

The Stars and Stripes

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SNAPPY SALUTES ARE EXACTED ERE SAILING

Discipline, real Army discipline, is being instilled into the mind of every member of the A.E.F. who is waiting at Brest.

When an officer passes an M.P. in Brest, the latter snaps up to a salute. If the officer doesn't return it, the M.P. steps briskly to his side, salutes a second time, and presents a card issued from Headquarters which the military police are required to show to every officer who slouches in his salute, leaves his cigarette in his mouth, or forgets to pull his left hand out of his pocket.

The spellbound officer looks at the card in a daze and reads:

"All coats will be hooked and buttoned throughout and overcoat collars will be neatly turned down.

"All officers will be punctilious in saluting superiors and will require inferiors to salute properly and will be careful to return such salutes.

"Members of the military police are required to present this card to any officer who does not carry out the above instructions, obtain from him his name, rank and organization, and report same to Headquarters, Military Police."

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