**Errata Sheet to Luc Guillou’s “American Submachine Guns, 1919-1950”**

* pp. 8-10 - Misspelled Theodore Eickhoff’s name several times
* p. 10 - The Persuader was not “stripped of a buttstock” – The Persuader did not have a buttstock as a design feature
* p. 10 - The Persuader rate of fire was around 1500 rpm, not “almost 1000 rounds per minute”
* p. 14 – The paragraphs beginning with “The first three specimens,” and “It was only after the first No. 45” are incorrect in almost all regards
* p. 15 – Instead of “ground to air weapon,” it should be “air to ground weapon”
* p. 15 – The rounding of the actuator slot was made to ease manufacture, not to prevent cracks from forming
* p. 16 – A rattle round is not a “longer cartridge”
* p. 18 – IRA Thompson serial numbers were not “removed with a welding torch” – They were defaced by other means
* p. 18 – Hoover was not a policeman – he was a lawyer for the Justice Dept. before he became head of the FBI
* p. 18 – The “1923 Model” was not to be chambered in “9mm Bergmann-Bayard, 7.63 Mauser, and .351 SL with a bipod and able to receive a bayonet”– Author mistook Model of 1923 for BSA Thompsons
* p. 20 – Buttstock shown on 1923 model is not a 1923 buttstock – It is a normal 1921 buttstock – A 1923 buttstock is much straighter in profile
* p. 21 – This is probably the most glaring error in the book, and was likely caused by the Schiffer Military History folks who published this American version of Mr. Guillou’s work – Mr. Guillou demonstrates in his writing that he knows a Model of 1927 Thompson Semi-Automatic Carbine is not a West Hurley Model of 1927 Thompson, but yet there is a photo of a West Hurley noted as a “Rare example of a semi-automatic model of 1927 Thompson,” and the photo is credited to [www.gunauction.com.](http://www.gunauction.com.) Since Mr. Guillou’s photo was a close-up of the side of a Model of 1927 Colt, someone at Schiffer Military History who doesn’t know anything about Thompsons probably Googled for a full profile photo of a 1927, and found the West Hurley gun that is featured across the page. Lord have mercy!
* p. 22 – The statement, “Auto-Ordnance succeeded in placing one or two submachine guns in every municipal police station” is certainly inaccurate - They would have been a successful company, and sold out of inventory quickly, if that were the case - Instead, their inventory lasted until 1940, and the company was acquired by Russel Maguire at a substantial discount
* p. 26 – Should be “Oscar V. Payne” instead of “Thomas V. Payne”
* p. 29 – A West Hurley L-Drum is featured in the photo with all other items being of WWII era
* p.30 – Timeline has issues, and the NFA of 1934 did not “…forbad the ownership and the sale of automatic weapons to individuals” – If this were true, we would not be able to own Thompsons today under the NFA of 1934
* p. 30 – The statement that Marcellus Thompson convinced Russel Maguire to purchase Auto-Ordnance is incorrect
* p. 32 – Mr. Guillou indicates the 500 Colts that went to Sweden were overstamped, and marked "Model of 1928A1" – This is incorrect, and they were not marked in this matter
* p. 32 - It is incorrectly stated that the U.S. Army ordered 951 Colt Thompsons AFTER the French and Swedish orders - However, the U.S. order really occurred before both European orders, and came about just as Russel Maguire finalized the acquisition of Auto Ordnance in 1939
* p. 35 – The total of 5,625,111 1928 and 1928A1 Thompsons manufactured during WWII is completely erroneous – The number is more likely 1.5 million
* p. 40 - The myth that 2/3 of the Thompsons destined to Britain were sunk by German U-Boats was also unfortunately perpetuated in the book - The actual figure is around 4%, and is addressed with quantities, dates, and other specifics through footnotes and citations in Tom Davis' excellent book, "Great Britain: The Tommy Gun Story"
* p. 53 – the last paragraph on this page mentions a 40-round drum, which probably was meant to be a 39-round drum – It also mentions Auto-Ordnance taking over Numrich Arms, which did not happen