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## **DIVISION MARKINGS BARRED IN STATES**

### **War Department's Order Follows Unlawful Riot of Color**

While Congress is considering a bill that would forbid soldiers to wear any service stripes, the War Department has issued an order requiring all returned officers and men of the A.E.F. to remove their divisional shoulder insignia the moment the division is demobilized in the United States.

The order provides furthermore that officers and men arriving at American ports apart from their divisions must remove their shoulder insignia on landing. It also specifies that officers and men who are separated from divisions in the United States before the divisions are demobilized must take off the shoulder insignia at the time they are detached.

The order followed complaints that scores of unauthorized, gaudy shoulder patches were being put on by soldiers after arriving from overseas and that it was impossible for military authorities to determine in individual cases whether the insignia worn was authorized or that, if authorized, the wearer was entitled to display it.

## **YANKS INSIDE GERMANY**

Eighty American officers and 500 enlisted men took charge of posts in the interior of Germany this week. They are unarmed. In 20 detachments of four officers and 25 men each they are taking over the food administration of Russian prisoners of war camps. Each detachment has one medical officer who will control sanitary conditions.

The sending of the American expedition followed an agreement among the Allies by which Great Britain and the United States are to administer certain affairs of Russian prison camps. England and the United States will each control 20 camps.

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