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We rather resent the implication that our eyebrows need thinning-out. We much more seriously resent being addressed as "Dear Madam." There was a possible solution in bucking the communication to Patsy Merz as a matter pertaining to her command, but she insists it has nothing to do with Circulation and there's not much chance of convincing "Tweezie" that an ad for "Hollywood's newest beauty secret" would pull many sales to National Guardsmen and she has enough to do without taking on the duties of being Editor of the Women's Department of THE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN so we're just going to let the whole thing drop.

P. S.: Migosh, here comes another one addressed to the Women's Editor—has to do with "a news release, a photograph and four sample letters from Santa that will give any child the thrill of a lifetime." It's from California, too.

OUR COVER

Typical of the National Guard outfits that have answered repeated calls to their country's defense are the Pennsylvania anti-aircraftmen who, in their 1940 and 1950 versions, appear on the cover. Their forebears won the name "First Defenders" for answering Abraham Lincoln's call for troops to protect Washington. As the 4th Penna. Inf., they were among the first to enter U. S. service in 1917. As the 213th CA Regt. (AA), they were in the first group inducted for World War II. And as elements of the 51st AAA Brig., they were included in the first "alert" for the current emergency. (Photos from Allentown Call-Chronicle).

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