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CAPS FOR AMERICAN TROOPS

**Better for Trench Service Than Hats
and Can Be Folded Away.**

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WASHINGTON, June 9. — General Pershing's men in France now wear a special overseas cap which matches their uniform in color, is round and has no peak or brim, the crown being very low. When not in use it can be folded and carried in the pocket. The new cap is said to be more practical than the regulation hat and safer in the trenches.

"When the Americans entered the trenches," said an official statement today, "it was found that the brim of their campaign hat interfered with sighting through the trench periscopes and that the high crown, in the case of tall men, could be seen above the parapets. The new cap is so low that it permits the men to move with the same freedom as when they are hatless. Another advantage claimed for the overseas cap is that the trench helmet can be placed on top of it with security.

"The latest model of the cap, which has just been received by the Quartermaster's Department, is slightly different from the cap worn by the troops which have returned from France. Slight changes have been made in the crown, which permit its being folded flatter, thereby enabling it to be carried or shipped without injury. The new pattern will be substituted for the old as fast as practicable.

"Only soldiers who have been with the expeditionary forces wear this cap. It is not issued in this country, although made here. Reports from France say that new regulations provide that officers shall wear the insignia of their rank on the cap. Enlisted men are to wear on the cap the button prescribed to be worn on the left hand side of the collar of the service coat."

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