

This should make it possible to distribute writers' and field representatives' guns by the end of March. Bridgeport Plant has furnished Ilion hand-loaded test ammunition and proof loads and they expect to have production quantities of ammunition available for distribution with the guns by the end of March.

The Sales Department reported that orders for approximately 300 guns have been received.

MODEL 725

Ilion reported that functioning of the safety has been improved by a reduction in the tolerances on the bolt stop pin, and that a better fit of the housing and receiver has improved trigger pull. Further experience has indicated that the problem of strength in the stock section immediately forward of the safety lever may not be as serious as had been anticipated and no change will be made at this time. 83

A number of approaches have been tried for solution of the problem of rear sight strength. The addition of a web and fillets between the ears of the rear sight leaf has made a distinct improvement and a further change is being made by the vendor which it is believed will further strengthen this part. New stampings are expected by the middle of March.

Approximately 740 guns have been assembled in Model 30-06 and an additional quantity of 270s has been assembled. Ten of these have been selected by Research and Development for pilot testing. The Plant submitted the following revised warehouse schedule:

	<u>January 7, 1958</u> <u>Schedule</u>			<u>March 4, 1958</u> <u>Schedule</u>		
	<u>30-06</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>30-06</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>280</u>
December 1957	6*	0	0	6*	0	0
January 1958	900	300	0	333*	0	0
February 1958	720	300	0	400*	0	0
March 1958	680	0	400	500	400	200
April				500	200	500

* Actual