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dear guardsmen:

Perhaps you've noticed in recent issues of THE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN that we've featured short articles under the heading: "Presenting—A GUARDSMAN!" Each tells the human interest story of a man who has made a profound impression on his fellows.

We're aware of the fact that in a family of more than 400,000 members, there are many others who—degree of military rank notwithstanding—stand out as a consequence of unusual personality or outstanding accomplishments, as citizens or as soldiers, or as a combination of the two.

Generally, they're not individuals on whom the lime-light has focused as a result of a "one-shot" performance, but those who have been solid, steady, probably very quiet and inconspicuous in their day-by-day activities. But they're the ones whose superiors, colleagues, or subordinates will long remember.

The point of our bringing this up is that we have no radar eye to pick out such people. It's up to you folks who read THE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN to tell us about Guardsmen of your own acquaintance, whose characteristics, abilities, personality, and achievements might make interesting reading to a lot of people. Give us the facts as completely as possible, make it clear just what your "candidate" has done that merits especial recognition, and give us some anecdotes that point-up the story.

THE EDITORS

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With the elegance of any New England Winter, one can scent the crisp air and feel the sting of a Winter's evening in this time exposure of Massachusetts Air National Guard planes on a snow-covered ramp at Boston's Logan Airport.—Mass ANG photo by SSgt Gordon E Blake.