

## 15TH IS UNDER POINT SYSTEM

Occupation Army Eligible to  
Get Discharges.

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WASHINGTON, May 11.—A soldier who is in the 15th army at present won't necessarily be kept in Europe for the occupation of Germany, the war department said today.

The 15th army, which is to have the job of occupation, was built up in Europe and has been in the line since the middle of March.

It will be culled through, the war department says, just as any other army, for men who are entitled to discharge under the point system and for men who will be sent to the Pacific theater.

As one war department spokesman put it:

"Reshuffling is going on all over the place (Europe). Parents should know that the fact that their sons are in the 15th army now doesn't mean they are going to be kept for the occupation if they are entitled to discharge or wanted for the Pacific operation."

Army Parents Write

"The army of occupation exists at present as a designated organization but not as a group of men and it won't be that way until the reshuffling is all over."

The 15th army will finally become a fairly permanent group, but that will take some time.

Men from other armies who are ineligible for discharge and who are not regarded as necessary for the Japanese war will be shifted into the occupation forces of the 15th.

Congressmen report that already they are getting rate letters from parents and wives of men at present in the 15th army. In some instances, the writer points to the long service record which the soldier established in some other unit and asserts heatedly that it is not fair to keep him for the occupation.

As yet, the war department has not disclosed the divisions or present strength of the 15th army. As the army of occupation, the 15th will have about 400,000 men.

### COURT BANS NLRB COMMUNITY ORDERS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 11 (U. P.): The national labor relations board cannot prevent members of a community from expressing anti-union views in a labor dispute, the U. S. court of appeals has ruled here.

The NLRB erred in ordering the Washington, Iowa, Chamber of Commerce to cease and desist from its anti-union stand, the court said in a decision returned yesterday.

The NLRB had requested court enforcement of its order to the American Pearl Button co. of Washington, and the Washington Chamber of Commerce to desist from what is termed unfair labor practices. A federal district court upheld the NLRB and the case was appealed.

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