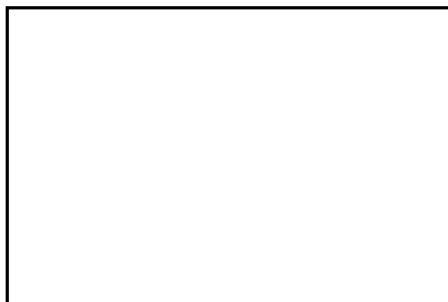


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In my continuing search for information pertaining to the war time distribution of the "Liberator" pistol I have obtained some additional information which I hope you might be able to clarify for me.

First, from the files of the Naval History Section I have obtained documentation that Naval Group China had 100,000 single shot .45 caliber pistols in its inventory in October 1943.

Then, from a recent book titled, "OSS" there is a statement which reads as follows..."...OSS was prepared to train and outfit 25,000 Yen-an guerrillas and to furnish Mao's Army with an additional 100,000 pistols." This was around December 1944.

From the way it reads it soundslike OSS had already furnished 100,000 of these pistols to Mao. But since SACO had 100,000 pistols and was taken over by OSS, could it be possible that the Navy Personnel in SACO gave out these pistols directly rather than OSS?

My information to date seems to indicate the following;

Admiral Miles of SACO gave out 100,000 pistols to the forces of Chiang Kai  
OSS gave out 100,000 pistols to Mao's forces...and then was ready to give  
out an additional 100,000 pistols to Mao's forces. Then somewhere in this  
period the U S Army received a goodly quantity to be used in the invasion  
of the Philippine Islands. Could you tell me if I have my facts correct?

Finally, could you tell me if OSS supplied arms to Yugoslavia during  
World War 2? I have also inclosed a copy of the letter from the War Museum  
in England which you may find interesting. You needn't return it.

Sincerely,

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The book referred to is

"OSS" by R. Harris Smith  
1972. Quote taken from

top of page 273 of that book.

