

SHOTGUNS - contd.MODEL 3200 SHOTGUN - contd.

Excess costs above realizable value are of major concern. Excessive overtime, resulting from a shortage of parts throughout the line and initial production of the One of 1000 gun, has been identified as a major source of excess costs. The parts shortage originates at the EB N/C operations. Three options for improving this condition are being evaluated:

- . Remove operations from the EB machines
- . Purchase an additional EB machine
- . Operate at a reduced production schedule

A Task Force has been assigned with responsibility for managing all cost reduction and quality improvement effort. Programs to reduce scrap and tool cost have been initiated. Process improvements, which are longer range cost improvements, are being expedited. Since formation of the Task Force August 17, Standard Cost has been reduced \$15,730 and Labor Variance \$45,870.

Following is the status of work to eliminate functional problems:

- . Poor Trigger pull - Tighter control on Main Hammer Spring loading has made it possible to meet the 4½ pound Trigger pull on skeet and trap guns.
- . Barrel Band loose - The new Barrel Band and Barrel Band Stud have been released to production. Final assembly of guns with the new parts will start in October. Brazing of studs on Barrel Assemblies has started.
- . Fore-end separating from Fore-end Iron - The current process includes assembly of the Fore-end Screw to the Fore-end Latch Cover using adhesive. Trial and pilot operations are in progress on the redesigned Fore-end Plate and Fore-end Latch Cover. It is expected that these new parts will be available for gun assembly in November.