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**DEAR GUARDSMEN:** The spirit of the National Guard is that of youth and of progress—of accepting new patterns, new "hardware," new ways of doing things of transitioning smoothly from "03" rifles to supersonic jets, from 90mm guns to NIKE missiles. Yet we feel it's not only interesting but instructive to pause now and then, if only for a moment's peek at what things were like and how things were done by those who blazed the way in the old, pre-War II Guard.

That's why for some months we've been running a "Picture Gallery," contrasting an old-time outfit with it's M1960 counterpart.

But we need help in getting good photographic "candidates" and adequate descriptive text material. Each month we'd like our "Then-and-Now" pix to represent a different State. Moreover, we'd like a variety of subject matter; after all, there's an infinite range of different things that Guard units do, not to mention the different types of Army Guard and Air Guard units.

Armory Trophy Rooms, and the personal albums of old-time Guardsmen, should yield some interesting shots. If you find any, pair-up the best of them with recent action-type photos (no posed group pix, puh-lease!) of today's counterpart unit, preferably at the same type activity, and send them to us. Each month, we'll run the ones we consider to be the most generally interesting -photographic quality, novelty, etc., considered.

OUR COVER: Unique in more respects than their Stateside comrades might imagine, most citizen-soldiers and airmen of the Alaska National Guard "pull duty" every hour of the day and night in the vast, rugged 50th State. Typical are the Guardsmen shown on our cover, Eskimo members of the 1 Scout Bn living-and training-on Little Diomede Island, just three miles from Russianheld Big Diomede Island. —(US Army Photo)

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