

WOOD - contd.Blanks - contd.

Efforts to develop a reliable source of wood outside of the United States through importers has not been successful.

The possibility of Remington purchase of timberland in South America is to be investigated. Remington under this plan would cut, dry and export Stock blanks for use by the Ilion plant. The possibility of such a program will be discussed with the CBC representative scheduled to visit the United States in May. Management is to be furnished wood consumption and costs for use in the discussion.

Recommendations were made that the Purchasing Department extend efforts to obtain walnut Stock blanks. There are reported sources located in the eastern part of the United States which should be contacted.

Finish

The Marshall Laboratory of the duPont F&F Department furnished Ilion with a sample of a new filler. Experimental work indicated that the filler was superior to that currently used for lacquer and RK-W. Because of settling and caking at the bottom of the container of the solids, the Marshall Laboratory is reluctant to furnish further quantities. An alternate filler is now being suggested. The plant will continue the development with duPont on fillers and lacquers to improve the product.

Experimental work indicates that by changing the operations for the hand work required for the RK-W, an improved product will result. The finish would approximate that now being produced on the Model 870 and 1100 TC and TB guns. If effected, the labor costs for the added hand work would be increased; however, it is indicated that a reduction in repairs and scrap would offset part of the added direct labor cost. Indications are that in the next two years,

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