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Montana State University Rifle Team prepared for first match of the season

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With the eight-point small bore range in the ROTC building recently renovated, the MSU Rifle Team is now ready for the first matches of the season, Lt. Col. William J. Lewis, Professor Military Science and Tactics, announced today. The replacement of the ancient wooden floor by a concrete surface and repair work accomplished on the target pulley system and impact area has brought about the shooting conditions necessary for another superior team, Col. Lewis stated.

The MSU Rifle Team has built up through the years a nation-wide reputation as a consistent challenger for the National Championship in college riflery. Several Hearst Plaques, symbolic of the best in college riflery, hang in the hallway of the ROTC building, and it is expected that this year's team may well add another.

Many outstanding marksmen have been members of the MSU team. One of last year's regulars, Lt. John Foster, is now a member of the Army Marksmanship Group at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Members of this year's MSU team will begin shoulder-to-shoulder matches Saturday against MSC riflemen at the ROTC range. The following Saturday, another shoulder-to-shoulder match will be fired here against the rifle team from Utah State University. Beginning November 20, the Annual Western Montana League will commence and the MSU team has three matches in this league prior to the end of the quarter. The Hearst Championship Match firing will be accomplished on Dec. 5.

During the winter and spring quarters the rifle teams will fire in fifty postal matches with colleges and universities throughout the nation. The team will also participate in the Western Intercollegiate Matches at a university yet to be announced and in the Third Annual Intermountain Invitational Matches at Logan, Utah, in April. Members of the team also will participate in the Western (more)
Montana Sectional Championship in the spring.

There are two good reasons why this year's rifle team is expected to have another outstanding season, Col. Lewis commented. "First is the unusually large turnout for positions on the team. Normally twenty shooters begin activities each school year. However, this year, thirty-five students with varying degrees of experience began firing at the beginning of the quarter, thus causing the competition for the five first team positions to become more intense and scores to improve accordingly."

"The second reason is the return of Master Sergeant Quintin L. Carpenter as rifle team coach. Discharged from the Army prior to the end of spring quarter, it was believed he would be stationed elsewhere upon reenlisting. However, good fortune prevailed and Sgt. Carpenter was able to return to his team this fall. His patience, knowledge and willingness to spend many after-class hours with rifle team members in the past has been directly responsible for his team's fine record and the accomplishments of members of the teams after leaving MSU," Col. Lewis commented.

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