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KILROY'S FOOTLOCKER



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On September 10, 2003 I inspected a group of color photographs of a handgun that were presented to me by [REDACTED].

After examining these photographs, it is my opinion that the images are of an original Walther P38 pistol that was manufactured in 1943. The construction and markings appear consistent with many other pistols of this type that I have examined over my 30 plus years as a collector and dealer in military memorabilia.

The ac43, serial number 1, pistol (the letters "ac" were the war-time code assigned to the Walther company in Germany) also carries the proper Waffenamt proofs (a national eagle along with the number 359) that were used by Walther during that period and it has the correct Army test proof.

I cannot attest to the originality of this firearm's finish since I have never personally inspected the actual gun so, again, my opinions are based solely on the photographs presented to me for inspection.

As stated, I have more than 30 years background as a collector and dealer in military memorabilia. I also have nearly 10 years experience as the curator of a regional history museum. I own and operate Kilroy's Footlocker, a military memorabilia business and website and I have authored a book, "The Brown Battalions" on pre-WWII Germany.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Hatch", written over a horizontal line.

Nicholas H. Hatch

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