

AS WE SEE IT



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

18 May 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, National Guard Bureau

SUBJECT: Commendation for National Guard Practice Alert, Operation Minuteman

Reports have indicated that the recent tests of the availability and readiness of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard were outstanding. This practice alert and the response of the units and members of the Guard is deserving of special commendation. The President has authorized me to address such a commendation to all concerned and I would appreciate it if you would bring this commendation to the attention of all units of the Army and the Air National Guard.

Commendation

"The President of the United States has authorized the Secretary of Defense to commend in his name the National Guard Bureau, the Governors and the Adjutants General of the several States, Territories and the District of Columbia, and the officers and men of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard, for a job well done during the recent practice alert; Operation Minuteman."

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dear guardsmen:

No one at Association Hq "wears as many hats" as Lt Col Allan G Crist. For the past five years, the Executive Editor of THE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN has doubled in brass as the Association's Executive Assistant. As Editor, Al guides the magazine's content, its business, advertising, and circulation activities. And it is he who, customarily, journeys each month to Harrisburg, Penna, "to put the baby to bed." Even more multiple and diversified have been his tasks as



Executive Assistant in connection with the behind-the-scenes routines of the Association Headquarters.

Charter Member of THE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN, Colonel Crist came to Washington from Harrisburg in Feb '47 as the first fulltime male employe of the NGAUS to launch the magazine, and since 1950 has doubled as its Editor and Executive Assistant. (Effective this month, he drops the latter title to give full-time to his multiplying Editorial duties—See "Posting the Guard"). A seasoned newspaper man, he had served on the Harrisburg Patriot; with the UP and British United Press in Harrisburg, Buffalo, Toronto, and NY; with the AP in Harrisburg and Philadelphia; and as first PennaNG post-war PIO, from where he came to the NGAUS.

And Editor-Exec Asst Crist still finds time to keep active in the DC National Guard's State Hq & Hq Det. Commissioned in 1933 in the ORC, after 1926-31 EM service in "The Governor's Troop" of Penna's 104 Cav, Colonel Crist saw active WW II service in Italy, England, France, Belgium, and Germany.

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our cover

Disaster relief is no new experience for the National Guard, especially in the tornado belt; but rarely have Guardsmen, anywhere, encountered more nearly total desolation than did the officers and men of the Kans National Guard, some of whom are seen with their trucks and ambulances in the rubble following virtual obliteration of Udall, Kans.