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Gun Registration — Inevitable?



## On The Cover

The legendary George S. Patton Jr. purchased the Colt Model P single action, pictured on this month's cover, in March 1916. He was then a second lieutenant, serving under General John Pershing, when "Black Jack" was chasing Pancho Villa through New Mexico and in Mexico itself. As a general in WWII, Patton still carried the gun as a personal sidearm.

## Question Policy

We respectfully request that readers enclose one dollar (\$1), either check or money order, and a stamped, self-addressed envelope with all letters requesting information of a technical nature. The sender's complete name and address must be on the letter and only one question may be submitted for each dollar. This research helps us pay the writer-experts for their time and letter-answering time. The most interesting letters and answers will be published, unless you state that you want your letter kept confidential.

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A few years ago I was on a grizzly hunt. My guide was a first rate gun nut and reloader and our conversations centered mostly, but not exclusively, around guns and shooting. We had been looking for a good boar and toward the shank end of the second day we almost bumped heads with a sow and her two cubs. We beat a hasty retreat and headed back to camp.

My guide was carrying a 7mm Remington Magnum with Nosler bullet reloaded. I was using a .340 Weatherby, also stuffed with reloads.

On the way to camp, we heard wolves howling from the river bed and we were hoping that one of them would offer us a shot. The wind was in our favor, there was just enough shooting light, and we were only about 300 yards from our tent. My guide was a few steps in front of me and on my left so that both of us could swing on a target of opportunity.

Suddenly he swung his rifle up. I could see him track a dark shadow in the bush and then, instead of the crash of the Big Seven, there was a click as the firing pin hit the primer and then the muted detonation of the primer.

My guide's face and his fluent stream of Anglo-Saxon profanity was too much for me — I burst out laughing. Of course, it would not have been funny if he had backed me up on a botched-up shot at the grizzly we had been seeking — and this was the round he had been carrying in the chamber for the past two days!

After chow we looked over his box of 18 reloads. Three of them, by weight guesstimate, didn't contain any powder. We pounded the neck of those cases on a rock, loosing the bullets — not a grain of powder! One fast glance at the cases before bullet seating could have prevented that dud and possible tragedy in the Yukon bush.

Double charges in rifle cases are rare, but are too frequent in handgun ammo. While shooting the NRA pistol course some years ago, a late arrival at the far end of the firing line blew a fine target .38 Spl. to bits.

More than half his remaining loads contained double charges. A section of the cylinder was imbedded in the wooden wall of the clubhouse, the other parts of the gun were never found, and miraculously, the guy was only shook up.

Moral: check your loads — before and after you seat your bullets!

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Pancho Villa-Merchant of Death!

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