dear guardsmen:

During the course of the past five years, we've thrown in frequent reminders that THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN lends itself beautifully to use as a recruiting "tool." Evidence that it Rendering with at least one out on come in a letter from 1st Lt. Fred Anderson, CO of Hq. & Hq. Co., 1st BN, 128 Inf. This Hanford, Wash. native held an open house, had visitors observe various sections at their normal functions, served them lunch (prepared by the Mess Section) and gave each visitor a copy of THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN. Result: 20 recruits. We won't try to guess what guardman Anderson wrote: "This unit is an ardent subscriber of THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN and found it was a great help in recruiting new men."

For nigh onto five years, one of the mootest chores for our Circulation staff has been that of hand-punching expiration dates in the address stencils. Each stencil is bound in a tough cardboard frame. Two holes have to be punched in the frame, to show the year and the month in which your subscription expires. When the stencils are run through the addressing machine, those that expire that month drop into one hopper, the rest go to another. All these years, the girls have had to hand punch punches. It takes no Sandow to punch a stencil, but after a few hundred—you hand's ready to drop off.

So we bowed to the girls' entreaties, scanned the budget, bought us a fine, neat, automatic machine. It's marvelous: you feed in a hopper full of stencils, turn on the switch, press a plunger into the right hole in a mental template—tailor-made to meet our special requirements—a pantograph arm reaches out and, in due course, the stencils are properly punched. The only trouble in the, damn thing doesn't work. There's gotta be another adjustment made.

Once it gets adjusted just right, we know the girls will be delighted to have you come in and see the mechanism marvel.

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Army photographers seem to have a knack for catching the self-propelled 155mm "Long Tom" of Arkansas 5746, FA Bns in spectacular action shots. The locale—Korea—is the same, but the ground provides a marked contrast with conditions on another occasion (THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN, June 1959).