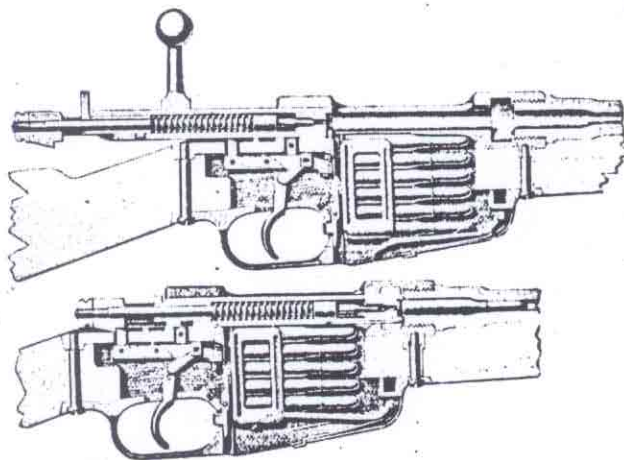


The Mannlicher System

While this system resembles that of a Mauser, it has some differences. The bolt lever is set farther forward than is customary with the Mauser system.

The principal difference, however, is in the magazine construction. There is no bottom plate covering the magazine opening as in the Mauser type. In place of the standard magazine, there is a spring-supported arm on the underside of the receiver. When the clip is loaded in from the top with its six cartridges, it compresses this spring arm so that the arm can force cartridges up into line as the bolt is worked. This arm presses against the cartridge case and not against the clip. As a result when the last cartridge has been chambered, the empty clip falls clear through the bottom opening.

Stripping. Turn down the retaining catch on the right side of the receiver, pull the trigger, and the bolt may be drawn back out of the weapon.



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Harold -

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Here is a description of the action of the clip after the last ~~round~~ round is cast into the chamber. You asked for this when I saw you.

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P.S. See also the enclosed picture of H. Day carrying the rifle.



SEE note on the back of this

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Harold —

Note the object indicated by the arrow on the reverse of this page. That definitely is the rifle clip sticking out of the bottom opening of the rifle.

I send this merely to indicate to you that the clip left the TSBD at the same time as the rifle. The clip is protruding somewhat from the rifle. Its normal position (when loaded) is all the way inside the magazine well.

It is not possible to say whether the clip is stuck in the rifle that Lt. Day is holding, or whether it is held there by gravity.

Other pictures also show the clip in this position (i.e. pictures of Day carrying the rifle from the TSBD).

Dick

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