

RIM FIRE RIFLES

MODEL 555

Research and Development gave the following breakdown of the original lot of 200 guns:

- 15 Used by Research and Development for test
- 10 Sent to Bridgeport for test
- 144 Available for field testing and will be ready for shipment on or after January 15
- 31 Will be delayed before assembly for possible trial of additional colors or other features

The Sales Department has completed the Bridgeport test - 989 rounds of a variety of types of high speed and standard velocity 22 Long Rifle cartridges were fired in 10 rifles. There was one failure to feed the first cartridge, giving a malfunction rate of 0.1%. In further testing of one of the rifles, (No. 4) some feeding difficulty has been encountered. The general reaction was very favorable to this performance. As a result of this test, two changes were requested: First, to remove the green marker on the safety and second to color the front sight. Both of these changes will be made but will not be available on the guns now being assembled for field test.

The Sales Department plans to send one gun of each color (olive drab green and walnut) to each salesman and request that he fire a minimum of 1,000 rounds, reporting his results within 30 days.

A project has been prepared for submission to the Board of Directors at its next meeting for facilities for the production of 40,000 rifles per year.

MODEL 572 LIGHTWEIGHT

Shipments of guns to writers, field representatives, United States and Canada jobbers were completed December 24.

A satisfactory interim solution to the problem of barrel support was developed and the first castings for receivers having increased rail support have been received from Mall. Uniformity of coloring is still a problem and will probably remain so until installation of refrigeration equipment now scheduled for March 1.