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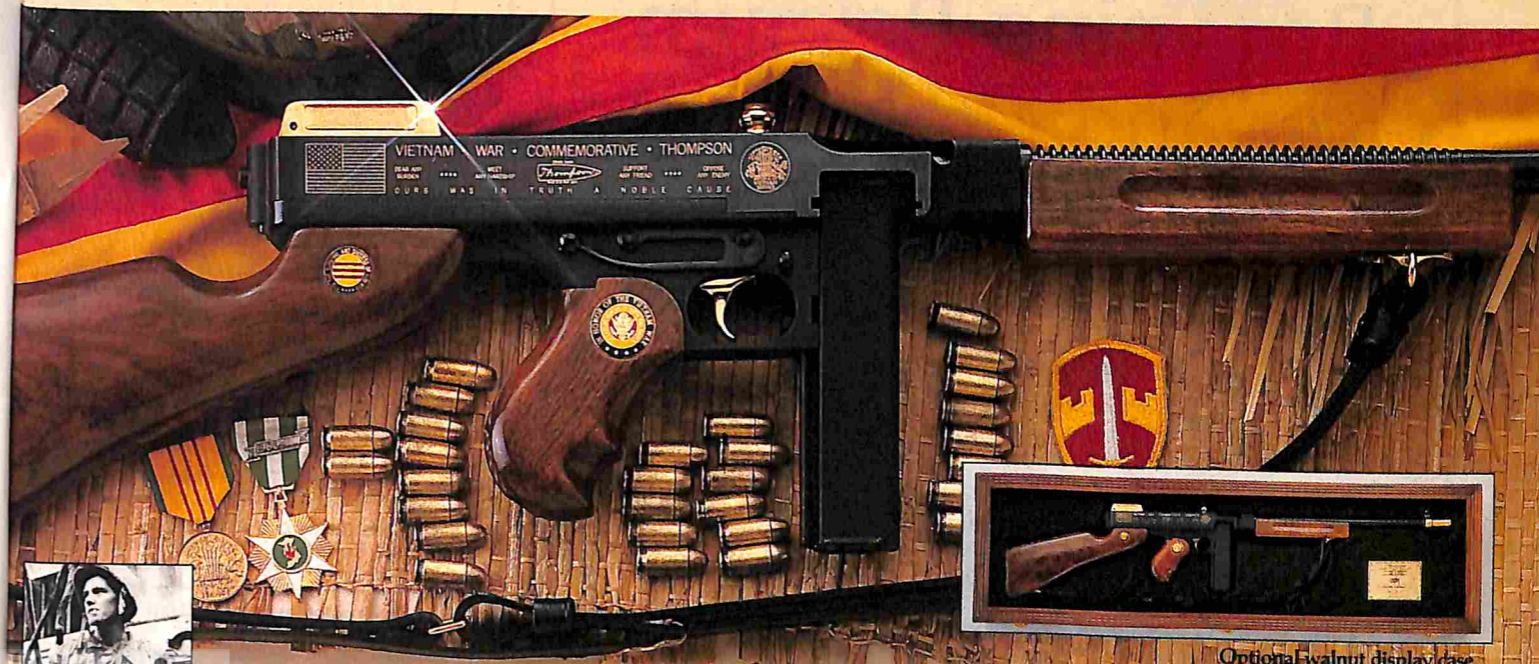
THE COVER: The Steyr AUG-SA (L) and the MAS .223 represent modern advances in bullpup design that have been adopted by Austria and France, respectively, as their standard military arms. The odd-looking bullpups, which owe their design to British engineering talent back in the '40s, are now available on the civilian market in semi-auto versions. For a look at the bullpup's coming of age, see Robert W. Hunnicutt's story on p. 30. Design by John Reid; photo by John R. Lamson.

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Highly Collectible

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