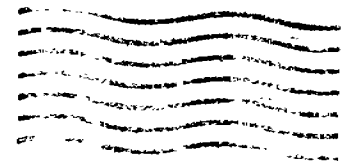


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Mr. Wayne Peveto
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Dear Mr. Peveto:

Your letter of January 7, 1990, the last letter we have received from you regarding your Model 700 BDL rifle, serial number 6508976, has been forwarded to this office, Product Service, from Arms Service for response.

First, I'd like to apologize for the delay in responding to your letters. I assure you that I have collected all the documents relative to this file, the rifle has been thoroughly examined, and I have discussed this matter with Mr. Edward Joy, with whom you have previously corresponded.

The returned firearm, which was produced in January 1972, has been thoroughly examined and found to contain our high-pressure proof test, gallery test, and final inspection stampings, indicating that it had successfully passed all necessary tests and inspections before being shipped from our factory.

The general condition of the rifle appeared to be very good, considering its age. In going over the individual parts, we found the headspace, recoil shoulders and chamber all to be normal.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not duplicate the malfunction(s) you reported, specifically "on six different occasions this rifle went off when it was clicked from safety to fire" and "...clicked the rifle from safety to fire so same could be unloaded and it went off." Many attempts were made to cause the rifle to fire as you described but it did not happen. The trigger pull and the action of the safety in the "on safe" position were both within factory specifications.

Disassembly of the rifle showed that the trigger assembly was quite clean and had been tampered with since it left the factory: The original sealant on all three adjusting screws had been removed, and replaced with some type of brownish colored thread adhesive. The adhesive used was so strong that in attempting to remove the trigger adjusting screw for inspection, the head of this screw broke off flush with the surface of the trigger housing, making this housing unusable. In addition, there were traces of a red paint near the engagement screw, indicating that this paint may have been used to seal this screw at some time in the past, too.

The trigger pull was measured to be 3 & 3/4 pounds and the trigger engagement was measured to be .020", both within specifications, although obviously tampered with and resealed since manufacture. The trigger over-travel adjustment was measured to be approximately .040" and resealed at this setting, much greater than at the factory.

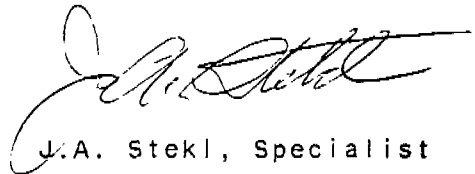
The trigger itself had been removed from the trigger housing, and filed lightly on its sides also. In light of the fact that the trigger housing had not been removed from the firearm, and that the safety arm mechanism was not disturbed, the changes noted above are the type of things done by someone attempting to "improve" the trigger after manufacture. However, the adjustment settings we found in the trigger mechanism at the time of our examination would not have caused the accidental discharge you reported.

Since we found the trigger assembly to have been tampered with on at least one occasion, and presently it is outside our specifications, and considering the fact that you reportedly had at least six incidents over the years, there remains the question of what the adjustments of the trigger assembly were at the time of those prior incidents.

However, we do want to be as helpful to you as possible. Therefore, as a gesture of our good-will, we will replace the trigger assembly at no charge. The replacement trigger assembly can have the same features as your present gun, that is, with the bolt lock feature. Or, we can provide the replacement trigger assembly as one which allows opening the bolt with the safety in the "on safe" position, if you prefer. In either event, we hope that your confidence in this rifle will be restored. If this is acceptable to you, please notify me of your choice at your convenience.

Thank you for affording us the opportunity to examine your rifle and report our findings. Once again, I apologize for the delay and I am expediting my reply to you on this matter.

Sincerely,



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