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## **STATE GUARD, WWII**

### A Working Bibliography of MHI Sources

During WWII, individual states raised new military forces to replace their federalized National Guard. In Oct 1940, new legal authority permitted states to raise new forces after losing National Guard units for federal service. (The U.S. had just mobilized the first increment of the Guard in Sep 1940.) Each state then recruited, organized, and trained its new force with assistance from the National Guard Bureau. It was then available within the state for security duty, disturbance control, or disaster aid. All but four states eventually raised such forces, authorizing a total strength of 232,000. However, the number of State Guardsmen actually mustered only reached about 170,000, of which a maximum of 14,000 were ever called to active duty in any one year. By Jun 1946, no active State Guardsmen remained and federal assistance ceased at year's end.

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