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Dear guardsmen:

Maybe its because the Guard is growing all the time; maybe it's because more outfits are becoming National

Guard units, or just because the Guard has been virtually snowed-under with field training, this season, and especially in the past month.

Good pictures they've been, too, for the most part. That's what's made it so hard to have to lay aside several hundred that we might have published.

Lest you, who may be wondering how come we passed-up your pride gems, should think it's been by passing a mile of glitter into the air and catching those that stick to the ceiling, here's an insight into what goes into the selections.

Subject matter: scenes that are typical of the average Guardsman's Summer camp experience.

Action--preferably something that takes place while the men had their minds on what they were doing, as opposed to being curious about and watching what's going on. Variety--some shots of a few of each--YA firing, AAA crews intent on their guns. Engineers at practical tasks. Infantry in the field, reviews, award presentations, vehicles servicing, mess preparation; the great variety of training and administrative tasks that all add up to field training.

What happens to the "rejects"? They go into the "morgue" to await future use for a different story, for our own magazine as well as for use with feature stories appearing in newspapers and magazines all over the world, the same to always be the kind of picture.

They're all worth-while, and we thank you, one and all.

The Staff

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Riding to "war" in up-to-date style, a squad of California's 223rd Armored Infantry piles out of an M-48 tank armoured personnel carrier. The amphibious M59 (see "Armored Mobility for the Doughboy") is THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN's Man of the Month. M56 (see photo, p. 56) takes troops up to where the smallarms-range shooting begins.