



Top Row: Dost, Pachay, Matthews, Rosenthal, Bullen, Dryer, Goluska, Galandak.
Second Row: McDaniel, Ratto, Labes, Dempsey, Morris, Mashinter, Peltier, Miller.

ARMOUR TECH RIFLE CLUB

At the beginning of the 1935 term at Armour, the rifle club consisted of little more than the residue of a group of riflemen, most of whom had graduated the preceding year. With this as a nucleus, a new club with a new constitution and set of by-laws was organized. The incoming marksmen from the class of '39 gave added impetus to a rapidly growing campus activity, which has since become the hobby of one of the largest groups in the institution.

Increased membership, due to added enthusiasm for target practice, has necessitated the addition of a new range, thus doubling the number of firing points. The old quarters of the club have also been rehabilitated.

The club has carried on its activities this past year under the guidance of its officers: W. Mashinter, President; A. J. Dempsey, Captain; W. G. Labes, Manager; P. Peltier, Range Officer; and F. Neubauer, Treasurer. The officers are chosen by a majority vote of the club from active members in good standing. Election of officers takes place each year on the last Friday in May.

Throughout a season the rifle team engages in many matches with colleges and universities located in various parts of the United States. Most of these matches are shot as "postals." In this type of match each of the competing teams shoots its registered targets under the guidance of its chief officer during the week previously agreed upon by the competitors. On the last day of the week of the postal match both teams exchange scores by mail.

Another very popular type of match is known as a "shoulder-to-shoulder" match. Both teams agree

upon the range in which to fire the match and meet at the appointed time. In the past shoulder-to-shoulder matches have always been fired on the opponent's range. The rifle team hopes to be able to hold matches on its own range in the very near future.

The successful team in a match is usually based upon the five or ten high total scores produced by firing a designated number of shots at a record target in each of four positions—prone, sitting, kneeling, and standing. Sometimes the sitting position is omitted. These positions must be fired according to mutually understood regulations. The record target is composed of five "bulls," each bull containing six scoring rings which are given a value of 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, respectively. Each shot fired is given the value of the ring that it cuts or is tangent to as indicated by a standard gauge.

The rifle team is chosen by the captain from the most experienced and able men in the club as indicated by practice scores and previous matches. This year the team members are: Mashinter, Labes, Dempsey, McDaniels, Ratto, Morris, Galandak, Miller, Bjornstad, Fitch, and Dryer. These men have made a good showing and have won a fair number of matches. The opposing teams engaged in either postal or shoulder-to-shoulder matches are as follows: Universities of Chicago, Indiana, Akron, Iowa, Ohio State University, Northwestern Naval College, Missouri School of Mines, and Wheaton College.

Considering the new material introduced into the club this year, and the added facilities, the Armour Tech Rifle Club looks forward to a further increase in interest and better marksmanship in this "art of shooting the bull."