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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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Bridgeport, Connecticut
September 2, 1960

TO: R. H. COLEMAN - *Out of Town*
M. R. WARDEN

SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF MANUFACTURE - RIFLES CHAMBERED
FOR CALIBER 244 REMINGTON

Ref: Operations Committee Minute No. 7-1960

Attached page 12 of the referenced Minute, recites facts prompting a Committee recommendation for termination of manufacture of all rifles chambered for Caliber 244 Remington.

The status of Caliber 244 Remington rifles at Ilion is as follows:

Models 722-725

	<u>Estimated 1960 Sales</u>	<u>Balance To Ship 7-31-60</u>	<u>Warehouse Stock 7-31-60</u>	<u>Excess Guns 1-1-61</u>
Model 722	500	168	85	0
Model 725	222	94	196	150

In addition, there are approximately four hundred barrels in process which have been chambered and as such are committed, of which one hundred will be used to complete the 1960 requirement.

Model 740-760

The 244 caliber was dropped from the line January 1, 1960 on the basis of listing until stock on hand was exhausted. There are no Model 760 guns in process or in the warehouse. The status of the Model 740 guns is as follows:

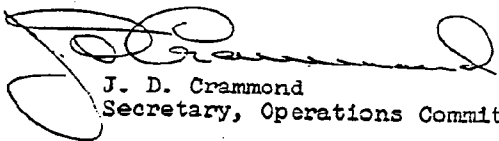
Model 740	140	57	940	883
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In addition, there are two hundred and fifty finished barrels ready for gun assembly.

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Approval for termination of caliber 244 Remington rifles pertains only to Model 722 and Model 725 bolt action rifles, inasmuch as this caliber was dropped from Model 740 and Model 760 on January 1, 1960. To reduce obsolescence, it is planned to list Model 722 and Model 725 rifles in this caliber in 1961 catalogs and price lists, under the legend "subject to stock on hand."

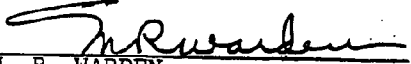
Your approval for termination of Models 722 and 725 rifles in caliber 244 Remington may be signified below.


J. D. Crammond
Secretary, Operations Committee

APPROVED:

R. H. COLEMAN

DATE


M. R. WARDEN

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244 REMINGTON - 100 GRAIN BULLETS

The status of this development was reviewed.

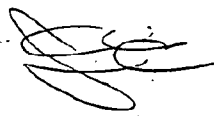
It is generally agreed that a 100 grain bullet, with reliable expansion characteristics, is required to insure commercial success of the 244 Remington, in competition with the 243 Winchester. While Research & Development has found a partial solution by providing one-in-10" twist barrels, and a special 100 bullet which will shoot accurately in the 18,000 one-in-12" twist Remington barrels now in use, the special bullet does not perform reliably as a game killer. Existing 243-244 bullets of Core-Lokt construction have proven hopelessly inaccurate in current one-in-12" twist barrels.

Since it has proven impossible to provide a satisfactory 100 grain bullet for the 18,000 244 Remington rifles now in use, and since forecasts will not justify continued manufacture of 244 Remington rifles without a compatible 100 grain bullet offering, the Sales Department reluctantly recommends that manufacture of all rifles chambered for the 244 Remington be terminated. Available stocks of such rifles will be offered "subject to stock on hand" in 1961 catalogs and price lists. The Committee concurs.

COMMITTEE DECISION: The Committee recommends General Management approval for termination of manufacture of all rifles chambered for the 244 Remington cartridge. Available stocks of rifles so chambered will be offered in 1961 catalogs and price lists as "subject to stock on hand."

Current loadings of 244 Remington cartridges will be continued in production.

This request for Management approval (Termination of Caliber 244 Remington Rifles) is held without submission, at the request of G. M. Calhoun. Request was made to permit completion of current work directed to 100 grain bullets in this caliber, and further work directed to higher velocity 90 and 75 grain loadings.



J.D. Crammond:M
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