THE COMPANY OR BATTERY COMMANDER

[Extracted from the address of General John Dalquist, Commanding General, Continental Army Command, before the 76th General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States, Miami, Florida, 19 October 1954.]

I HAVE never failed to marvel at the work done by this man.

FOR in addition to making a living, he must recruit his own outfit and this is a task which is never ending.

HE is faced with a tremendously difficult training problem. Within the limited time available he has to conduct recruit training, advanced individual training, and basic unit training.

HE has somehow to develop a unit that is capable of functioning when it goes to Summer-field training.

TO be successful, he must have the patience of Job, plus perseverance and leadership of the very highest quality.

HE is not limited to the weekly training period and the Summer-field training. It requires many, many hours of extra work.

OF all men wearing the uniform today, the National Guard Company Commander certainly occupies the toughest and most difficult position.

HE deserves the highest tributes his neighborhood and his Nation can give him.

dear guardsmen:

Membership activities and records. That's the job that Mrs. Edwina Randall has been helping to push since she joined the headquarters staff of the National Guard Association back in July '53. She's Assistant Membership Statistician. And, though it's her first full-time position since graduating from high school, she's done a bang-up job. Edwina's the "baby" of the office—not yet 20.

And the "MRS" was acquired during her first vacation while we were in Miami for the Association's General Conference.

Between her duties with the Association and her newly acquired home in Suitland, Md., Mrs. Randall leads a busy life, but still finds time for dancing, one of her chief diversions. Time was when athletic activities—basketball, swimming, ice skating, and bowling—filled much of her leisure time. And she hopes yet to be able to squeeze-in a few evenings of bowling.

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Peace time public service, so frequently performed but so infrequently recognized, is exemplified in the cover photo showing Indiana National Guardsmen building a sandbag dike at Hammond to combat the flooded Little Calumet River. (Wide World Photos, Inc.)