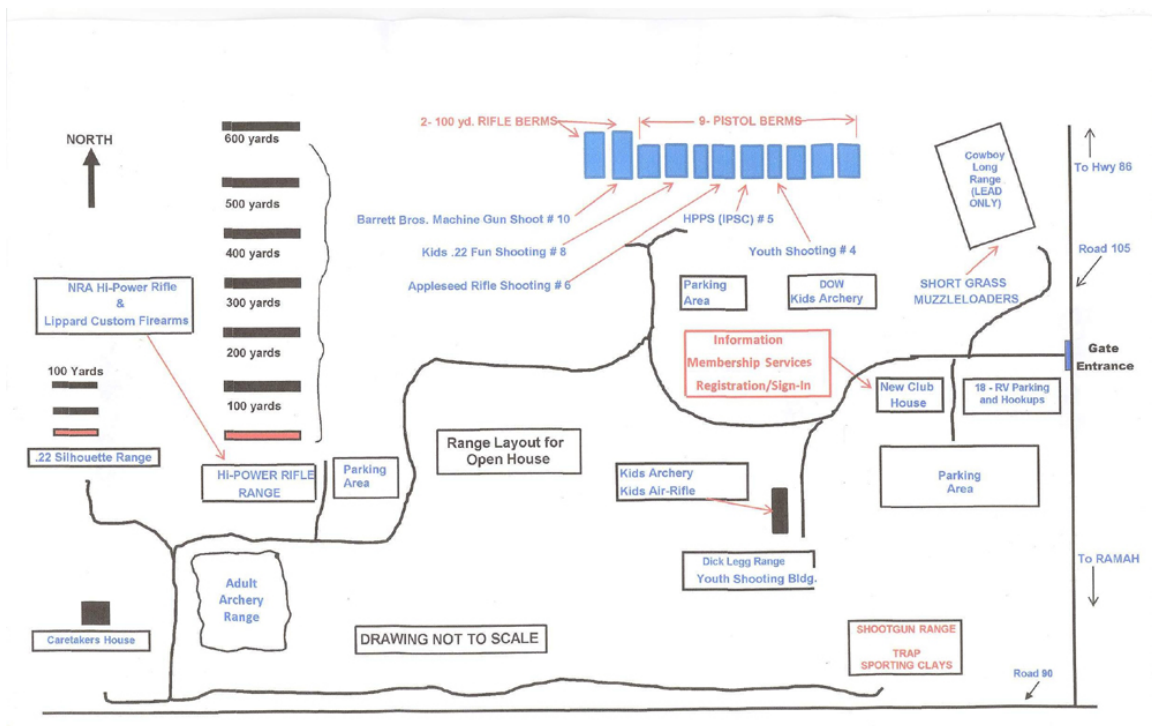


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**Sgt. Karl Lippard**

**600 Record Comments:**

Shooting 600 yards with the *Combat NCO™ pistol* has been established in the pistol Manual and introduced as a distance of “Cover Fire” where the pistol could be used if required. Since 1987 no attempt by Karl Lippard had been made to shoot or demonstrate this **Combat NCO 1911 A2** capability until invited to demonstrate his pistol for members and guests of the **Ben Lomond Gun Club located near Ramah, Colorado on June 11, 2011**. The accuracy seen demonstrated while certainly exceptional, if not unusual, could not have been carried out without the use of a Spotter. In the above described demonstration witnessed at the Club **was a union of two qualified Marine Corps shooters** practicing their craft and performing their best. For while one may be a qualified pistol shot in this case, without the benefit of an equally qualified Spotter hitting a target at this range repeatedly would have been in my view impossible.



Shooting at great range with anything involves a series of conditions that present complications to a Shooter: The altitude, angle of trajectory, wind, visibility, horizon or lack of it, size of target, bullet drift, quality of ammunition, and quality of the weapon. The **Shooter** must know his capability and call his shots with authority. The **Spotter** advises of wind, location of the round on target when viewed and often (if a scoped weapon is being shot) offer corrections to the *Shooter* in elevation and windage among

other things. In the case of a pistol or open sight rifle the same adjustments apply but without the benefit of a rifle scope for the shooter to measure his corrections, much relies on the shooter to analyze the information given from the Spotter and determine from previous rounds fired the amount of correction that might be required to achieve success. He must disregard rounds that are “not his” in a miss, trust his instincts, weigh his Spotter’s instructions, and fire again. Here a Spotter cannot view thru the eyes of the shooter but only be the eyes of the shooter at target terminal. **This union of Shooter and Spotter** makes for a successful shoot. And while a measure of credit goes to the Shooter, equal credit belongs to the Spotter. For the Shooter in this case could not SEE the target as it was obscured from view behind and below the front sight so elevated. **The Shooter was shooting blind. Only the Spotter could see the target** and therefore it could not be hit without his accurate interpretation of wind and impact of the projectile.



**Sgt. Karl C. Lippard, shooter, CWO Charles Henderson, USMC retired.**

**The record therefore is recorded for a pair of Marine Corps shooters shooting as team; that of the Shooter himself Sgt. Karl Lippard and his Spotter CWO Charles Henderson.** The pistol was a **standard Model Combat NCO 1911 A2, .45acp, firing Black Hills 230 grain 950 fps Full Metal Jacket Hollow Point bullet +P ammunition.** The team demonstrated the best training of the **Marine Corps** and the ability of Marines to engage targets at extreme range with a pistol specified in the pistol Manual.

**Sgt. Karl C. Lippard**