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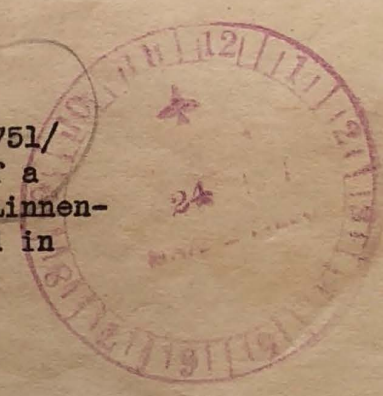
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Reference being had to Bureau file No. 55751/
676, A&P, there are inclosed herewith two copies of a
report submitted by Senior Patrol Inspector G. W. Linnen-
kohl relative to a competitive pistol match engaged in
by members of the Border Patrol on the 17th ultimo.



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Chief Patrol Inspector,
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El Paso, Texas.

On the 15th, 16th and 17th instants the Convention of the Texas State Police Chiefs and City Marshals Association was held in this city and on those three days about ten teams of police pistol shooters participated in a series of matches to determine which team would be designated as the champion police pistol team of the State of Texas. This shoot was confined to municipal police organizations making the Border Patrol and other organizations inelligible. Although the spirit of competition in these matches was extremely keen at the start, the competition itself rapidly resolved itself into an opportunity for the crack San Antonio team to display its unquestionable superiority over all contenders. As the days passed this superiority was more and more manifest and at the conclusion of the matches it was found that this team had so far outstripped the others that elements of true competition were, to a great extent, lacking. Among other reasons for the superiority of the San Antonio team, is the fact that it is led by Lieutenant Millstead, individual champion pistol shot of Texas and individual police pistol champion of Texas, who is ably assisted by Traffic Officer Tate who, in the matches which determined Millstead's superiority in the two above mentioned courses, was runner up, being beaten by Millstead by the small margin of 1 point out of 600 for the individual championship and by 2 points out of 600 for the individual police championship. These two, the boast of Texas, are ably assisted by others, slightly their inferiors with the pistol, but men to be reckoned with in any competitive company.

Toward the conclusion of the competition for police championship hereinbefore mentioned, someone suggested that upon its termination that an open match be held, other teams be invited to participate and that the regular Camp Perry Police pistol match course be fired. This course consists of 10 shots slow fire at 25 yards, 10 shots time fire at 25 yards and 10 shots rapid fire at the same distance. The suggestion was acceded to by

the participating teams and it was determined to hold the shoot with three men on each team (instead of the usual five) at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon on the 17th instant.

Eight 3 men teams participated in this contest. The El Paso Civilian team, the Ft. Bliss Army team and the Border Patrol team were additional to those teams which had been competing for three days. San Antonio divided its team into two sections and placing their three best men (including, of course, Millstead and Tate) on one team entered a second. The City of Austin did likewise. The Border Patrol team, which consisted of Senior Patrol Inspector Ammon M. Tenney, Patrol Inspectors Orin A. Toole and Charles Askins, was apparently ignored by all, it being known, of course, that our team was not of long standing and was without published excellence. In the ensuing contest San Antonio's first team emerged victor with 773 points out of a possible 900, while, to the consternation of some and to the delight of many, the Border Patrol placed second with a score of 767 out of the same possibility. The excellence of the San Antonio shooters will be appreciated with the knowledge that their second team easily placed 3rd over all other contenders. The margin of 6 points over the Border Patrol team by the San Antonio first team is very small indeed and the writer was thrilled by the excellent competitive ability displayed by our men against some of the best shots of their class in America.

In the individual accomplishments, officer Tate of San Antonio placed first with a score of 279 out of a possible 300, Askins of the Border Patrol placed second with a score of 276, beating Millstead, the State champion, by 5 points.

While the writer does not wish to appear in the light of creating an alibi or apologizing for our officers (we are proud to place as runners up with such a team as San Antonio's best), it is nevertheless pertinent to advise you that our knowledge of the proposed contest preceeded the shoot by 6 hours; that Inspector Askins had, for two weeks, been assisting with heavy work in the local garage; that Tenney had been on the hot rifle range the entire preceeding day and had thereafter worked a double night shift from 4 p.m. on the 16th to 8 a.m. on the 17th and had just gotten to sleep when he was advised of the impending shoot; and, that Toole, who was on annual leave, was brought at a great speed from a point

in the mountains 100 miles away, arriving at the field of competition just in time to step in place and shoot. Jostled in a light car, eyes strained from the glare of the desert road, nervousness must have resulted to some extent. None of our officers had had practice for more than two weeks preceeding the event.

In view of the foregoing and of the comparative newness of competitive shooting to our officers, the writer feels that the showing made by Tenney, Toole and Askins in this match is worthy of special mention; that it is in fact nothing short of remarkable and that it indicates diligent concentration upon the work at hand under very adverse conditions.

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Office of Chief Patrol Inspector,
El Paso, Texas, July 3, 1931.

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respectfully furnished the District Director of
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Chief Patrol Inspector.