

Notes on Oswald as a marksman

The WC has him as a good shot. . . . Do they use the term sharpshooter? Check with the WCR. He did qualify in boot camp as a “sharpshooter.” But only once.

This “sharpshooter” qualification was just barely (by 2 points) and he never achieved this ranking again while in the Marines.

Some of those who served with him in the Marines had a different opinion about Oswald the super sniper.

Nelson Delgado called Oswald on the firing line “a pretty big joke.” He noted that Oswald was sort of famous for getting “maggie’s drawers” fairly frequently. He also did not bother to take care of his weapon. He was always getting giggered. (WC vol. 8

Sherman Cooley, who served with Oswald in the Marines told Henry Hurt (who interviewed him for the book “Reasonable Doubt”) that “If I had to pick one man in the whole United States to shoot me, I’d pick Oswald. I saw the man shoot. There is no way he could have ever learned well enough to do what they accused him of doing.”

When Oswald was in Minsk Russia when he and some of his co-workers went out to shot hares and pheasants (w/ shotguns) his Russian buddies had to bag game for Oswald so he could take it back to Marina because Oswald was such a poor shot. (He had a coordination problem. May explain why he never learned to drive.)

Monty Lutz, with the reputation of being one of the world’s greatest marksmen told the HSCA that no professional marksman was ever able to duplicate what Oswald was supposed to have done.

Craig Roberts a US Marine sniper who later wrote a book on the JFK case called “Kill Zone.” He was persuaded to write the book after visiting the 6th floor of the

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TSBD and looking out the window of the SE corner where Oswald allegedly shot the president. When he looked out the window down range of Elm Street the word that popped into his mind was IMPOSSIBLE.

A Carlos Hathcock, a former instructor in Marine Sniper Corps instructor at Quantico, Va. He is sometimes referred to as the most famous American military sniper in history. Hathcock had 93 confirmed kills in Vietnam.

When Roberts asked him if Oswald could have accomplished what the WC claims he achieved. . . . Hathcock said no. The Marines duplicated a scenario in Quantico that mirrored the conditions in Dallas on 11/22/1962—the angle, the moving target, and the time and not one shooter at the sniper school was able to achieve what the WC claimed Oswald achieved on 11/22/1963.

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