

SHOTGUNS - contd.MODEL 3200 SHOTGUN - contd.

Excess costs above realizable value per gun were reduced to \$14 in April. It is expected that costs will reach the break-even point in July.

The gun in Kentucky that was reported to have fired on closing has not been returned to Ilion for examination. Review of product design, manufacturing processes and quality control procedures show no reasons for an unaltered Model 3200 shotgun to fire on closing.

Marketing has received a report that a customer in Texas claims his gun fired on closing. The Remington representative there is shipping this gun to Ilion by air freight. The reported malfunction occurred when using reloaded shells.

N/C engraving of independent components for the One of 1000 and Premier trap guns is in progress. Trial and pilot lots of Trigger Guards and Fore-end Latch Covers have been engraved. The Top Lock and Top Lock Lever are ready to engrave. It is planned to start engraving matched components the week of June 11.

Process sequences are being developed to permit gold decorating of several markings on the One of 1000 and Premier trap guns. Marking rolls for Premier and the serial number have been ordered.

As a point of interest, Production reported that total shipments of the old Model 32 shotgun were 5053 from 1931 through 1947. To date, 4085 Model 3200 shotguns have been shipped.

IRON SHOT PROGRAM

R & D exhibited prototype Barrels for iron shot for Model 3200 and 870 shotguns. These Barrels have a larger muzzle outside diameter providing 0.020 inch greater wall thickness. There were samples with a long taper to the larger diameter and samples with an abrupt change to the longer diameter. The long taper increases Barrel weight 2 ounces.