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dear guardsmen:

Every once in a while a piece of mail comes through for Mr. Patsy Merz, and Patsy just grits her teeth, opens the mail, and goes about the business at hand.

And that "business at hand" is enough to keep her, and her crew of three assistants, fully occupied with the mechanics of advertising and circulation matters.

Patsy joined the staff back in 1948 as a stenographer and helped set up and run the circulation fulfillment system—the machinery for receiving and recording new subscriptions and renewals, cutting, coding, running and filing the thousands of address stencils.

She's seen the list grow from a few thousand to nearly 60,000, and has helped build it up through the production and distribution of promotional material to State AGs, organization and unit commanders, and individuals.

Miss Merz rides herd, too, on advertising contacts, contracts, insertion orders, billings, and copy.

Graduate of Western High School in Washington, she got caught by the war on a visit to Germany, and saw it out from that side, doing morale and welfare work with US and British prisoners of war. Got back here practically the moment the war was over, and came to work for us soon afterward.



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our cover

So close in flight are these sleek Sabrejets of Idaho's Air National Guard that, from the angle this photo was "shot" near Boise's Gowen Field, one of the F86s appears to have lost one of its wings. Piloting the Sabres at the time were Lt Col Martin H Johnson and Maj Kenneth E Nordling of the 190 Ftr-Intcp Sq, now undergoing jet transition training. (Idaho ANG Photo).