

OLD TIMERS . . . IN PISTOL SHOOTING

Pistol shooting received its first impetus in the Philippines way back a decade ago when Lieut. John L. Hitching of the U.S. Army was assigned to the Philippines. A veteran gun enthusiast, it was Lieut. Hitching who popularized pistol shooting in the Islands.

The picture opposite were the winners in several pistol events in Nov-1933 and was taken at the Nichols Field where the first national competitions were held under the auspices of the Nichols Field Pistol Club. From left to right: Sgt. Nyquist, Lt. Hitching, Leon Banaag, Captain Gregorio Lugtu of the Manila Police, Dr. Ramon Soler of Atimonan, Modesto Flores and Sgt. Burlingame.

Those pictured opposite are the real old-timers of pistol shooting. It was Lt. Hitching, incidentally, who introduced the single-action Harrington and Richardson pistol to local shooters. The H & R pistol is so accurate that it can be excelled only by the German Udo pistols which necessitate; however, an enclosure for fine work.

Lt. Hitching won the first Philippine championship in the .22 caliber in 1929, and repeated it in 1930, 1932, and 1933. John Meisech won the title in 1931, and in the competition for the 10th Far Eastern Olympics of 1934, Sergeant Burlingame came first, Lieut. J. L. Hitching, second.

Incidentally, it was Lt. Hitching who taught Felix Cortes, premier Filipino pistol shooter, the finer points of the game way back in 1934. The encouragement given by Lt. Hitching has produced beneficial results, and members of the National Rifle & Pistol Association of the Philippines wish to express their thanks to this fine officer of the United States Army, wherever he may be at present, for his whole-hearted and generous interest in the game ten years ago.

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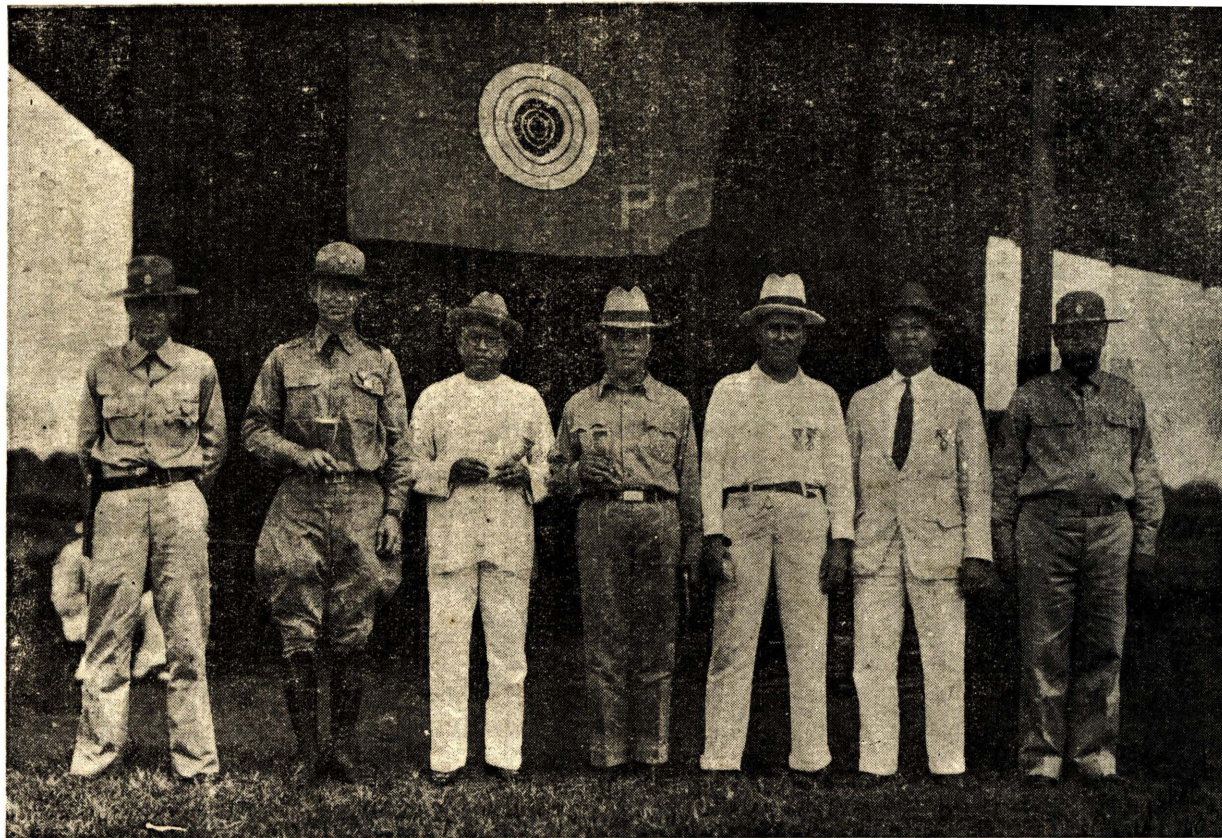
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