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DEAR GUARDSMEN: Every publication has its policy and its "slant." It's designed to meet the interests of a particular group and type of readers. It's the publisher's or sponsor's, job to determine what field of interests he wants his publication to serve. Then it's the Editors' job to seek out, develop, and print the kind of material which, in his opinion, satisfies those interests. What's newsworthy for a country weekly most likely wouldn't get into a national news magazine. A "hot" story for a plumber's trade journal would land on the "dead hook" of a daily paper, most likely.

By the same token, the National Guard Assn of the US, when it decided to establish THE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN 'way back in 1947, adopted a Statement of Policy setting forth that magazine's broad aims and outlining its contents. After 11 years, that policy has been reviewed by both the Assn's Committee on Publication and its Executive Council. The two groups have found very few and minor modifications required after 11 years of publication. The revised Statement of Policy appears elsewhere in the issue for, as Army directives often are prone to say, "the information and guidance of all concerned."

OUR COVER: Comes the season when the bulk of the Guard is on the way to, undergoing, or coming back from its annual 15 days of abrupt conversion from store clerk, judge, Civil Servant, or what-have-you, to anything from Rifleman to Division Commander. The experience represents a kaleidoscope of activities, sights, sounds. Lou Nolan has captured a pictorial impression of many of the elements which go to make up Annual Field Training.

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