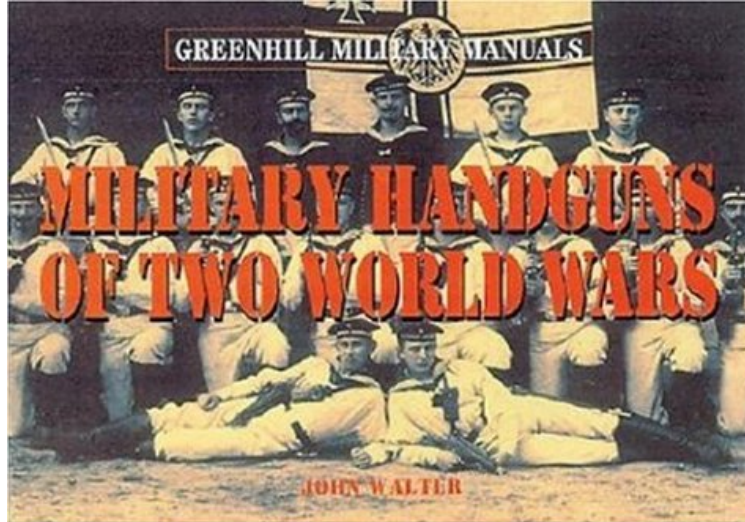




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About the Author John Walter is a respected authority on all aspects of weaponry and is the author of *The Luger Story* and *Rifles of the World*.