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The author is clearly an advocate of the National Guard and its role in military education and preparedness. He argues for the importance of supporting the Guard financially to maintain its strength and readiness for service.

Letters from Our Readers

Letters of approval continue to come to the publishers of this magazine, expressing admiration for the new form of The National Guard Magazine. It is a pleasure to know that the judgments of these publications are being approved by the subscribers, readers and advertisers.

We have selected a random list of letters, some of which illuminate the thought and manly character inherent in the work of this magazine. The comments and views expressed in these letters are representative of the general opinion of The National Guard Magazine, and we commend these writers for their support and encouragement.

The character continually impresses its success and makes it possible to wield a tremendous power for the betterment of the National Guard in general.

Major C. G. Graff, of the First North Dakota Infantry, speaks favorably of the splendid work that has been done by The National Guard Magazine in pushing the pay bill. The fact that the pay bill is so near passage and becoming a law is gratifying to the publishers of this magazine who have fought ceaselessly and almost alone, so far as the other service publications are concerned, for the passage of this measure and no better comment could be passed upon the power and influence of The National Guard Magazine than that through its agitation the entire country has been secured to the necessity of a pay bill. It took over a year to get the Executive Committee of the National Guard Association around to this demand and even to take a partial reorganization of the committee before handway could be made, but it is a great pleasure to state that no harder working Executive Committee has ever held sway in our National organization than the present one which has been wholly committed to the passage of the pay bill and has worked, as it were, tooth and tongue to bring the measure to its present status. Major Graff’s letter follows:

Editor National Guard Magazine:

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I was very much interested in General Butler’s article on “The American Military Spirit and the National Guard” in the January number and I wish it could be published broadcast, all over the land. It might possibly help to awaken the dormant military spirit, if anything short of a National calamity.

Good luck to you and the magazine.

Yours very truly,

O. C. GRANTON,
Major, 1st In., N.G., Fargo, N. D.

Major Graff’s suggestion that the article “The American Military Spirit and the National Guard” should be published broadcast over all the land is entirely in keeping with the plans for publicity which The National Guard Magazine is now developing. By turning to the final page of the news and the popular press under the heading “What the States are Doing,” you will notice a plan printed in black face type to have appointed in each company organization, a “publicity man” whose duty it is to see that such articles as are referred to in Major Graff’s letter are referring to the local papers and whose duty it is to keep in touch with The National Guard Magazine and keep it informed as to what the company is doing.