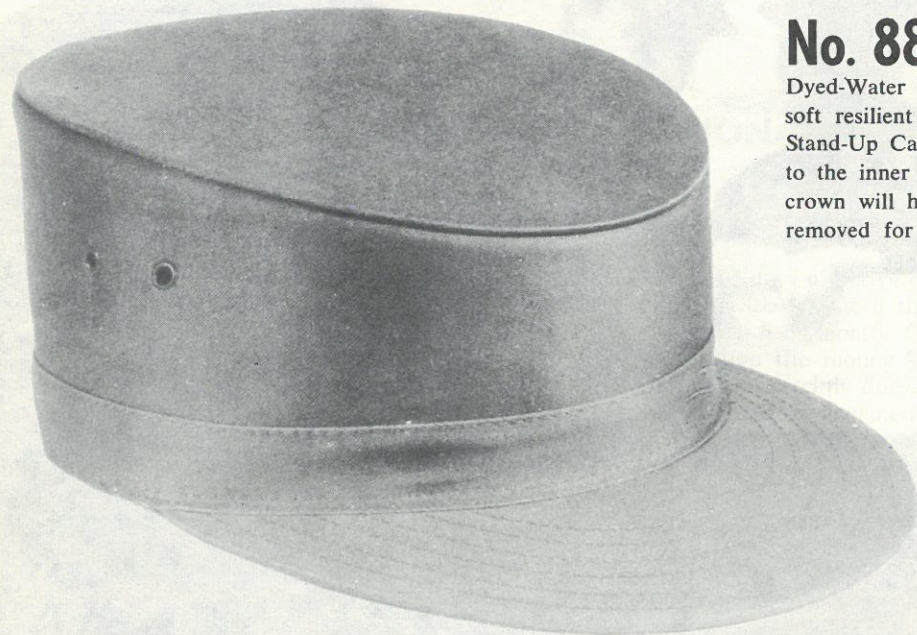


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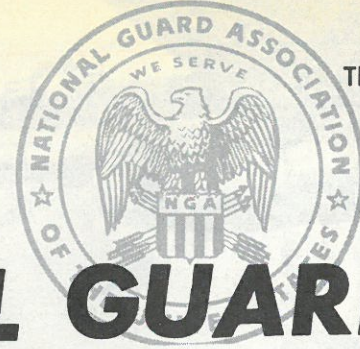
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DEAR GUARDSMEN: This issue of our magazine may confuse you a bit. "Washington Report" deals mostly with the Guard's narrow escape from having to discharge 37,000 men. In "Posting the Guard," you'll see examples of how one State doubled its Guard strength, and how other units achieved recruiting miracles. The purpose is to inspire others.

"What gives?" you may ask.

Frankly, we don't know. We're a bit shook, ourselves. Here, we had lined-up these stirring examples of good old git-up-and-git, and were all set to go to press, when things started poppin' again. On short notice, a Congressional hearing on Guard-Reserve money-and-training matters was called for the day our Production Schedule called for us to be at the printing plant.

We changed Production Schedule, altered hotel reservations, attended hearings, threw a portable typewriter into the jalopy and a wad of notes into pocket, bucketed off to Harrisburg, and are writing this in the wee hours.

We're letting the recruiting stories stand; too late to yank 'em now, and too much good type set. And—who knows?—maybe the Guard will have to put on a recruiting drive some time again. Read the story, anyway.

THE STAFF

OUR COVER: Our artists have tried to symbolize the "shape" of our Atomic Age Army. Most sweeping change in the structure of its combat units since pre-Pearl Harbor "triangularization," it will entail widespread changes with the National Guard, too. In this, and succeeding issues, we present—from the hands of officers who helped develop the "Pentomic" structure—a breakdown of the new divisions. Included is some detail not heretofore published. Commanders might well preserve the articles for troop training.

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