

W. 12/61.

2nd February, 1911.

Sir,

With reference to the letter from your Department dated 3rd December last, No. H.Q.62-2-27, in relation to .303" Ball Ammunition, Mark VII, I am directed to inform you that further communication has been had with the War Office, and that the supply of further copies of the Specification of the new pattern Cartridge, and Specification governing the manufacture and inspection of Cordite M.D.T. size 5-2, has been arranged.

Regarding the second paragraph of the letter referred to above, we are advised by the War Office that the earlier drawing operations are not the same as for the Mark VI bullet, and the tools required are stated below against each operation:-

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Tools used</u>	
Cupping	2 punches	1 die.
1st Extending	1 "	3 dies
2nd "	1 "	3 "
3rd "	1 "	3 "
4th "	1 "	1 die
1st Forming	1 "	1 "
2nd "	1 "	1 "
3rd "	1 "	1 "
4th "	1 "	1 "
Pressing home cores	1 "	1 "
Drawing over base	1 "	1 "
Final pressing	1 "	1 "

The manufacture of these tools has been arranged.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Deputy Minister of Militia & Defence,
O t t a w a,
Canada.

No. 12/61

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.,
and the following number quoted.

57/20/554. (A.3.)



War Office,
London, S.W.
31 January, 1911.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No: W. 12/61, dated 19th December, 1910, I am directed to inform you that the supply of further copies of the Specification of the new pattern Cartridge and Specification governing the manufacture and inspection of Cordite M.D.T. size 5-2 has been arranged.

Regarding the second para of your letter, I am to say that the earlier drawing operations are not the same as for the Mark VI bullet, and the tools required are stated below against each operation :-

<u>Operation.</u>	<u>Tools used.</u>	
Cupping	2 punches	1 die
1st Extending	1 ,,	2 dies
2nd ,,	1 ,,	2 ,,
3rd ,,	1 ,,	2 ,,
4th ,,	1 ,,	1 die
1st Forming	1 ,,	1 ,,
2nd ,,	1 ,,	1 ,,
3rd ,,	1 ,,	1 ,,
4th ,,	1 ,,	1 ,,
Pressing home cores	1 ,,	1 ,,
Drawing over base	1 ,,	1 ,,
Final pressing	1 ,,	1 ,,

The manufacture of these tools has been arranged. //

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary,
Office of the High Commissioner,
for the Dominion of Canada,
17 Victoria Street,
London. S.W.

Flalloway
for
Director of Artillery.

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H. Q. 62-2-27

PLEASE QUOTE IN REPLY

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT DOMINION ARSENAL,

TO The Secretary, The High Commissioner

for Canada, 17 Victoria Street,

London, S.W. England.



QUEBEC,

December 30th, 1910.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter W/12-61, of 19th. inst., forwarding copy of Drawing and Specification governing manufacture of Cartridge, S.A.ball, .303" Mark VII. in part satisfaction of Requisition No.1802.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. A. J. J. J." in a cursive style.

Lt-Col.R.C.A

Superintendent Dominion Arsenal

W. 12/61.

19th December, 1910.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 16th ultimo, No.57/20/554 (A.3), on the subject of Mark VII .303" Ball Ammunition, I am directed to inform you that the Canadian Militia authorities desire to be furnished with 3 copies each of the Specification for the new pattern Cartridge, and of the Specification governing the manufacture and inspection of Cordite M.D.T. size 5-3. One copy of the Specification for the Cartridge has already been received from the Chief Inspector, Woolwich, and forwarded to Quebec.

The Canadian Militia authorities also desire to be furnished with a sample set of Tools for the finishing operations, viz: from the operation of pointing, inclusive, to the completion of the bullet. It is presumed that the earlier drawing operations are the same for the Mark VII, as they were for the Mark VI, bullet.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary,

War Office,

S.W.

REGISTERED.

W.12/31.

19th December, 1910.

Sir,

Correspondence has recently passed between the Department of Militia & Defence at Ottawa and this Office, in relation to the new pattern Mark VII .303" Ball Ammunition, and I am to forward to you, herewith, Specification to govern manufacture and inspection of this description of cartridge, which has been supplied by the Chief Inspector, Royal Arsenal, Woolwich.

I am also forwarding to you by this mail, under separate cover, copy of Drawing R.L.17146, of Cartridge, S.A. ball, .303-inch, Mark VII, which has been obtained from the same source.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Superintendent,
Dominion Arsenal,
Quebec,
Canada.

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 Telegraphic Address: Guncotton, Woolwich.

Chief Inspector's
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at hand from
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W. 12/61



Dict. J. A. McC.

Address reply to
THE SECRETARY,
MILITIA COUNCIL,
Headquarters,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

And quote number.....

H. Q. 62.2.27.



DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE,

OTTAWA, 3rd December, 1910.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter W.12/61, dated 18th ultimo, in relation to the new pattern Mark VII .303-inch Ball Ammunition, and I now beg leave to request you to make application to the War Office for the issue of say three copies each of the Specification for the New Pattern Cartridges and of the Specification governing the manufacture and inspection of "Cordite, M.D.T., Size 5- 2".

Will you also make application for the issue of a sample set of Tools for the finishing operations, viz., from the operation of pointing, inclusive to the completion of the bullet. It is presumed that the earlier drawing operations are the same for the Mark VII, as they were for the Mark VI, bullet. I shall feel pleased if you arrange that the Specifications and Tools be forwarded to the Superintendent of the Dominion Arsenal, Quebec, at the earliest moment possible so that he may be able to begin manufacture of the Mark VII Cartridges without delay.

In any further correspondence in relation to the above applications they are to be referred to as in connection with Militia Requisition No. 1802.

The Secretary
to the High Commissioner
for Canada,
17, Victoria St.,
London, S.W.,
England.

I am, Sir,
your obedient servant,

Director of Contracts.

W. 12/61.

18th November, 1910

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 11th May last, No. 62-2-27, and subsequent correspondence, on the subject of Mark VII .303" Ball Ammunition, I am directed to inform you that the High Commissioner is now advised, by command of the Army Council, that the pattern of ammunition has now been settled. It differs from that referred to in War Office letter of the 6th April last, a copy of which was forwarded to you with my communication of the 26th idem, in that it has a bullet of 174 grains in lieu of one of 160 grains and the charge is composed of Cordite M.D.T. size 5-2.

The War Office add that the issue of the sample components specified in your letter referred to above will now be proceeded with.

I am also to take the opportunity of enclosing, for your information, copy of a letter (dated the 12th instant) received from the Chief Inspector, Woolwich, in regard to the sealing of drawing relating to the adopted pattern of cartridge.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Deputy Minister of Militia & Defence,
O t t a w a,
Canada.

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INSPECTION DEPARTMENT,

ROYAL ARSENAL,

WOOLWICH,

Please quote in reply

12th November, 1910.

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and address—

Telegraphic Address:
"INSPECTION," WOOLWICH.

The Secretary,
Office of the High Commissioner for
Canada,
17, Victoria Street,
S.W.

CHIEF INSPECTOR,

ROYAL ARSENAL,

WOOLWICH.

Sir,

I have the honour to call your attention to Departmental Change 16519 of the 8th instant in which the sealing of drawing R.L. 17146 of Cartridge S.A. ball .303" Mark VII is notified.

This drawing which supersedes drawing R.L. 15572 G, shows a cartridge with heavier bullet and a charge of Cordite M.D.T.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

for Chief Inspector,
WOOLWICH.

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to -

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.,
and the following number quoted.

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War Office,
London, S.W.

16th November, 1910.

57/20/554. (A.3.)



Sir,

With reference to this Office letter of the 29th August last, numbered as above, on the subject of Mark VII .303 inch ball ammunition; I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that the pattern of ammunition has now been settled. It differs from that referred to in this Office letter of the 6th April last, Number as above, in that it has a bullet of 174 grains in lieu of one of 160 grains and the charge is composed of Cordite M.D.T. size 5-2.

I am to say that the issue of the sample components referred to your letter of the 23rd May last, No.W.12/61, will now be proceeded with.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. W. Trade'.

The Secretary,
Office of the High Commissioner
for the Dominion of Canada,
17 Victoria Street,
London, S.W.

W. 12/61.

15th September, 1910.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the letter from your Department dated 2nd instant, No.62-2-44, referring to a letter from your Department on the 18th May last, on the subject of any changes required in the method of packing Small Arm Ammunition consequent upon the introduction of Cartridges S.A. Ball .305" Mark VII, and enquiring whether a reply had been received from the War Office.

You will be aware, however, that subsequent correspondence has taken place on this subject, and in this connection I would refer to the letters to you from this Office dated the 20th June, 15th July, 17th August, and 3rd instant.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Deputy Minister of Militia & Defence,

O t t a w a,

Canada.



W 12/61

Address reply to
THE SECRETARY,
MILITIA COUNCIL,
Headquarters,
OTTAWA, CANADA.
And quote number.....

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE,

OTTAWA, 2nd September, 1910.



Chargers, 303"
Cartridges.

Sir,

I have the honour to advert to my letter of the 18th May on the marginally noted subject, in which I asked if information could be obtained from the War Office relative to any changes required in the method of packing small arm ammunition, consequent upon the introduction of cartridges, S.A.ball, .303-inch, Mark VII., and to enquire whether a reply has been received or not; if not, to request that the War Office may be again approached on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. P. Chesley

for Colonel,

The High Commis-
sioner for Canada,
17, Victoria Street,
London, S.W.,
England.

Deputy Minister.

W 12/61.

3rd September 1910.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 6th ult. No. H.Q. 62-2-27., on the subject of the manufacture of .303" mark vii. small arms ammunition, I am directed by the High Commissioner to inform you that he has made inquiry at the War Office as to whether it would be advisable to await the result of further experiments before definitely embarking on the manufacture of this description of cartridge, and in reply has been referred to the intimation which was conveyed to you in the letter from this office dated the 17th ult., to the effect that a change in the form of cordite used in this pattern of ammunition is under consideration.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Deputy Minister of Militia & Defence,

Ottawa.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.,
and the following number quoted.

57/20/554 (A.3.)



W. 12/61

War Office,

London, S.W.

29th August, 1910.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 18th instant, No. W.12/61, on the subject of an enquiry from the Department of Militia and Defence at Ottawa, asking whether it would be advisable to await the results of further experiments before definitely embarking on the manufacture of Mark VII .303 inch ball ammunition, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that, as stated in this Office letter of the 15th instant, numbered as above, a change in the form of cordite used in this pattern of ammunition is under consideration.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

R. D. Wade

The Secretary,
Office of the
High Commissioner for the Dominion of Canada,
17 Victoria Street,
London,
S.W.

W. 12/61.

18th August, 1910.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 6th April last, No. 57/20/554 (A.3), relative to .303" Small Arm Ammunition, I am directed to forward, herewith, copy of a letter (dated the 6th instant) which has been received from the Department of Militia and Defence at Ottawa, in which they make enquiry regarding the manufacture of the Mark VII cartridge, in lieu of the Mark VI.

The High Commissioner will be glad to be notified of the reply that should be returned to the Canadian Military authorities.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary,

War Office,

S.W.



H.Q. 62-2-27.

W.12/61

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE,

OTTAWA, 6th August, 1910.

Address reply to
THE SECRETARY,
MILITIA COUNCIL,
Headquarters,
OTTAWA CANADA.

And quote number.....

W.12/61



Sir,

Adverting to War Office letter 57/20/554 (A.3) of 6th April, forwarded with your letter W.12/61 (?) of 26th April, wherein it was notified that it was the intention of the War Office to proceed at once with the manufacture of .303" Mark VII, Small Arm Ammunition, and that it was further intended that, if possible, all manufacture in 1910-II should be of this pattern pending results of further trials; I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to ask the War Office whether, in view of the results of such further trials as have been reported on in the Proceedings of the Small-Arms Committee (Minute No.1140 II., 25/5/10), and of any additional trials that have since taken place, it is considered that the new pattern ammunition is proving sufficiently satisfactory to warrant this Department taking immediate steps to procure the M.D.S.Cordite required for its manufacture, or whether it would be advisable to await the results of further experiments before definitely embarking on the manufacture of the Mark VII. in lieu of the Mark VI. cartridge.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W.12/61
Colonel,
Deputy Minister.

The High Commissioner
for Canada,
17, Victoria Street,
LONDON, ENGLAND.

W. 12/61.

17th August, 1910.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 13th instant, No. 203/292458, and to thank you for the three additional copies of Specifications P.153 and L.3135 enclosed therewith.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Chief Inspector,
Royal Arsenal,

Woolwich.

W. 12/61.

17th August, 1910.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 27th ultimo, No. 62-2-27, relative to Requisition No. 1744.

In accordance with your request, three more copies of Specification P/153 and L/3135 have been obtained, and these are enclosed herewith.

With reference to the third paragraph of your letter under acknowledgment, enquiry has been made as to when the Drawings and sample Components will be ready, and a notification has been received from the War Office to the effect that a change in the form of cordite used in the new pattern .303" ammunition has been found necessary, and that, pending settlement of the actual form to be used, the issue of the components referred to will be suspended.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Deputy Minister of Militia & Defence,

O t t a w a

Canada.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.,
and the following number quoted.

57/20/554. (A.3.).

W. 12/61

War Office,

London, S.W.

15th August, 1910.



Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 8th August, 1910, W12/61, Requisition No: 1744, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that a change in the form of cordite used in the new pattern .303" ammunition has been found necessary and that pending settlement of the actual form to be used the issue of the components referred to in your letter of the 8th August, 1910, will be suspended.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

R. D. Wade

The Secretary,
To The High Commissioner for Canada,
17 Victoria Street,
London, S.W.

W 42/61

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT,



Royal Arsenal,

Woolwich,

13. 9th Aug 1900

Please quote in reply

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and address—

Telegraphic Address:
"INSPECTION," WOOLWICH.

Chief Inspector,

Royal Arsenal,

Woolwich.

The High Commissioner
for Canada
17 Victoria St.

London E.C.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter

of 8th inst and enclose, as requested, ^{3 copies} ~~1~~ copy of

Specifications Nos for P 153 & L 3135

for cordite M.D. S size 1 1/2 x 12
& Cartridge, s.a., ball, .303" VII
respectively.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient Servant,

M. King

for Chief Inspector.

W. 12/61.

8th August, 1910

Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 13th ultimo, No. 199/891453, forwarding one copy of each of the undermentioned specifications:-

L/5135. Cartridges S.A. Ball .303" VII.
P/153. Cordate M.D.S. size 1½ by 12 for Small
Arms -

I am directed to inform you that the Canadian Militia authorities are desirous of obtaining, if possible, two or three more copies of each of the Specifications.

The High Commissioner will be much obliged if the War Office can comply with this request.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Chief Inspector,
Royal Arsenal,
Woolwich.

W. 12/61.

8th August, 1910.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 23rd May last No. W.12/61, on the subject of a new pattern of .303" Ball Ammunition, I beg to state, for the information of the Army Council, that the Canadian Militia authorities desire to be notified as to when the Drawings and Sample Components asked for will be ready.

If I can be informed of the present position of this matter, for notification to Ottawa, I shall be much obliged. The Militia Department are very anxious that the articles should be supplied at the earliest possible moment.

It would be a convenience if further correspondence on this subject could be referred to, could be referred
over on the Issue
Vouchers for the stores.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary,

War Office,

S.W.



W. 12/61

Address reply to
THE SECRETARY,
MILITIA COUNCIL,
Headquarters,
OTTAWA, CANADA.
And quote number 62.2.27.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE,

OTTAWA, 27th July, 1910.

Dict. J.A. McC.



Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter W. 12/61, dated 15th instant, wherewith you transmitted one copy each of Specification L governing the 3135 manufacture and inspection of "Cartridge, S.A., Ball, .303-inch (Mk. VII), /C/", and Specification P governing the 153 manufacture and inspection of "Cordite, M.D. S., Size 1-1/2 X 12, for Small Arms, /C/" ; will you please convey to the War Office an acknowledgment of the thanks of this Department for their courtesy in furnishing these Specifications.

Possibly you could obtain and forward to me two or three copies more of each Specification ; if so I shall be glad to receive them at your early convenience.

Would you kindly ascertain from the War Office and let me know when the Drawings and the Sample Components illustrating every stage of the manufacture of the Cartridges mentioned above, which were asked for in the letter sent you on 11th May last, will be ready ; this Department is anxious that they - the Drawings and Components - should be supplied at the earliest moment possible.

In any further correspondence on the subject the Demand for the Drawings and Components is to be referred to as "Militia Requisition No. 1744"; will you please arrange that this number shall be quoted on Issue Vouchers for the Stores.

I am, Sir,
your obedient servant,

Director of Contracts

The Secretary
to the High Commissioner
for Canada,
17, Victoria St., Eng.
London, S.W.,

W. 12/61.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.,
and the following number quoted.

WAR OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W.,

21st July 1910

57/20/554 (D.S.O.S. wa.)

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the

23rd May

last, Number

W. 12/61

forwarding a Demand for

stores required for the service of the

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Canadian Militia,

I am directed to inform you that the necessary instructions have

been given for the issue, on repayment, from

Gunpowder Factories

of the Sample components of 303" ball ammⁿ VII.

Supply of the Drawings and Specifications is being made by C.O.W. direct.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

J. B. Mulcahy

Director of Equipment and Ordnance Stores.

High Commissioner
for Canada,

17 Victoria Street,
S.W.

W. 12/61.

15th July, 1910.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 11th May last, No. H.Q. 62-2-27. on the subject of a new pattern of .303" Ball Ammunition, I am directed to forward herewith one copy each of the following recently approved specifications which have been furnished by the Chief Inspector, Royal Arsenal, Woolwich.

Cartridges S.A. Ball .303 VII.	L/3135.
Cordite M.D.S. size $1\frac{1}{2}$ by 12 for Small Arms.	P/153.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Deputy Minister of
Militia and Defence,
Ottawa.

W. 12/61.

15th July, 1910.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of the 12th instant, No. 199/291453., forwarding one copy each of the under-mentioned specifications:

Cartridges S.A. Ball .303 VII L/3135.

Cordite M.D.S. size 1½ by 12
for Small Arms. P/153.

These documents have been transmitted to Ottawa for the information of the Canadian Militia authorities.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Chief Inspector,
Royal Arsenal,
Woolwich.

W. 12/61

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT,

ROYAL ARSENAL,

WOOLWICH,

12th July, 1910

Please quote in reply

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and address—

Telegraphic Address :
"INSPECTION," WOOLWICH.

The High Commissioner for Canada,

17 Victoria Street,

S.W.

CHIEF INSPECTOR,

ROYAL ARSENAL,

WOOLWICH.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 23rd May last, W 12/61 G
Secretary, War Office, in 57/20/554, I have the honour to forward
herewith, 1 copy of each of the undermentioned specifications which
have recently been approved :-

- Cartridges S. A. Ball .303 VII L/3135.
- Cordite M.D.S. size 1½ by 12 for Small Arms. P/153.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

S. W. Douglas.

for. Chief Inspector,

WOOLWICH.

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W. 12/61.

20th June, 1910.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo, No. H.Q. 62-2-27, on the subject of the method of packing the new pattern .303" Small Arm Ammunition, I am directed to inform you that the High Commissioner is advised by the War Office that the method adopted is the bandolier system, as described in the letter from that Department dated 18th March last, a copy of which was forwarded to you with my letter of the 21st idem, M.21/61.

A copy of Specification to govern the manufacture and inspection of the "Bandolier, cotton, 50 rounds, (Mark I)" and a drawing of the same, have been sent to The Superintendent of the Dominion Arsenal, Quebec, and arrangements have been made for the supply by the trade of a sample of the Bandolier, which, when available, will be sent to the same address.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Deputy Minister of Militia & Defence,

O t t a w a.

Canada.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.,
and the following number quoted.

W. 12/61

War Office,
London, S.W.

57/20/554 (A.3.).



13 June, 1910.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 1st instant, No:W.12/61, on the subject of the method of packing the new pattern .303" Small Arm Ammunition, I am directed to inform you that the method adopted in^s the bandolier system as described in this Office letter of the 18th March last, numbered 57/20/2716 (A.3.), and that the issue of the sample of the bandolier is being made to you as stated in this Office letter of the 1st instant, No:57/20/2716 (D.D.O.S.,W.A.).

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. B. Lewitt

Director of Artillery.

The High Commissioner
for Canada,
17, Victoria Street,
S.W.

W. 12/61.

1st June, 1910.

Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 6th April last, No. 57/20/554 (A.3), on the subject of a new pattern of .303" ball ammunition, I beg to state that the Canadian Militia authorities desire to obtain information relative to any changes required in the method of packing Small Arm Ammunition consequent upon the introduction of Cartridge, S.A. ball, .303-inch, Mark VII.

If the Army Council will be so good as to cause me to be supplied with any particulars of this description that may be available, I shall be much obliged.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary,

War Office,

S.W.

In reply refer to
No. H.Q. 62-2-27.



W. 12/61



Department of Militia & Defence

Ottawa,

18th May, 1910.

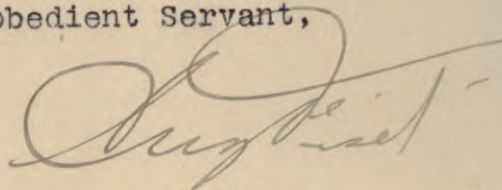
Sir,

In continuation of my letter H.Q. 62-2-27 of the 11th instant, I have the honour to request further that information may be obtained from the War Office relative to any changes required in the method of packing Small-Arm Ammunition consequent upon the introduction of Cartridge, S.A. ball, .303-inch, Mark VII.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



Deputy Minister.

The Secretary to the
High Commissioner for Canada,
17, Victoria Street,
LONDON, S.W.,
ENGLAND.

W. 12/61.

23rd May, 1910.

Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 6th ultimo, No. 57/20/554 (A.3), on the subject of a new pattern of .303" Ball Ammunition, I beg to state, for the information of the Army Council, that the Canadian Militia authorities desire to be furnished with drawings, specifications, and sample components, illustrating every stage of manufacture of the new pattern Ammunition in question.

The Canadian Militia authorities also desire to be furnished with a copy of Specification governing manufacture and inspection of Cordite M.D. used with this ammunition; and to be informed whether the Aluminium forming the core of the bullet is "squirted" or cast.

If the Army Council will be so good as to cause me to be supplied with the details above, I shall be much obliged.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary,

War Office,

S.W.

In reply refer to
No H.Q. 62-2-27.



Department of Militia & Defence

Ottawa, 11th May, 1910.

Sir,

In view of the information, forwarded with your letter of the 26th April, to the effect that the War Office has decided to proceed at once with the manufacture of .303" Small Arm Ammunition with 160 grain bullet, I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to apply to the War Office for drawings, specifications, and sample components, illustrating every stage of manufacture; also for specification governing manufacture and inspection of cordite M.D. used therewith, for guidance of the Superintendent, Dominion Arsenal, Quebec. It is also requested that information be obtained as to whether the Aluminium forming the core is "squirted" or cast.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Colonel,

Deputy Minister.

The Secretary to the
High Commissioner for Canada,
17, Victoria Street,
London, S.W.,
England.

In reply refer to
No. 62-2-26.



H.F.G.



Department of Militia & Defence



May 10, 1910.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, transmitting copy of a letter from the War Office, containing particulars of a new pattern of bullet which it has been decided to use with .303" Small Arm Ammunition.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

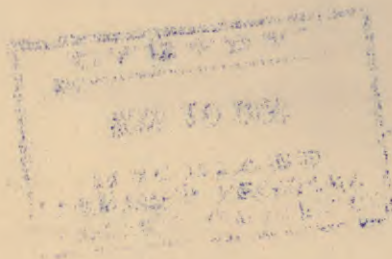
Colonel,

Deputy Minister.

The High Commissioner for Canada,

17, Victoria Street,

LONDON, S.W.,



W. 12/61.

27th April, 1910.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 6th instant, No. 57/20/554 (A.3), on the subject of a new pattern .303 ball ammunition, I beg to thank the Army Council for the particulars conveyed therein, and to state that I have communicated the same to the Canadian Militia authorities for their information.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Secretary,

War Office,

S.W.

No. 12/61

26th April, 1910.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you herewith, for your information, copy of a letter which has been received from the War Office, containing particulars of a new pattern of bullet which it has been decided to use with .303" Small Arm Ammunition.

It will be observed that the bullet in question is that reported on in the Proceedings of the Small Arms Committee (Minute No. 1109 VII/8.12.09), copies of which have been supplied to the Master-General of Ordnance, Ottawa.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Deputy Minister of Militia & Defence,

O t t a w a,

Canada.



Address reply to
THE SECRETARY,
MILITIA COUNCIL,
Headquarters,
OTTAWA CANADA.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE,

OTTAWA, 14th April, 1910.

And quote number.....H.C. 63-2-27.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that it is understood from the ^{Right} Hon. Mr. Haldane's reply to a question in the House of Commons (on 28th February, last) that the War Office has under consideration the adoption of a new pattern of .303-inch cartridge with pointed bullet to replace the Mark VI. cartridge, that the experiments have been so far successful, that an extended trial will shortly be made by troops, and that ammunition for this purpose is now being manufactured.

In view of this, I am to request that you will be so good as to ask the War Office to furnish this Department with the earliest information as to the results of the trials and the decision arrived at with regard to the introduction of a new pattern cartridge, in order that manufacture at the Dominion Arsenal may conform to the pattern of cartridge adopted by the War Office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Colonel,
Deputy Minister of Militia and
Defence.

The Secretary to the
High Commissioner for Canada,
17, Victoria Street,
London, S.W.,
England.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

57/20/554. (A.3.).



War Office,

London, S.W.

6th April, 1910.

Sir,

With reference to this Office letter of the 26th August last numbered as above, on the subject of a new pattern of .303 ball ammunition; I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that it has been decided to proceed at once with the manufacture of .303 inch Small Arm Ammunition with 160 grain bullet, and it is intended that if possible all manufacture in 1910-11 shall be to this pattern pending results of further trials.

The bullet is that reported on in the Proceedings of the Small Arms Committee (Minute No: 1109 VII/8.12.09), copies of which have been supplied to the Master-General of Ordnance, Ottawa.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. W. Ward

The High Commissioner for Canada,
17, Victoria Street,
London,
S.W.



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