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This situation has now been overcome and assembly is proceeding according to schedule. The total ordered to date cannot be correctly indicated until receipt of official contract and shipments also cannot be made until this document is received. Pending the definite clarification of this reinstatement, arrangements have been made to produce a maximum of 37,000 Sten machine carbines.

LONG BRANCH TRAINING RIFLE

Total production to end of 1944	3,974
Production - January 1945	-
February 1945	<u>35</u>
Total production to date	4,009

Distribution of training rifles to date is as follows:-

Canadian account	4,000
United Kingdom	<u>2</u>
Total shipments to February 28, 1945	4,002
Total orders received to date	4,002
Total production to date	<u>4,009</u>
Balance to produce	-

The production, assembly and shipment of all Long Branch training rifles has now been realized in full, and this item can now be considered as officially complete. The balance of seven guns between the total produced 4,009 and the total shipped 4,002 can be accounted for by rifles retained for refinement and experimental purposes.

STEN MACHINE CARBINE FURNITURE

Total production to end of 1944	26,160 sets
Production - 1st quarter 1945	<u>147,450</u> sets
Total production to date	173,610 sets

Distribution of Billets to date is as follows:-

United Kingdom	<u>160,000</u> sets
Total shipments to March 31, 1945	160,000 sets
Total orders received to date	300,000 sets
Total production to date	<u>173,610</u> sets
Balance to produce	126,390 sets

Production of these Billets is proceeding in a very efficient and highly satisfactory manner. A "Letter of Intention" has been received at Small Arms Limited authorizing the production of an additional 200,000 sets of Billets which shall follow through at the same production rate of 50,000 sets per month.

Material for this additional contract has been located and orders placed for delivery starting May 1, 1945.

Inasmuch as the official contract for this additional 200,000 sets of Billets has not been received at this date of reporting, the same has not been included in the above outlined summary, but on the strength of the "Letter of Intention" which has been received, arrangements have been made to increase the total on order from 300,000 sets to 500,000 sets.