

aware of what a small proportion of our people now have the slightest knowledge of the simplest principles of rifle shooting. There are no more frontiers. We are, unfortunately, becoming a people of great cities, and city bred men have few opportunities of handling arms. We are getting to a state where we are not only not a nation of marksmen, but are little better off than the European countries in that respect. Indeed, we are not so well situated, for they are aware of their weakness and through their widely spread civilian rifle clubs are preparing their citizens in this important branch of instruction.

"We have in this university a splendid opportunity to do good work along this line. We have a military organization one of whose duties is to know how to shoot. We have excellent raw material in this organization. The government furnishes the ammunition; but unfortunately the college provides no facilities for carrying on the work.

"This is hardly fair to the general government which has done a great deal for colleges of this class. The War Department requires me to teach the military students a minimum of four subjects, and one of these, the Small Arms Firing Manual, at least the second in importance, and as some maintain, the first, I am forced to neglect entirely, because of a lack of facilities. This is not as it should be.

"I realize the difficulty of providing a regular out of door range, where the service rifle could be fired with the service charge and at long distances. This it would be practically impossible to do in or near a crowded community like Lexington. But such a range, while highly desirable, is not absolutely necessary. The great and more important principles of rifle practice can be taught in an indoor gallery, fifty feet long and with small caliber rifles. This is an undeniable fact, for with a preliminary training in sighting and position drills, topped off with work in the gallery, a man can be made a fair shot before he fires a military rifle.

"Such a gallery is what we need here, and I have in my possession plans, specifications and estimates on such a gallery that can be constructed for some