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DEAR GUARDSMEN: Publishing a magazine or newspaper is a lot like firing an arrow into the air or tossing a message into the sea in a bottle—once it's out of sight, you never know whether it's going to "find a home," or whether it was just wasted effort.

So at THE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN, we often wonder if we're covering the ground that Guard readers would like covered. Sometimes it's difficult for an editor sitting behind a desk in Washington to put himself in the place of a Company Commander to determine what the "man in the field" wants to know.

Is there information that would be useful to you, or stories which would be both informative and entertaining, that we're overlooking? Do you want more articles of general military interest, like George Fielding Eliot's "What Are Military Plans Without a National Policy?" (Jan 59), or John Gerrity's "In Their Infinite Wisdom" (Oct 58)? Are you interested in accounts of historic Militia actions, like Capt Bill Kennedy's piece on Ft Ticonderoga (Sep 58) or our staff-written "Golden Anniversary of the Air National Guard" (Dec 58)? Does our monthly "Washington Report" explain top echelon Capitol and Pentagon trends thoroughly enough?

If we're missing something that would be of interest and assistance to you and other Guardsmen, it only takes a four-cent stamp to let us know.

WDMcG.

OUR COVER: Missiles are on the public mind—whether we have enough, and of the right kind. The BOMARC, on left of our cover, symbolizes a "tool" which may be on the ANG's "Unlimited Horizons;" the HONEST JOHN, on the right, a weapon that's essential to the Pentomic Divs of the Army National Guard, so far equipped only with "Yesterday's Weapons."

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