

Philippines' Outstanding Pistolman



FELIX CORTES

While in the States, Mr. Cortes will also get in touch with some rifle and pistol experts to further his knowledge in target shooting and learn new things which will be of value to the association. He will make a study of the types of guns and ammunition that are proper for target shooting.

A sight of a target range fascinates Mr. Cortes more than anything else. Next to his wife and kid, he loves his guns and has a way of almost "spoiling" them by taking too good a care of them. Mr. Cortes is a civil

This distinction belongs only to Mr. Felix Cortes who holds the record of 524 points made in actual competition in February this year during the J. Araneta Trophy Shoots. He is an all-around shot, having won several prizes in rifle competitions. In trap and skeet shooting Mr. Cortes is deadly to reckon with.

Mr. Cortes and his family left for a vacation to the United States last June 5. On the eve of his departure the members of the board of directors and other committees of the NRPA gave him a Bon-Voyage party at the Marco Polo Hotel. On this occasion, he informed his colleagues that his trip abroad was not merely for pleasure as he also intended to participate in pistol events, particularly in Camp Perry and in such occasions when he shall be able to represent the NRPA.

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THE SHOOTING MARINE IN ACTION



(Capt. Graciano Castañeda, P.A.R.)

That's Capt. Graciano Castañeda, left, who has to his credit several prize winning medals in the annual shooting events of the N. R. P. A. Reserve Officer in the Philippine Army, and Second Officer of the Government Cutter "Arayat", Capt. Castañeda is also a rifle and pistol expert. The N. R. P. A. proudly claims him among its successful members. He placed second in the Gil Montilla Individual Pistol Match Center Fire in March 1939, and topped a big field of 22 pistolmen in the last Club Pistol Handicap with gold medals at stake. That Capt. Castañeda has a bright future in pistol shooting can no longer be gainsaid. He is also handy with the rifle both in low and high power. Here he is shown with his Springfield with which he has brought them down and fast.

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engineer by profession, but you will find more gun books and literature in his library. He is a good gunsmith and mechanic. He has a gunshop in his house in New Manila, which is considered the best equipped of its kind here.

Like her husband, Mrs. Cortes (nee Amparo Joven) is a gun enthusiast. When not busy with her household work, she loves to go target shooting. She is handy with any pistol from .22 to .45 cal.

Mrs. Cortes is a champion in her own right as she has been the Lady Champion Shoot in the Philippines for the last three years. In the last open .45 cal. pistol event, she placed fourth, but defeated a strong field of 45 good pistolmen. Mr. Cortes won this event.—A. N. FLORESCA.