HOW TO SUCCEED IN THE NATIONAL GUARD

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ends with saluting the Colors each drill night. The man who gets the Colors is always interested. He is thinking, talking, and planning National Guard at every opportunity. He constantly is searching for ways to improve his contribution to the unit, to do his job better, looking forward to the next field training or the next training quarter with the determination that previous mistakes and omissions won't happen again. Improved performance is his motto. He actively supports all phases of the Guard program.

In the Guard as in industry, initiative is essential. Your Commanding Officer is interested in your progress. The more men he can advance, the better for him and for his unit. He thus builds for the future, for he knows that in the long run his unit never will want for replacements.

If you are wise you will use your objective, and be willing and prepared to climb step by step. By enrolling in extension courses you will broaden your background and usefulness, and incidentally achieve one requirement for promotion. If enthusiastic, if interested, if you grope beyond question that you have what it takes. This is the most direct and sure way to succeed in any field, and especially in the Guard.

Remember that you will be plugged by interminable details and formalities, social and otherwise, that you may consider insignificant, or interfere with your social freedom to neglect them or to treat them as unreasonably may prove your undoing. Science and experience have shown us that the important things in life are relatively simple and most of the so-called insignificant things are important. A superior type of duty performance in National Guard is doing each phase of the operation on time regardless of its seeming unimportance at the moment, with the full realization that it is but one aspect of a complicated plan. Never be content with doing a routine job and trying to justify such action by the attitude of "We pay you for equal work." That extra effort and these extra hours will pay in the long run.

Your chance for success in the National Guard depends upon your attitude—a responsibility you cannot delegate. On this rests your level of achievement.

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