

**GENERAL ORDERS, } HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,  
 No. 61. } ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.  
 Washington, April 27, 1903.**

By direction of the Secretary of War, the following report and recommendation of a board appointed under authority of the act entitled "An act making appropriation for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904," authorizing the Secretary of War to prescribe regulations for the tests for a national trophy and medals and other prizes (for marksmanship), to be provided and contested for annually, are published for the information and government of all concerned:

*Washington, D. C., April 21, 1903.*

To the Honorable ELIHU ROOT, SECRETARY OF WAR.

SIR: In accordance with the provisions of the following circular, the board named therein convened at War Department, Thursday, April 16, 1903, at 11 o'clock a. m.:

*WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington, March 31, 1903.*

Under authority of the act entitled "An act making appropriation for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904," approved March 2, 1903, the following regulation is hereby prescribed for the tests for a national trophy and medals and other prizes for marksmanship provided for by the said act:

1. Said tests shall be under the direction of a board of twenty-one members, eight of whom shall be the president and board of trustees of the National Rifle Association; eight of whom shall be selected by the Secretary of War from the country at large, and five of whom shall be selected from the War Department, the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

2. The members of the said board upon its organization are announced as follows:

**FROM THE REGULAR ESTABLISHMENT.**

The Assistant Secretary of War, the Honorable WILLIAM CARY SANGER, Colonel *William P. Hall*, assistant adjutant general.  
 Lieutenant Colonel *C. H. Lauckheimer*, Marine Corps, by special authority of the Secretary of the Navy.

Major *J. F. Guilfoyle*, 12th U. S. Cavalry.  
 Lieutenant *F. K. Hill*, U. S. Navy, by special authority of the Secretary of the Navy.

**TRUSTEES OF THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.**

General *Bird W. Spencer*, president of the National Rifle Association.  
 Major General *Charles F. Roe*, commanding National Guard of New York.  
 General *George H. Harries*, commanding National Guard, District of Columbia.

General *P. Farmer Wanser*, commanding National Guard of New Jersey.  
 General *Lawrason Ryggs*, commanding National Guard of Maryland.  
 Colonel *Henry M. Taylor*, assistant adjutant general, Ohio.  
 Major *David S. B. Chew*, inspector of rifle practice, National Guard of Pennsylvania.

Mr. *J. A. Haskell*, New York.

**FROM THE COUNTRY AT LARGE.**

General *James A. Drain*, adjutant general, State of Washington, Olympia, Washington.

General *L. M. Oppenheimer*, Austin, Texas.  
 Colonel *A. R. Lawton*, Savannah, Georgia.  
 Colonel *Thomas F. Cooke*, Des Moines, Iowa.  
 Colonel *James A. Frye*, 1st Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, Boston, Massachusetts.

Colonel *E. C. Young*, 1st Illinois Cavalry.  
 Major *Carl A. Wagner*, inspector rifle practice, State of Michigan.  
 Mr. *George Gould*, New York City.  
 Recorder, Lieutenant Colonel *E. J. Dimmick*, assistant secretary National Guard Association.

The board will have its first meeting at the War Department in this city on April 16, 1903, at eleven (11) a. m., and will frame and report for ap-

proval such further regulations as may be necessary to successfully carry into effect the provisions of law above cited.

ELIHU ROOT,  
*Secretary of War.*

**PRESENT.**

Hon. WM. CARY SANGER,  
Colonel W. P. Hall,  
Lieutenant Colonel C. H. Lauchheimer,  
Major J. F. Guilfoyle,  
Lieutenant F. K. Hill,  
General Bird W. Spencer,  
General George H. Harries,  
General P. Farmer Wanser,  
General Lawrason Riggs,  
Colonel Henry M. Taylor,  
Major David S. B. Chew,

General James A. Drain,  
General L. M. Oppenheimer,  
Colonel A. R. Lawton,  
Colonel Thomas F. Cooke,  
Colonel James A. Frye,  
Lieutenant Colonel E. J. Dimmick.

**ABSENT.**

Major General Charles F. Roe.  
Mr. J. A. Haskell,  
Colonel E. C. Young,  
Major Carl A. Wagner,  
Mr. George Gould.

The board has the honor to submit the following report and recommendations for your consideration. Attention is invited to the fact that the board having received verbal instructions from you that it was your desire that it should consider any questions relating to the development of rifle shooting throughout the country, the board has submitted certain *general recommendations* which do not bear directly upon the contest for the national trophy, but which are believed to be in line with your instructions.

Honorable William Cary Sanger was elected president and General Bird W. Spencer, vice president.

Lieutenant Colonel E. J. Dimmick, as designated in circular, acted as recorder.

The following-named members of the board were appointed by the president as an executive committee, said committee to have all the powers of the board when the board is not in session, and to report its proceedings at the following meeting of the board:

Hon. WM. CARY SANGER, chairman,

General B. W. Spencer,  
General G. H. Harries,  
General J. A. Drain,  
Colonel Wm. P. Hall.

Lieutenant Colonel C. H. Lauchheimer,  
Colonel H. M. Taylor,  
Colonel James A. Frye,  
Colonel A. R. Lawton.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONDITIONS OF THE NATIONAL MATCH.**

To be shot on September 8 and 9, 1903.

Open to teams of twelve men from the following:

(a) The Army of the United States, one team from the troops stationed within each of the military departments.

(b) The United States Navy.

(c) The United States Marine Corps.

(d) The National Guard or uniformed militia of the several States and Territories, including the District of Columbia (one team from each State, Territory, and the District of Columbia).

(e) The members of each team to be officers or enlisted men of the corps or organization which they represent, and to appear in the authorized service uniform and belts thereof.

*Distances.*—200, 500, 600, 800, 900, and 1,000 yards.

*Number of shots.*—Ten by each competitor at each range.

*Positions.*—Standing at 200 yards; prone with head toward target at all other ranges.

*Arms.*—United States service rifles and carbines, with not less than three-pound trigger pull.

*Ammunition.*—Service cartridge as manufactured and issued by the Ordnance Department, U. S. Army.

*Entrance fee.*—Twenty-four dollars per team, except by teams of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, this amount to be paid to the National Rifle Association, which association shall pay the operating expenses of the contest.

*Two days' contest.*—First day—300, 500, and 600 yards.

Second day—800, 900, and 1,000 yards.

#### PRIZES.

1. To the team making the highest aggregate total in the two days contest—"The National Trophy" (authorized by act of Congress) to be competed for annually, value .....	\$1,000
and cash .....	500
2. The team making the second highest aggregate total, "the Hilton Trophy," presented by the late Hon. Henry Hilton of New York, to be competed for annually, and cash .....	300
3. The team making the third highest aggregate total, the bronze "Soldier of Marathon," presented by the governor on behalf of the State of New York, to be competed for annually, and cash .....	200
4. The team making the fourth highest aggregate total, cash .....	150
5. The team making the fifth highest aggregate total, cash .....	100
6. The team making the sixth highest aggregate total, cash .....	50
7. And also a medal to each member of each of the winning teams, value .....	200
Total .....	\$2,500

*Place of contest.*—Sea Girt, New Jersey, for 1903.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Regulations to govern all competitions are herewith submitted.

All points not covered by these regulations to be governed by Firing Regulations for Small Arms, U. S. Army, as modified by general orders, current series, Headquarters of the Army.

1. That the Secretary of War be requested to detail an officer of the Army to act as executive officer at the National Rifle Association meeting on the dates of the national match. September 8 and 9.

2. That the contest for the national trophy shall in 1904 be held at some rifle range in the middle West.

3. That the expenses of the national trophy match should so far as practicable be borne by the United States.

4. That the conditions of the national match for 1904 shall include one skirmish run and two full scores timed fire at rectangular targets, and rapid fire if practicable.

The following committee was selected to secure designs and plans for the national trophy and other prizes, with instructions to report at the earliest practicable moment:

Hon. WM. CARY SANGER, chairman,

General G. H. Harries,  
Colonel Wm. P. Hall,

General James A. Drain,  
Lieutenant F. K. Hill.

#### GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the National Guard and militia be invited to shoot in department competitions with the regular troops each year for the same prizes for which the Regular Army shoot, and that the men of the National Guard and militia sent to these competitions be taken from the States in the geographical limits of the department where the competitions are held, under such regulations as the Secretary of War may prescribe.

2. That the Secretary of War and Secretary of the Navy be requested, if in their opinion it be practicable, that the National Guard of the several States be permitted to use U. S. Government rifle ranges for target practice at such dates as may not interfere with their use by the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, under such regulations as may be promulgated by the commander of the military departments in which such are located.

3. That orders be issued to the Ordnance Department so that in all competitions and the preliminary practice therefor the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and National Guard shall be supplied with the same uniform ammunition and no other.

4. That every facility should be offered citizens outside of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and organized militia to become proficient in rifle shooting, and that this purpose can best be accomplished by means of rifle clubs.

The board therefore respectfully recommends the encouragement by the War Department of the organization of rifle clubs composed of those who would be eligible for service in time of war, but without special obligation for war service on account of such membership, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

The issue, if practicable, of service rifles and ammunition to such clubs for target practice, that the training may be with the military arm.

The use of the Government ranges wherever such use may not conflict with the work of regular troops or the organized militia thereon.

The employment of active and retired officers and men of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps as instructors.

That the assistance of State and Territorial authorities and active and retired officers of the organized militia be utilized so far as practicable to assist in carrying out this work.

5. That this board be charged with the encouragement of rifle practice throughout the United States, particularly in the direction of qualifying as finished marksmen those individuals who may be called upon to serve in time of war; to encourage competition in marksmanship between teams and individuals; to collect funds for the establishment and maintenance of ranges, the issue of military rifles and ammunition to those practicing thereat; to encourage indoor practice in armories, shooting halls, and other places, and to furnish plans, targets, etc., for that purpose; to create a public sentiment in respect to the necessity of rifle practice as a means of national defense, and to secure reduced cost of transportation for those engaged in military rifle practice, and to endeavor to procure State legislation for the establishment of ranges for rifle practice in the several States.

6. In order that the practicability of developing the most expert marksmanship under the most favorable conditions may be duly considered with a view to rifle contests in future years the Chief of Ordnance be instructed to report such plans as he may deem practicable for the manufacture and issue for purposes of practice and for use in contests of special ammunition of the highest efficiency.

7. This board gives its hearty approval and indorsement of the sending of a military team to Bisley, England, to compete for the foreign trophies and urges upon the patriotic citizens of this country to give it their financial support.

The board adjourned to meet at Columbus, Ohio, May 4, 1903.

WM. CARY SANGER,

*President.*

E. J. DIMMICK,

*Recorder.*

Approved, April 22, 1903.

ELIHU ROOT,

*Secretary of War.*

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MILES:

W. P. HALL,

*Acting Adjutant General.*