

The President's Page



A Resolution of Condolence on the Death of Brigadier General Louis E. Boutwell, Commanding General, 67th Fighter Wing, Massachusetts National Guard.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All Highest Providence to remove from this life while engaged in this Conference, Brigadier General Louis E. Boutwell, Commanding General, 67th Fighter Wing, Massachusetts National Guard, a National Guard officer of years' standing and a veteran of World War I and II; and,

WHEREAS, As a member of the National Guard of Massachusetts and of the National Guard Association of the United States, he contributed immeasurably to the advancement of the National Guard and national preparedness; and,

WHEREAS, By reason of his distinguished service to his State and Nation and the National Guard of the United States, it is highly fitting and proper that the National Guard Association should, at this time, pay tribute to his services and his memory; and now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the National Guard Association of the United States, in General Conference assembled this 27th day of October 1949, at Montgomery, Alabama, that Brigadier General Louis E. Boutwell be memorialized by this Association and that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of the late General Boutwell as an expression of deep and sincere sympathy and respect of this Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be made a part of the permanent records of the Association, and that a copy be forwarded to The Adjutant General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

E. Walsh

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Dear Guardsmen;

We hope you've noticed that you're getting a "bonus" issue of your NATIONAL GUARDSMAN this month—56 pages of news and pictures instead of the usual 32. For if you haven't noticed, the Editors are going to feel that they've pounded their fingertips to a frazzle for nothing.

We can't do this very often, for it bends the budget out of shape, and it's going to take some time to recuperate. But the Montgomery Conference was so exceptionally newsworthy that the Boss said the sky's the limit—within reason, of course.

An editor's job has its painful aspects. One is the harsh necessity of tossing aside a good many news stories and pictures that don't come up to scratch. It's especially painful for editors who don't like to hurt people's feelings, and it's getting worse all the time.

The competition for space is forcing more and more not-quite-good material into our capacious wastebaskets. We just have to be more choosy.

It's only natural, if Capt. H. O. Witzer thinks he has the best doggone field artillery battery in the whole Yewnited States, for Capt. Witzer to line up his men in three ranks and have a picture taken for publicity and posterity. Now, Capt. Witzer's battery undoubtedly consists of a fine, up-standing bunch of red-blooded American boys, but that just ain't news—leastaways, to 5,000-some other battery and company commanders who are willing to lay bets that theirs is the best doggone outfit.

Capt. Witzer's group photo might go good in the local paper, for lots of folks have a direct, personal interest in their home town boys. But they wouldn't give a hoot about a stiff, posed picture of another group of fine, upstanding young Americans from somewhere out in Oklafornia.

The upshot is that, for the general interest of our Guardsmen and other readers, no matter where they live, we go for pictures and stories of out-of-the-ordinary activities; preferably pictures taken by photographers who have surprised their subjects in action, with their minds (and eyes) away from the lens.

Action, informality, naturalness: that's what we're looking for.

And thanks to the recognition of these factors, among increasing numbers of professional and amateur PIOs and photographers, we're getting better material all the time.

The Staff

OUR COVER

"The Nicest Guy in Washington" was the title of a recent "Collier's" article about General Omar N. Bradley. And when the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff visited the National Guard Association's 71st General Conference at Montgomery, Ala., his Service comrades agreed heartily that the title was apt. His grin over the warm welcome extended by Maj. Gen. E. A. Walsh, NGA President, is typical. (Photo by Cpl. John M. Dean, Hq., Third Army).

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