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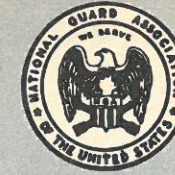
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dear guardsmen:

Equivalent of a combined QM-Transportation-Postal section, so far as the NGAUS Hq operations are concerned, is Bill Offenbacher, observing, this month, the first anniversary of his joining the staff.



Bill is one of those rarities, a native of the Capital City. A former member of Hq & Hq Det, DC National Guard, he came to us after having been graduated from the academic department of Washington's St John's College High School.

A tropical fish fancier, Bill now finds little time to ride this hobby because of his mounting interest in music. He's an accomplished guitarist—and now he's learning to put forth on the five-stringed banjo. Bill employs his musical talents to good use, for every weekend will find him with the "Shenandoah Ramblers," a show specializing in hill-billy tunes over radio station WINX, in Pikesville, Md.

Time was when William played in two bands. But, since presiding over Mail and Supplies, he has had to cut down on much of his trade show costumed appearances.

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Good friends of the National Guard are the Newark (NJ) News, and they've shown it again not only by extended coverage of "Operation MINUTEMAN" but by a very fine editorial and by the excellent editorial page cartoon which—thanks to Managing Editor Lloyd Felmy, Cartoonist Bill Canfield, and Military Editor Warren Kennet—we've been permitted to reproduce on our front cover.