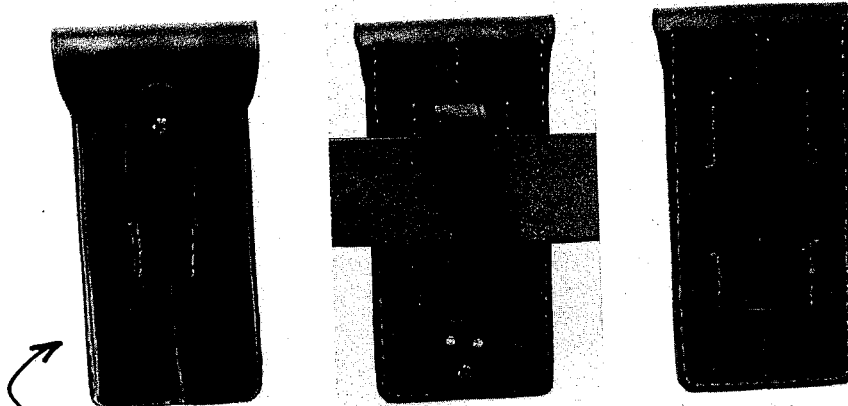


A standard Pistolentasche 1904, showing how the carrying strap was originally retained by loops attached to the back of the holster-body (i-iii). This system also sufficed for the magazine pouch (iv-vi). The pouch and the holster were both closed by a slit-and-stud system. Photos by courtesy of Edzard Schreiber, Bremerhaven, and Per Jensen, Maribø.



YOUR POUCH

Ⓟ LATER NAVY POUCH → NOT PORTO.

Though this suggests that there were to be 2,000 interim-model guns, no survivors have been encountered numbered above 1150 and acquisitions may only have been a few hundred. Unfortunately, though the official documents suggest that guns were to be used for training as early as 1905, no substantial ammunition allocation was made prior to Fiscal Year 1907/8.⁵

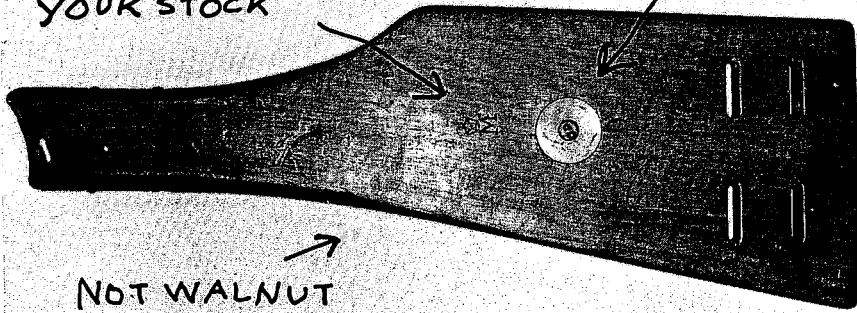
The Pistole 1904 was issued with a most distinctive stock, to which a leather holster was attached. The holster was made of smooth-faced black or blackened-brown leather, originally with a plain flap rather than the rain-proof 'bucket top' characterizing the later Pistolentasche 1908. The navy holster was closed by a simple slit-and-stud rather than a more sophisticated buckled strap. The spine carried a separate pocket for a cleaning rod, small side flaps protecting the rod-head, and the back of the body had two small loops for a leather carrying strap. The navy holsters could be fitted to the board-type shoulder stock by threading the carrying strap through the stock and retaining the holster-tip with a leather circler.

Navy holster/stock combinations were issued with a separate two-pocket leather magazine pouch, often with a pebbled finish. A brass marking disc was attached to the stock-side after 1910; previously, unit marks had simply been struck into the wood. The stock attached to a lug on the pistol's butt-heel and was locked by a sprung radial catch.

5. Earlier ammunition requirements, which would have been very small, were probably satisfied directly from commercial sources.

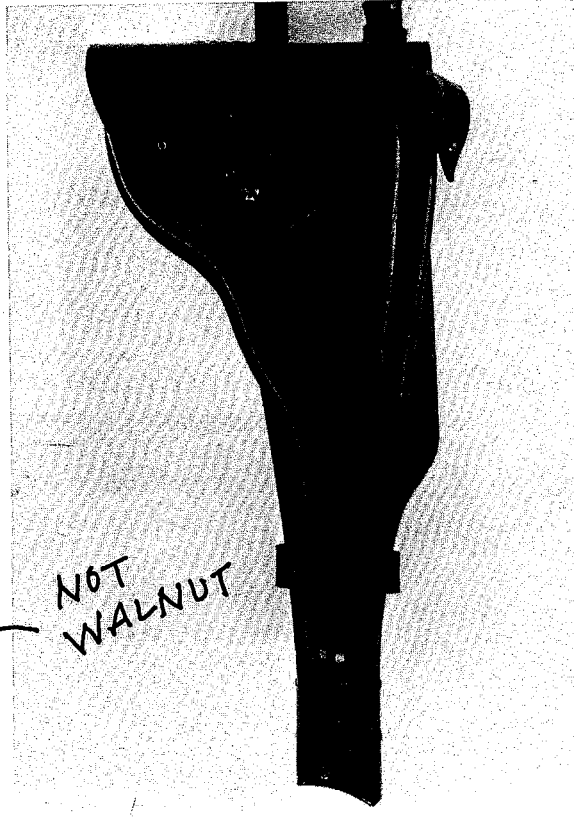
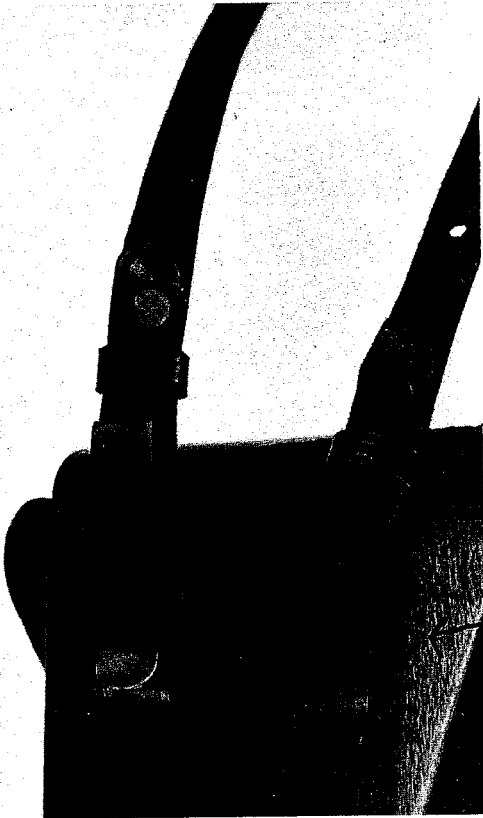
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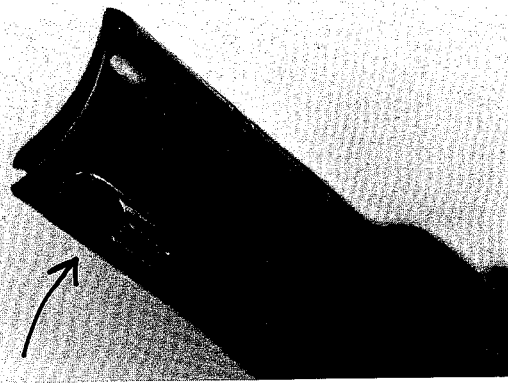
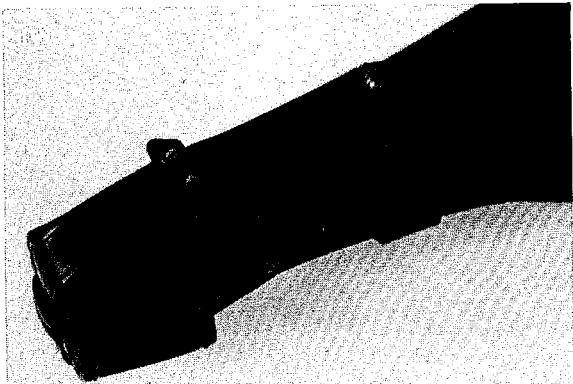


The holster was held to the board-pattern shoulder stock (i) by means of two straps (ii), one of which sometimes also had a belt-hook. The holster-tip was originally retained by a plain leather circlet (iii), to which a small stud was later added to accept a protector (iv) for the stock-iron (v). Photos courtesy of Edzard Schreiber, Bremerhaven.

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SAME ATTACHMENT DEVICE
AS YOUR STOCK