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DEAR GUARDSMEN: After one look at the list of ARNG and ANG field training sites, it looks as though about the only locations where Guardsmen *won't* be training this Summer are good ol' Ft Dustbowl and Cp Swampy.

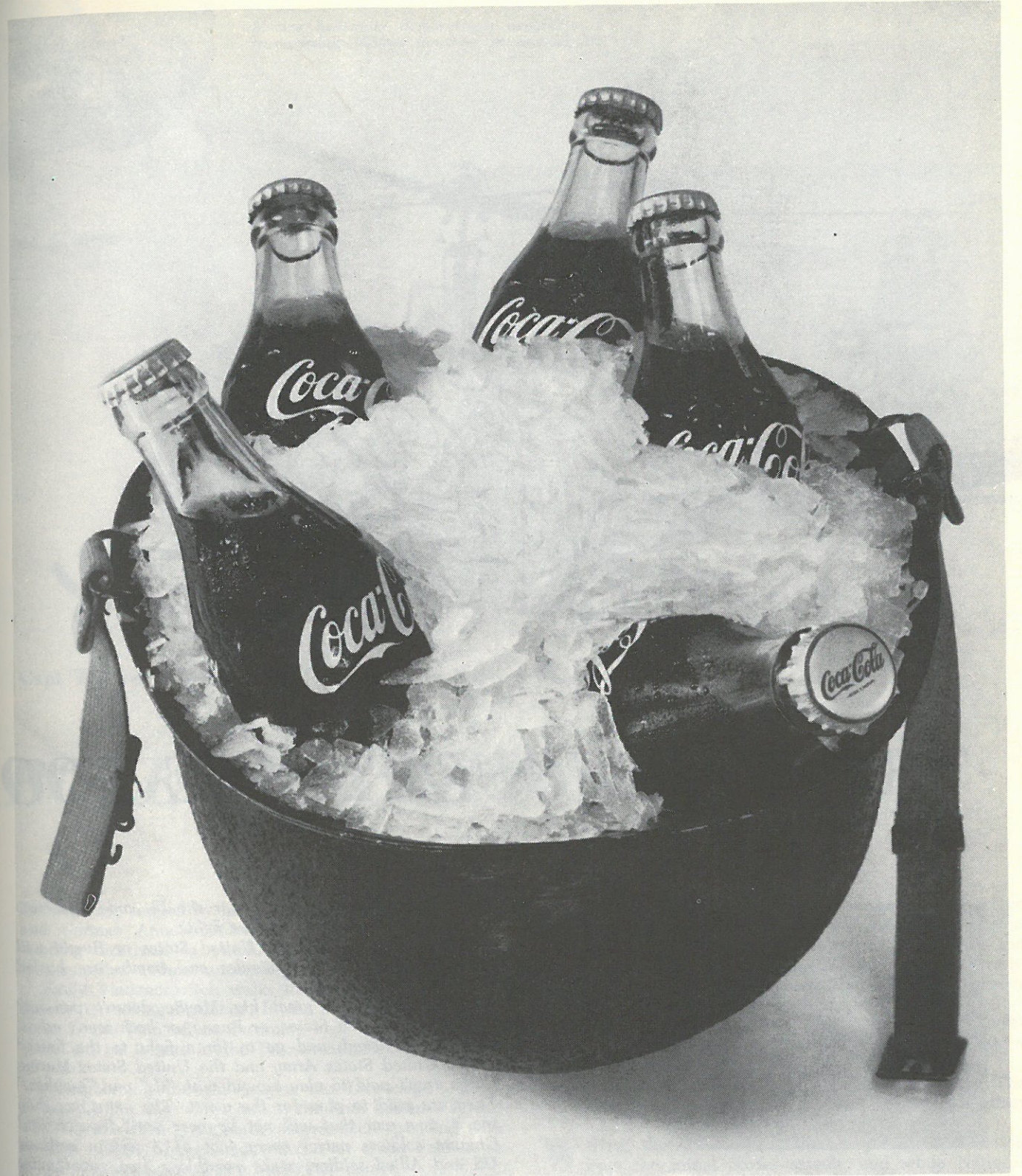
Never did we dream that there were so many different locations—89 for Army Guard units alone (some of which also serve for some Air Guard outfits), and 70 for the ANG (a few of which will be field training sites for Army Guard outfits as well).

And the population will range from a handful of people at one place (the 587 Trans Co from NY, for example, will be the sole ARNG representative at Ft Story, Va) to the big places like Cp Drum, NY, and Cp Ripley, Minn, which will "host" four Divs-plus apiece between June and Sep.

Moreover, subtle change in the very nature of field training, as old-timers know it, has been taking place for more and more units, which don't move a foot from where they train throughout the year. This is increasingly true for ARNG Air Defense units, training on site, and a goodly number of ANG units which stay right on home base. Paradoxically, others—both Army and Air—will roll-up 2,000 miles or more in round-trip travel to and from their 15 days of (forgive the expression) ANACDUTRA.

But whether up to their hips in mud, or dry shod in a permanent installation, upwards of 450,000 Guardsmen will be polishing the skills and practicing the teamwork they'll need if Khrushchev stops talking and starts shooting. —AGC

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