

A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS contributed by Dennis Lally

A couple of months ago while doing research on part of my collection I came upon a book review from the Classic Arms Review (attached). I followed the trail and discovered *Zbrojovka Brno, An Illustrated History* which is all about the Brno / CZ factory in Czechoslovakia from its inception in the Austro-Hungarian Empire to its success after WWI as armourer to the world, then the Nazi takeover and post WWII operating behind the Iron Curtain. Impressed by the review and the the price of €25 for a hard cover book, I sent an email to the author, Arthur Nutbey, in the Netherlands, requesting the price to NZ with shipping. A few days later I had a reply from Arthur and a quote of €25 plus €20 shipping, total €45 and a PayPal facility. I placed my order and made my PayPal payment. Exactly two weeks later I had this brilliant book. A most enjoyable read and excellent historical reference to supplement the more technical gun books in one's library.