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SHOTGUNS - contd.

MODEL 1100 LEFT HAND SHOTGUN (Introduction 1972)

Production reported that pilot 12 gauge Receivers are scheduled for completion in September. Barrels and Breech Bolts will be the controlling components for pilot gun assembly. Parts should be completed in November.

MODEL 870, 20 GAUGE LIGHTWEIGHT SHOTGUN (Introduction 1972)

R & D should release model drawings for the Model 870, 20 gauge lightweight shotgun to production in September.

The project to authorize funds has been circulated for signature.

MODEL 1100 SHOTGUN

Production reported that since July 23, 1970, an additional eleven thousand eight hundred and seventy (11,870) rounds have been fired at Bridgeport in the six (6) Model 1100, 12 gauge shotguns having the reduced depth of the locking notch in the Barrel. One gun has been fired twenty-one thousand and fifteen (20,015) rounds using target loads, and a second twenty thousand and nimity (20,090) using hi-base shells. No cracking of Barrel Extensions or Receivers has been reported.

Since the July meeting, two (2) TB guns in which the Barrel had the reduced depth of the locking notch were returned from the field for cracked Receivers. To date, there have been no cracked Barrel Assemblies returned by customers.

Marketing has reconsidered the proposal to chrome plate the Piston and Piston Seal. Plating will eliminate the rusting of these parts. There will still be the problem of rusting of the Magazine Tube if the gun is not cleaned and protected. This is covered in the instruction folder. If the customer properly cares for his gun, plating is not required. Chrome plating does not improve gun function.