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TO: F. E. MORGAN
FROM: D. LEE BRAUN
SUBJECT: FIELD TEST MODEL 600 - 308 CALIBER

The writer completed the test on the Model 600 308 caliber rifle sent for this work.

Three boxes of Peters 308 ammunition, 110 grain, 150 and 180 grain were fired. Four boxes of Western Winchester competitive ammunition, 308 caliber, 110 grain, 150, 180 and 200 grain were fired. The writer noticed a little more than ordinary recoil. However, in soliciting the aid of my son-in-law and my son and not divulging the grain cartridge they were shooting, there was no noticeable difference in the firing of the 110 grain and the 200 grain by these two men, both men weighing over 200 pounds. The writer mixed these shells without their knowledge to try and see if there was a noticeable difference in recoil.

I feel we are making a considerable mistake in not making this gun in the 6 mm. caliber. It would materially help the sale of the 6 mm. in our model 700 rifles. This gun is well-balanced, a very beautiful little rifle. It functions perfectly and if priced around \$85.00 would give us a TREMENDOUS volume and curtail the sales of competitive center fire, bolt action rifles. The 222 caliber should be a real boon for this model, but I feel for the 308 caliber, a recoil pad must be recommended.

The writer had nothing except excellent results with the Model 600. I had no opportunity for minute accuracy tests, but I feel that Ilion will control this particular aspect regardless of any test I might make.

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