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The Guard is growing space. We're delighted, of course. And naturally we're pleased that we (The National Guardsman, that is) are growing, in several directions at once. Circulation is up past 82,000. That means sharpened interest and our own ranks. Advertising is up. That means we can spread our elbows a bit—freely add more pages. And we need elbow room, for sure. The full picture is reflected in an upward graph. In short we're toasting the point where the parabola of possible "bores" in our magazine threatened. Quite the contrary. Especially in the past few months, time after time we've had to carry type and pix from one issue until the next because we just couldn't cram in everything we had from the outfiles, and achieve a balance of reader interest in other types of news, articles, feature stories, cartoons, etc. Part of the reason is that we're just too busy to keep up with the barrage and select from that lively stuff to most of our staff; the busy schedule, the stilled pens—and print only the best result. Which we honestly think will interest most of you. From time to time we'll give some examples of "how to" and "what we've done per article and piece.

OUR COVER
Tankers from Puerto Rico's Tank Co., 295 RCT, open up at targets on the Camp Tortuguero range, making the most of a multiple drill. Tank companies from the 295 RCT and the 294 RCT, stationed at Vega Baja and Manati—a short distance from the range—conduct live ammunition firing recently in small multiple platoons. (Puerto Rico National Guard Photo)