



Above: Author, at left, is joined by Phil Lozano as they show the kudu taken by the author.

Below: Author, at right, and Hasaan show the waterbuck taken on the hunt.



depending upon the particular planned day's hunt. It was not uncommon to find yourself 70 to 80 miles from camp at dark with a two- to three-hour drive back to camp. A short break for refreshments and a rest by the fire, then to dine to the music of the hippos. I found that concluding dining provided just enough time for a hot shower, then off to bed for a maximum of six to seven hours of sleep.

The first two days of my safari were dedicated to searching for elephants, identifying good watering spots likely to produce leopard or lion, and locating animals for baiting the cats. By the end of the fourth day of hunting we had located both leopard and lion tracks in two very distant locations and had baited these locations with zebra, hartebeest and waterbuck.

The zebra was the pure black-and-white Burchell variety with a very unusual artistic pattern on the forehead that distinguished this zebra from others we had seen. A magnificent animal. The hartebeest was the Liechtenstein variety common to eastern Tanzania. The waterbuck was a very respectable trophy.

My firearm of choice for all my hunting, and particularly for African hunting, is the German-manufactured Blaser with interchangeable barrels. I use the .375 H & H Magnum and .300 Weatherby Magnum barrels and have had both equipped with the Answer Products muzzle break and recoil reducer. The rifle is a quality product with precision engineering. It is beautifully stocked and extremely lightweight. Best of all, it carries four rounds and can be fired with the approximate speed of a double. This is accomplished by a patented and unique chambering system with a zero-lift bolt. Chambering is lightning fast, and the rifle never leaves your shoulder nor do you lose sight picture while ejecting and chambering. The system makes this rifle well suited for hunting dangerous game at close quarters.

Both the zebra and waterbuck were taken with shots from 200 to 300 yards

