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Good!

RE: Your HOT 25-06

After reading and checking all the data I could find about your new Hemmington Model BDL 700 25-06, I decided to purchase one. I did on July 8, 1972 and mounted a New Redfield 2x-7x variable 4P CCH ACCU-Range scope on it.

On July 9, 1972 my friend Merel Ziegler of Appleton, Wisc. loaded some cases with 46.5 gr. RL21 powder and used the spur spitzer bullet of 120 gr.=3000 ft. per second.

At 3:00 P.M. the sky was overcast, temperature at a nice 72 degrees. I set the scope on 2 Power and sat at a bench rest 100 yds. from the target in a "T" shirt. I squeezed off my 1st three rounds. The recoil is very easy to live with without a recoil pad installed. I only weigh 155 lbs in a heavy rain storm.

I was overwhelmed at the group. Even though I was off the bulls eye high, and to the right as you can see from the enclosed. I covered the three shot group easy with a quarter. Now we are talking better than a 7/8" group. A couple adjustments on the scope and I was right-on. It shot consistent tight groups with all 2 to 7 Power scope settings. Walter Pommerenke, David Eisele, Dennis Sextus, Paul Cook all of Appleton, Wisc. witnessed my shooting. We are all members of the Appleton Rifle & Pistol Club at Appleton, Wisconsin and shoot competitively at ranges from 100 to 600 yds.

We all agreed for hunting varmints and big game, possibly up to Elk. With a well placed shot, is one hell-of a hot piece of equipment to have in anyones gun rack.

The rifle upon close examination proves to be espically well made and accurately fitted in every respect and a beautiful job was done on the checkering and finishing of the one piece stock.

Thought you might like to know how your people in having foresight, made me happy to own one of your rifles.

Sincerely

L. Howard Smith

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P.S. The Bolt really sparkels and I like it. I am sure you have a winner. I am 53 years of age and besides excellent rifles, I like Derringers, Pistols and GIRLS.