

## **.303 RIMLESS EXPERIMENTAL**

Following representations from the Director of Artillery in 1917 investigations were put in place to examine the P14 rifle with a view to improving the ballistics of the current .303 service cartridge. Work over the next year resulted in some dummy cartridges being manufactured along with a very early ball cartridge. In 1918 a cartridge was produced that was semi-rimless even though the labels on packets at the time stated that the ammunition therein was .303 rimless. These cartridges were produced in sufficient numbers to carry out trials in P14 rifles and machine guns.

No official nomenclature was ever issued for this cartridge. It is believed that AP ammunition was also produced.

Some further work from 1920 to 1928 on a genuine rimless cartridge was carried out but the project was shelved for later consideration when and if the service calibre went to a rimless design.

