



Bolt release for Sako action is located just behind shooter's thumb. Action has fast lock-time. Note fine checkering at pistol grip, forend.



No reaming or cutting is necessary to make .17/223. Practical load is 25-grain hollow point bullet ahead of 19 grains of #4198 powder load.

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of interest among .17 caliber addicts came when John Winslow asked me how I felt about the pinholers. I told him my story about the difficulties of barrel production, problems of finding components, *et al* — he patted my now feverish brow and assured me that modern know-how was about to erase all my boyhood fears. And, what's more, he had a long list of nice people who could supply most anything my little heart desired."

So it was that Zwirz learned of John Winslow's newest pet project. The Florida plant: then was experimenting with three calibers: the .17/222, .17/222 Rem mag and the .17/223. Since Zwirz had a strong suspicion that the .17/223 would prove most popular of the group, due to availability of military brass, it was suggested that Winslow make up an outfit with a suitable stock to accommodate our man's need for a longer length of pull.

The rifle incorporates the skilled work of several people. The barrels have been turned out for Winslow by P. O. Ackley. Winslow probably couldn't find a man better qualified to handle this end of the production, for it was Ackley who worked up both the .17 Bee and the .17 Hornet some years back. During the past several years Ackley, as well as several other custom barrel makers, has done much experimenting in order to improve their methods for turning out precision barrels. The .17 caliber barrels being produced today are a far cry

from the sad product received yesterday by Don Roberto's New England clansman.

Ackley is using five lands and grooves in his .17 barrels; we assume it's simply a matter of wanting more than four, but not having the diameter space for six. "Bore specification is exceptionally close to the .1715 reading I came up with for the .17/223 bullets diameter, at its base. No matter which way you look at it, we have a real tight barrel in GUN WORLD's test rifle. Obviously I was somewhat curious about pressures, but have had absolutely no signs of it during long periods afield, and with several batches of ammunition."

According to Ackley's own specs for .17 caliber barrels, standard bore and groove diameter calls for .168x.172. He has found that for all of the .17 caliber versions, either a ten or eleven-inch twist works out best. A careful examination of the interior of the Ackley barrel showed that great care had been taken along the way, although it was impossible to examine it with our bore scope, the diameter being so small. Lead was pushed through, and looked good after traveling the barrel length, but, again, this is no precise method of learning in detail about the finished product. Winslow now is utilizing a special lapping tool that will pretty much guarantee trouble-free, precision barrels.

"While we are on the subject of barrels, I might advise shooters