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dear guardsmen:

One of the intangibles that contributes heavily to morale and esprit de corps is pride in one's own outfit's accomplishments.

It means much to have a "home" in the Army—to be a member of a definite, organized unit. That's why the National Guard places great stress on history and tradition.

In the inevitable march of progress and change, an organization may grow, divide, and subdivide into seemingly unrelated parts. But so long as any thread of continuity remains, the history stays alive.

Two books have come out, coincidentally, lending aid to those who are interested in knowing more about the background of existing outfits.

One is "The History of the 110th Field Artillery," by Col John P Cooper, Jr, its ex-CO, now Exec of the 29 DivArty. Well illustrated with maps and photos, it traces connection with Revolutionary War forebears, through 1950. Published with the aid of the War Records Division, Maryland Historical Society, 620 Park Ave, Baltimore, Md, it brings in also the parallel history of its "brother," the 224 FA Bn. Price: \$5.00.

The Army's Office of Military History has come out with Vol II of "The Army Lineage Book," a collection of the official statements of lineage and battle honors for all Infantry regiments and battalions, of all components, on the Army's rolls as of the end of 1950. It contains drawings of organizations' coats of arms and distinctive insignia. The book is available through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, DC, at \$2.00. (Vol. I, which will cover divisions of all types, won't be out for several years; a volume on Armor units, and another on FA, are expected to be ready in the latter part of this year or 1955).

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Unique among the National Guard's many peacetime public services is its use of high explosive shells to control mountain snowslides. Here the Avalanche Control Squad from Hailey, Idaho's, How Co, 116 Armd Cav—only one of its kind in the State—swings one of its two M7s into position near the base of Sun Valley's Baldy Mountain. Minutes later, 13 rounds of 105mm shells had blasted away the overhanging cornices of 6' snow threatening momentarily to break under their own weight and crash down upon ski bowls frequented by scores of sportsmen. (Idaho National Guard Photo).