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Dear Guardmen:

In addition to other duties we, with the help of the DCNG, managed to get 52 State and Territorial and DC flags from office to hotel and back without busting off only one ornamental eagle and ripping only about half the dust covers.

Getting to be flag specialists of a sort, we're off next to the factory, down near Valley Forge, to inspect a brand new set of all of the State flags that the NGAUS is having made for presentation to the U.S. Military Academy (there's a story about that, inside). At the same time, maybe we'll get a chance to look at Washington's historic headquarters and site of the signing of the Constitution, if it's not, despite a lifetime's residence in Pennsylvania.

Maybe you'll notice (now that we're calling your attention to it) that, dotted here and there at the bottom of this column or that, is a little one- or two- or three-line "filler" of information about the National Guard.

They're interspersed for the primary purpose of indicating some of the publicity and recruiting aids the Information Office of NGC is distributing wholesale for the units' use. Among others is a full-color poster, which we have adapted for use on our back cover this month; and a series of Ripley-type features, one of which appears in connection with our "Tool Kit" article, intended for local newspaper use. It's worth keeping in mind that these aids, and the many others that soon will be available through your Adjutant General's office, can help you with your recruiting, if you'll use them well. Not that they'll eliminate the doorbell ringing and buttonholing that are required to actually GET recruits.

The Staff

ON OUR COVER
A portion of New England's 45th "Winged Victory" Division forms on the deck at Bremerhaven after disembarking from the U. S. Transport General H. W. Butts. They formed the vanguard of the first National Guard division sent to Europe in peacetime. (Wide World Photos, Inc.)

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