

Sanita, Dennis J.

From: Bristol, II Ronald H.

Sent: Monday, November 10, 1997 10:53 AM To: Jerry N. Landes

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Cc: Sanita, Dennis J.
Subject: RE: Rifle problems

Dear Sir:

We are as disturbed and concerned about your gun as you are. Please return the gun to the following address. They will take a look at the firearm, try and duplicate the problem of accidental discharge and perform a variety of other test on the guns safety and contact you. Please include the letter that you sent to me via e-mail with the gun.

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From: Jerry N. Landes[SMTP:jnl@vvm.com]
Sent: Friday, November 07, 1997 1:35 PM
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Mr. Bristol,

I have had a 25-06 cal. Remington Model 700 for approximately 15 years. Once, roughly 8 years ago, I had an accident with this rifle which could have been tragic. I was inside a cabin on a deer lease emptying the magazine after the day's hunt. The gun fired through the end of my cot, through a Coleman camp stove, and into the floor just behind my father-in-law. Needless to say, we were both shaken by this. Until recently, I have wondered how I could have been so careless as to have pulled the trigger while ejecting the shells (I never believed for a second that I did). I said "recently" because the same thing happened again last November. While getting ready to walk to my deer blind one morning, I chambered a shell and it fired into the ground in front of me, this time not too many feet away from one of my sons. It scared the whole group of us standing there in the early morning darkness.

I definitely knew that time that I had not pulled the trigger, even by accident. It made me think back to that first near miss. I truly believe now that the rifle is defective and I cannot trust using it any more. This year I am leaving it at home and hunting with a different gun. Although I observe gun safety as best I can, I don't feel comfortable having it around.

This brings me to my questions for you. Have there been any reports, recalls, or warnings regarding Model 700 rifles misfiring as I have described? What steps can I take to have the rifle checked out for the apparent defect? Does Remington Firearms have any program or policy regarding this situation.

I might also mention that I do reload my own shells; however, the two times that the rifle misfired, I checked the cartridges and they had a definite impact on the primer by the firing pin, just as if I had pulled the trigger. I hope you have some answers for me. That first mishap bothered me all those years, until the second time when I was able to eliminate my own carelessness as the cause.

Thank you for any help. I look forward to hearing from you. Jerry N. Landes

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