



Lieutenant Ivan Yeaton is shown here with the Sooner pistol team which holds more trophies than any other University pistol club in the United States. Yeaton is at the extreme right in the group. He is an assistant professor of military science in the Reserve Officer Training corp.

On Champion Making

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COACHING methods in the University R.O.T.C. pistol team during the past four years have been responsible for the highest attainments in college pistol teams in the United States.

Since 1929 the team, coached and trained by First Lieutenant Ivan D. Yeaton, F.A., has reached the peak of efficiency, and today has a record of holding more state, southwestern and national championships than any similar team in the nation.

With 22 cups, 118 medals for competitions, 39 gold championship awards, 39 silver medals and 26 bronze mementoes for second and third places in championship competitions, the pistol shooting department of the University R.O.T.C. unit can hold its record as a mark for other state educational institutions to shoot at.

Yeaton, recognized as one of the authorities on pistol shooting and training of pistol teams in this country, has been working on pistol training only since 1927, when as a lieutenant in the air corps, he won his first expert honors.

Since that time, he has fired the specified course for additional qualifications, and today wears 3 bars suspended from

the expert medal, denoting his ability to continue the performance each year.

It is no wonder then, that the University has been able to turn out pistol teams with such great success. Second only to Yeaton's coaching, is the effect of the attitude shown by the commanding officer of the R.O.T.C., Major Harry J. Malony, an authority on machine guns and a pistol expert.

In a recent article prepared by Yeaton and the writer for the military science department, the lieutenant pointed out some of the aids in training that may be directly traced to the commanding officer.

A twenty-four page pamphlet, outlining the training methods developed by Yeaton, and discussing classes of pistols and revolvers, is to be mailed to sheriffs and peace officers over the state of Oklahoma and to professors of military science in the universities and colleges all over the United States.

Six illustrations, making clear the points brought out in the article, show the different kinds of weapons and explanations of their suitabilities to various purposes.

Yeaton emphasizes the fact that practice

with a small caliber pistol for the beginner, will develop his shooting to the point of highest efficiency with the heavier caliber gun, such as the army model .45 automatic pistol.

The method of holding the gun comes in for no little discussion, and the form of grip for the guns plays an important part in correct shooting, the officer points out at some length. Weights, lengths of barrel, balance of gun, as well as the position of the free arm and faults in stance are given considerable attention in the pamphlet.

Joseph A. Brandt, '21journ, editor of the University Press, says of the article, "This is the sort of constructive article which should be published in pamphlets by the University."

Emil R. Kraettli, '18ex, secretary of the University, after looking over the material for the booklet, decided in favor of its distribution to subscribers to the University of Oklahoma bulletins, and the additional distribution to sheriffs and other peace officers.

The article will be sent to the United States Field Artillery Journal for publication as a help to other pistol coaches, both in the R.O.T.C. and the services of the nation, Major Malony said.

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Bloodworth Study Published

The University of Minnesota Press has announced the publication of a study conducted by Jessie A. Bloodworth, '20as, of New York City.

The title of the publication is "Social Consequences of Prolonged Unemployment; An Analysis of Five Hundred Cases." The study was conducted in New York City while the author was engaged in social service work. The publication is paper bound and sells for fifty cents.