on 10 October relative to the Gebruder Merkel combination over/under of Air Marshal Herman Goering's.

In order to take maximum security precautions, I have elected to have made a wooden shipping box that will be cushioned so that no damage will be incurred during shipment. I will place the gun in the hands of the Railway Express Agency on 13 October so delivery should be made within two days. I am addressing the box to Major General Frederick L. Anderson, USAF at 168 Eleanor Drive, Woodside, California.

Mr. Grover Wilson of the Zellerbach Paper Company, Spokane, Washington who was G-2 of the 3rd Infantry Division and I, as G-4, obtained all of Herman Goering's guns in his home in the village of Berchtesgaden. It was quite an experience as Emma, Herman's wife was there at the time. Since Grover was more interested in his cameras, liquor, etc; I naturally spent my time with the guns. I gave two to Major General Iron Mike O'Daniel commanding the Division, Wilson has two, Iron Mike gave one to General Eisenhower and one to Lt. General Ham Haislip. I gave one to Charles E. Johnson who was Chief of Staff and I kept the best 5.

This combination was the only one with the English Box Leather fitted case and by far the most valuable as well as being Herman Goering's favorite.

As I mentioned, I have Air Marshal Balbo's official photograph album that was presented to him by Air Marshal Goering during the Italian Generals visit to Germany in 1939. This album is quite valuable and I am removing one photograph showing Herman Goering shooting the over/under during the visit. In the event General Anderson would like to look at the album I will ship it to him.

I retired from the Regular Army on 1 August, 1963 from the Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia and decided to locate in the Boise area. In the event you come this way, I will be happy to show you my collection of guns. I should say battery as all are mint and run from flintlock to moderns.

Sincerely yours,

CIVIL DEFENSE -- "A MIGHTY FORCE FOR PEACE"

DICK A. KING Colonel U. S. A. Ret.

HEADQUARTERS THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION

C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-E

1. I certify that I have personally examined the items of captured enemy military equipment mailed by Lt Col Dick A. King, that the trophy value of such items exceeds any training, service or salvage value; that they do not include any explosives, and that the mailing thereof is in conformity with the provisions of Section III, Circular 353, War Department, 31 August 1944, and the existing regulations of the Theater Commander.

2. I further certify that the items mailed do not include any firearms capable of being concealed on the person, or any parts of firearms.

3. The items referred to are:

1 Shotgun with two additional barrels

Complete with Leather Case
and 2 telescopic Sights

Dick A King
DICK A, KING
Lt Col, G.S.C.,
AC of S, G-4

R. L. Wilson

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Air Marshal Herman Goering's
Triple-Barrelled Cased Set of
Gebruder Merkel/Suhl
Over and Under Sporting Shotgun,
Rifle and Shotgun, and Rifle.
Complete with Three Sets of Carl Zeiss
Quick-Detachable Telescopic Sights
Deluxe Engraved with Game Scenes
and Scroll and Border Embellishments.
Featuring the Sterling Silver Inlaid
Personal Crest of Air Marshal Goering
12 Gauge and 8x75mm Caliber
Serial No. 21158

Placing an appraised value on something as rare and historic as Air Marshal Goering's favorite hunting set is difficult and challenging. However, a note of comparison: The Holland & Holland Double Barrel Rifle (.500/.450 caliber) of Theodore Roosevelt has been appraised at \$5,000,000. It is presently insured with Lloyd's of London at that figure.

If only in comparison with the Roosevelt Rifle, one could ascribe a value at the least well into six figures for Air Marshal Goering's Merkel Cased Set.

R. L. Wilson

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Personal Crest of Air Marshal Goering
on the Forend.
Obtained by Lt. Colonel Dick A. King, U.S.A.
from Goering's Home at Berchtesgarden
1945

Complete with U.S. Army Documentation

The Finest Gun in Goering's Collection
and His Favorite Hunting Set

Had the Nazi's been able to be victorious, one major figure in their military hierarchy who could claim responsibility would have been Air Marshal Herman Goering. A professional of considerable brilliance, Goering held the respect of friend and foe. Personally, his passions included the great outdoors and sport-hunting. His collection of firearms was not large, but it was of fine quality.

His favorite of those personal firearms was the subject of the present letter: A triple-barrelled cased set of Merkel Brothers, Suhl, Over and Under Sporting Shotgun, an Over and Under Sporting Shotgun/Rifle Combination, and an Over and Under Sporting Rifle. Of exquisite quality, a description of these arms and their accessories is as follows:

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Air Marshal Herman Goering's Triple-Barrelled Cased Set of
Over and Under Sporting Shotgun, Rifle/Shotgun, and Rifle
Complete with Accessories.

Serial Number 21158

His Personal Crest Inlaid in Relief Sterling Silver
on the Forend

Over and Under Shotgun:

12 gauge; each barrel measuring 28 5/16".

Solid rib, with matted top. Front sight an ivory bead.

Left side of barrel lug engraved: GEBRUDER MERKEL

SUHL

Right side of barrel lug engraved: SUHLER WAFFENWERK

Bottom of lower barrel marked with a number of symbols indicating proof-marking and other data, including the 12 for the proper gauge. Among these markings:

21158 12. BOHLER * STAHL Weichlot
SUHL [within a border] U [beneath a crown] Nitro MG monogram
and various other markings.

A sling swivel is mounted on the bottom barrel.

The forend is of split type, the upper section remaining affixed to the barrels' center-rib. The main forend -- that which is inlaid with the relief silver Goering crest, is shared by all three sets of barrels.

Barrels not made to accomodate telescopic sight attachment.

Over and Under Rifle/Shotgun Combination:

12 gauge top barrel; 8 x 75mm bottom rifle barrel; each barrel measuring 25-5/8".

Solid rib, with matted top. Front sight of steel, with small silver bead. Rear sight can be switched up for rifle use, or switched down for shotgun use.

The rib includes mounts for the telscopic sight attachment. All three sights will not attach to both barrels. Two sets of sights (serial numbers 46718 and 45568) will attached to the present Rifle/Shotgun combination barrels. The sights are described as follows:

No. 46718: Marked on top at breech: "Carl Zeiss/Jena" within a cartouche, above "Zielmar/Nr. 46718"

This sight appears to be 2x power.

No. 45568: Marked on top at breech: "Carl Zeiss/Jena" within a cartouche, above "Zielvier/No. 45568"

This sight appears to be 4x power.

Both sights are in fine condition, still quite serviceable, and finished black.

Barrel lugs marked as on Over and Under Shotgun set of barrels noted above.

Over and Under Rifle:

8 x 75m caliber for both barrels; the barrels each measuring: 26".

Fixed steel sights; the scope mount and rear of barrel with matted rib. This set of barrels designed so the telescopic sights will all fit; that being accomplished by their being three apertures for the mounts on the scopes to fit into position.

Marked on left and right sides of the barrel lugs as on the above noted sets of barrels.

Markings on bottom barrel (at bottom curvature):

21158 8x75 BOHLER * STAHL Weichlot
MG monogram

and various other markings

Inside the forend, on the steel, is the serial number 21158 and the MG monogram with a border.

On bottom of the forend (which was built to serve all three sets of barrels): Silver Inlaid and Relief Embellished Goering Crest, the oval shield depicting an armored arm holding a ring; at top of the shield an armorial helmet, the

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10 August 1990

Dear Larry:

The information that you requested as excerpted from:

U.S. Army. 3rd Division
History of the Third Infantry Division in
World War II -- 1947 (LCCN 47-12039)

Dick A. King is recorded as serving in the 3rd Infantry Division Artillery as a Major. He was elevated to the post of Asst. Chief of Staff, G-4 on 26 Feb 1944 as Lt. Colonel.

The Division, under the command of Major General Iron Mike O'Daniel, pushed into Southern Germany to finally arrive at the last position of the 3rd Infantry at Berchtesgaden.

The above work was published under the direction of Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2 Lt. Col. Grover Wilson.

From the Encyclopedia Britannica:

Herman Goering (Jan 12, 1893 - Oct 15, 1946)

1933 - Goering became Master of the German Hunt and of the German Forests.

1935 - He married actress Emmy Sonnemann.

Berchtesgaden (1983 pop. 8,146)

Main trade: Tourism

On the Obersalzberg 1,640 ft above the town (linked by a cable railway) were the chalets of Adolf Hitler (the Berghof), Hermann Goering, Martin Bormann and other Nazi leaders.

On the very top of the Mountain was Adolf Hitler's 'Eagle's Nest' (now a tearoom)

