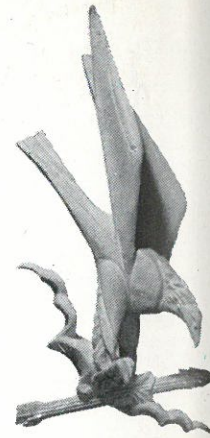




## AS WE SEE IT

### The Mark of a Champion!



EVERY year since 1948, the Army National Guard has chosen its best units and honored them with the highest award it can bestow: an Eisenhower Trophy—one for each State, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Because the trophy represents solid achievement in the whole broad field of military proficiency, it has acquired a stature which many awards in this trophy-wacky age never can achieve. In the Guard, the Eisenhower Trophy has become a prized symbol of the real champion, the unit which performs every one of its several important functions in a superior manner.

Sometimes, though, its significance is forgotten in the average State's busy round-robin of recruiting, training, and community service; and the accomplishments of the winning units are overlooked.

More than any award now offered ARNG units for distinguished performance in a variety of fields, the "Ike" Trophy signifies a triumph for the whole Company, or Battery, or Troop, and for each individual member of that unit. It is given, not for a single outstanding performance in one lone military skill, but for a year-long effort in every field. Brought into the computations when the winners are chosen, for example, are such factors as:

—Potential military usefulness as represented by its strength in manpower and by the percentage of those men who attend drills and field training regularly.

—Operational capabilities as reflected by the overall rating earned during annual field training.

—Tactical self-sufficiency as shown by the number of its members who can use their personal weapons proficiently.

—The quality of its administrative, supply, transport and communications procedures as measured during annual armory inspections.

The unit which wins an Eisenhower Trophy is the best unit in its State in every sense of the word, because no unit that was weak in even one of the fields enumerated could hope to meet the exacting criteria on which the award is based.

The award is a personal triumph for the Commander because no unit can hope to develop the caliber of

teamwork required of an Ike Trophy winner without leadership of the highest caliber. It's equally a mark of honor for each member of the winning unit—Private and Platoon Sergeant, Rifleman and Supply Clerk—because no organization can maintain peak military proficiency over an extended period of time unless every man is pulling his share of the load every day.

In fact, it is sustained high performance over an extended period of time which counts for most when the trophy scores are tabulated. Like the old fable of the tortoise and the hare, it's not the flashy bursts of speed that count so much as it is dependable, consistent, steady accomplishment, an axiom developed by military men long before units received such marks of recognition as the Ike Trophy.

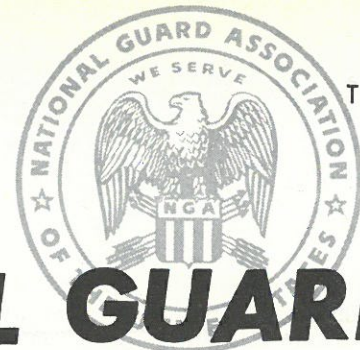
The Eisenhower Trophy has acquired luster and prestige because it stands for two overlapping qualities which are the basic reasons for the Guard's very existence, military effectiveness and battlefield readiness.

To all of the winners—to the units as such, to the individual members thereof, and to the Commanders—we extend congratulations for achievements which are in the Guard's finest tradition.

Special mention should be made of the units which were repeaters. The 226 AAA (RCAT) Det commanded by Lt Warren W Reed, for instance, was Nevada's Ike Trophy winner for the fifth consecutive year. Several others posted their fourth successive win, some units made it three years in a row and still others took home their second cup. Some of these also had won additional trophies in earlier years, giving them a consistent year-after-year standing as solid citizens in the military family.

We remember, in the days before WW II brought its bumper crops of medals, ribbons and commendations, when the one of the greatest tributes you could pay an Army man was to say of him: "You gotta hand it to him—he's a damned good soldier!"

So, adding our little bit to the well-deserved recognition they've already received, we say to the Guardsmen whose efforts won an Eisenhower Trophy for their units: "We've gotta hand it to you—you're a bunch of damned fine soldiers!"



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**DEAR GUARDSMEN:** Guess anyone who can find inspiration in an Army Regulation must have been drinking this Potomac River water too long. Anyhow—the occasion for this tribute to an inspired though anonymous author is the emergence of AR 335-20, "Reports Improvement at Tactical Unit Level." "Surveys," he says, "have indicated that the reporting workload of tactical units is more burdensome than necessary." (It took a *survey* to learn that? We thought the anguished screams of overburdened Company Commanders could be heard from Zistelstockheim to Woo-bang-foo!) Be that as it may, with the blessing of the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff, he has listed some commonsensical "Do's and Don'ts to Improve Reporting at Unit Level." Moreover, it's short and easy-to-read.

Recommendation: Camouflage it with a Calendar Cutie and put in near the top of the stack in the Old Man's "In" basket. Maybe you can sucker him into reading it, and doing something about it. —AGC

**OUR COVER:** By tradition, the whole gun crew pulls the lanyard when an Artillery outfit gets a new gun, and that's the scene Sgt Robert Sprowls, photographer for the 28 Inf Div, caught at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation when DivArty elements unleashed their powerful new 8" howitzers for the first time during field training. By lucky happenstance, Sgt Sprowls also tripped the shutter at just the right moment to capture a blurred image of the actual shell in flight (far left in photo).

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