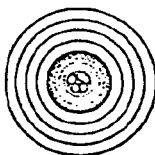


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Les Bowman
C/o L B Bar Ranch
South Fork, Cody, Wyoming

Dear Les:

Read your article in the June 1963 issue of Guns & Ammo on the XP-100 and 221 Fireball with interest. It is an excellent article.

The part about the sling you developed for the gun was especially interesting to us. As you will note by the enclosed copy of Patent #2,985,980, this idea had been worked out, a patent filed on October 14, 1959 by Duane K. Broshous, and the patent issued on May 30, 1961. We get into the picture because we are handling the manufacturing and distribution of this item for Broshous and Perry.

As you will note, the claims allowed by the Patent Office are rather wide in scope, and would definitely cover the sling shown in the Guns & Ammo pictures.

We now have a stock of the Handgun Slings on hand made up somewhat as a combination of the two methods shown in Figures 2 and 3 of Patent #2,985,980. That is, the large loop is placed around the neck and is adjustable, as shown in Figure 3. However, the small loop is placed around the thumb as shown in Figure 2. Thus it is not necessary to drill and tap the handgun to use the sling.

We intend to also make up a sling as shown in Figure 3, for use by those who are willing to drill and tap their gun to fasten the sling to the gun with a Q.D. Swivel.

If you want to try a sample of our Handgun Sling, we will be pleased to send you one. We would also appreciate it if you would mention that a Handgun Sling has already been made by us, and that they are in stock for immediate delivery. The list price of our Handgun Sling is \$2.95 each.

We had these Handgun Slings on display at the N.S.G.A. Show in Chicago this year. If you had stopped at our Booth and inspected them you could have saved yourself a lot of time and trouble in designing a Sling.

With best personal regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

FORSTER-APPELT MFG. CO., INC.

John Appelt
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JA/vs