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NOTE: MAUSER 7.63MM PISTOL, 1896

On 16 Nov 1899 a board of officers, chaired by Maj John E. Greer, convened at Springfield Armory for the purpose of testing three automatic pistols -- the Mauser self-loading, caliber 7.63mm; the Mannlicher automatic pistol, cal 7.6mm; and the Colt automatic, cal .38. The board recommended that the Mauser not be adopted for the service. The results of tests, board conclusions and justifications, and technical photos and descriptions are found on pp. 177-194 (with 14 plates) of the Report of the Chief of Ordnance, 1900 (Wash, DC: GPO, 1900; UF510.3A15).

Greer's board again convened 7 thru 9 Apr 1902, in order to again examine the Mauser, this time in the presence of Mauser manufacturing reps. Changes made in the intervening year and a half were explained. The board thereupon recommended the purchase of a number of the pistols for field testing. Its report went to the Board of Ordnance and Fortification through the Chief of Ordnance and Secretary of War. That board's finding was succinct: "No further tests be had at this time with the Mauser pistol." See pp. 235-239 of the Report of the Chief of Ordnance and Board of Ordnance and Fortification, 1902 (Wash, DC: GPO, 1902; UF510.3A15).

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