

**"A DISTINGUISHED SOPHOMORE."**

It was with some doubt that a tall, distinguished looking "fish" with an iron-grey mustache and pleasant smile, came to A. and M. He entered college a week or so before the rest of the '17 class did, and by the time his classmates came swooping down to matriculate he was "on to the ropes," as the saying goes. It was not long before he was the most popular (and, incidentally, the most privileged) Freshman on the campus. This wonderful "fish" was Sergeant George M. Smart, late first sergeant in the Sixth Infantry of the United States Army. He was detailed for duty as Assistant Commandant of the Corps of Cadets of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas on September 12, 1913, and reported for duty a few days later. It wasn't long before he found service at A. and M. to be very agreeable, and at present he is one of the most enthusiastic A. and M. supporters on the campus.

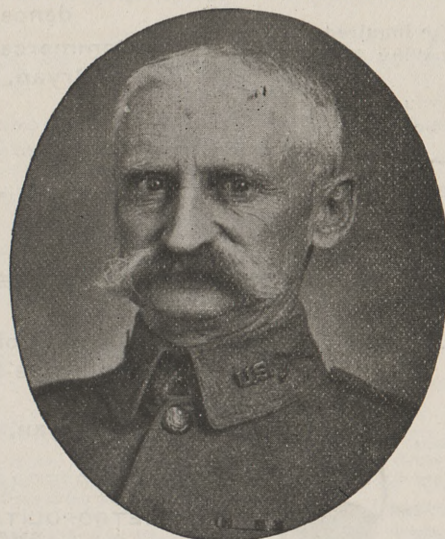
George M. Smart enlisted in the Third Infantry of the United States Army at Fort Missoula, Montana. Since his first enlistment he has served in the Third Infantry, the Seventeenth Infantry and the Sixth Infantry. He has held every non-commissioned rank from a corporalship up to the first sergeantship he now holds. During his time of service in the army he has been stationed at Fort Missoula, Montana; Fort Custer, where he was in the famous Crow Indian outbreak of 1887; Fort Mead, South Dakota; Fort Lincoln, North Dakota; Fort Bowie, Arizona; Fort Grant, Arizona; Fort Bend, New Mexico; Fort Thomas, Arizona; Fort Stanton, New Mexico; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Columbus Barracks, Ohio;

side. For fourteen months Sergeant Smart was in charge of a detachment of thirty men on the Island of San Carlos, and the scraps there with the Ladronees were many and not very far between.

Today he has a number of relics that he gathered while in service on the islands. Some of these relics are of the most exquisite workmanship, all being handmade by the natives. Some of the bolos and kris knives are the spoils of battlefields, while a tomtom and a handworked serving platter of bronze covered with intricate designs are the presents of an old Filipino chief who admired Sergeant Smart very much. There are innumerable relics, such as metal in-laid tobacco jars, betelwood jars, spears and spearheads, that he has gathered in his various sojourns. These souvenirs are priceless, and next to his wife are the sergeant's greatest treasures.

There are not many Sophomores who can expect to have the record that their classmate has had. Every discharge received was excellent and honorable. The fact that he became first sergeant in the Sixth Infantry in 1898 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1911 shows that great confidence was laid in him by his senior officers, and he was trusted in the extreme. After his retirement he received his appointment here, and he states that his happiest days are being spent at A. and M., among the boys he loves, and where he is loved. There is nothing that will arouse the anger of a cadet quicker than to hear anyone pass a slighting remark about our Sergeant.

Sergeant Smart has cured many a case of homesickness and blues during his tours of inspection, by showing the cadet afflicted that someone



**SERGEANT GEORGE M. SMART.**

Alcatraz Island, California, and has seen innumerable days of service in camp and on the field.

In 1898 he was in the thick of the fights during the campaign of Santiago, serving with the Seventeenth Infantry. He served in three tours of duty in the Philippine Islands; the first tour remaining on duty for three years, the second tour for eighteen months, and remaining fifteen months the third tour. He was stationed at different points on the islands, at Manila, Luzon, Negros, Cebu, Bohol, Jola and Mindinao. On many occasions during the time of his service on the islands he was engaged in battles with the natives. He fought against the Ladronees, known all over the world as "bad men." He was in the battle of Bud Dajo, on the Island of Jola, one of the fiercest battles fought in the Pacific possessions. Hundreds of the natives were killed and the rebellion was quelled, but not without severe loss on the American

side. He was interested in him and his progress. His smile is irresistible, and the enthusiasm radiating from him is taken up by everyone whom he comes in contact with.

This "big man" among the Sophomores is loved by the corps for his many fine qualities. He has a way of making every man feel at ease, and his willingness to help anyone when in trouble is another trait that makes everyone admire him. All the "fish" that aspire to corporalships try to imitate his walk, and be as military as he is.

To show how much genuine pep this "Sophomore" has, can be noted by the fact that he walked the fourteen miles to the Brazos and back during the hike. Coming back, he had so much "pep" that he led the bunch in, with such strides that caused many a cadet to look and wonder. He is the man that is right with the boys, in everything that they do—that is right; he likes to crack

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jokes, and the fellow that can crack a joke better than the Sergeant's is some joker.

When the Sophomore class graduates there is going to be many a '17 man realize how much good influence was exerted over him by Sergeant Smart, and there will be a lot of boys who will tell him goodbye and then leave in a hurry so that he will not notice that their eyelashes can't beat away that misty feeling from over their eyes.

So if anyone wants to start a sure-enough big scrap, and start it mighty quick, all he will have to do is to walk up to a '17 man and say a word against their classmate and idol—Sergeant George M. Smart.

**LIFE IN THE NEW "Y."**

It has already been noticed by every man in the corps what a tremendous influence the completion of the "Y" has had on the social life among the cadets, campus people, bachelor profs. and (last but not least) the ladies of Bryan. Several thoroughly enjoyed social events have been held at this beautiful new building and more are being planned. At such times as the track meets and commencement just notice the number of boys who will enjoy the advantages.

At almost any hour during the day you may see men enjoying games of chess, checkers or dominoes there in the lobby besides numerous men in the easy chairs reading.

A little later on when we have the use of the pool, bowling alleys, etc., every man on the campus will exclaim, "How did we get along without our "Y?"

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