

V-J Day to Free Men in Uniform

Five Million Servicemen Likely Will Be Released Within 12-Month Period

Washington, Aug. 16.—Five million or more men may be released from the Army within 12 months after V-J Day.

This is the estimate of military experts familiar with problems confronting the Army. The War Department is saying nothing officially.

The first to get out, it is believed, will be the 550,000 soldiers who already had a score of 85 points for combat, service and dependency and are eligible now for release.

The critical point score for discharge is expected to be cut promptly after Japanese surrender and there was some speculation that the older men in the Army might be given earlier discharges. This would mean, informed sources estimated, the release of an additional 1,000,000 or 1,500,000 within three or four months.

By that time, the Japanese territory should be occupied fully and the Army then in a position to release an additional three million or more men in the ensuing eight or nine months.

Three Million Left
This would leave a force of 3,000,000 or less. The occupation of Japan is expected to require perhaps 1,000,000 men. The German occupation force now is fixed at 400,000. Garrisons such as Alaska would take approximately 500,000 and the remainder presumably would be assigned to Army centers in this country to operate the supply system, hospital, ports and similar installations.

Surrender of Japan also would mean liberation for approximately 16,700 Americans presently interned in the home islands or enemy-occupied territory. A check of War, Navy and State Department records disclosed this.

These and internees of other Allied nations would be transported by the Japanese government to "places of safety, as directed, where they can be placed quickly aboard Allied transports," under terms of today's four-power reply to the Jap surrender proposal.

American figures on interned nationals are incomplete because it has been impossible for International Red Cross or neutral power representatives to visit some Japanese-occupied areas, the State Department said. Japan presently has 13,330 Ameri-

can war prisoners—9,606 from the Army, 2,036 from the Navy, and 1,689 from the Marine Corps—according to latest figures.

American civilian internees in Jap-held territory total 3,839, but only 176 of these are in Japan proper, the State Department said. Approximately 1,200 of the total are in Japanese-held parts of China, most of them around Shanghai.

Among the 3,839 are 689 women, according to War Department statistics.

The War Department said most United States Army prisoners are held in the home islands. Most of the 176 American civilians presently in Japan were construction workers on Guam and Wake islands at the time of their capture by the Japanese early in the war.

For some unknown reason, the Japanese government never has permitted repatriation of the Guam and Wake groups, the State Department said.

Future Farmers Set 10 Million Goal

The Future Farmers of America has set a goal of ten million cans of food as the contribution of its members to the Community Canning Program for War Relief, it was announced today.

The food is being processed in tin at school-community canning centers which are operated by local boards of education. Teachers of vocational agriculture are the local supervisors of these plants and also serve as advisors to the Future Farmers of America. This national organization of young farmers is sponsored by the United States Office of Education. Its national adviser is W. T. Spanton, Chief, Agricultural Education Service, U. S. Office of Education.

Chapters of Future Farmers of America are forming "Flying Squadrons" to promote the war relief canning projects. Some of these squadrons are collecting food. Some are providing cans. Some are enlisting volunteers to process the food, and some will pack the donated cans for shipment to Europe's hungry millions. The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration will ship the contributions.

Awards will be made by the Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America. Foundation to the local F.F.A. chapters and state associations that make the largest donations to the campaign. The organization has 204,175 members in 6,502 chapters. More than 3,200 school-community canning centers are available to them.

The war relief goal of ten million cans for the organization represents an average of 20 cans for each farm

family that uses the school-community canneries. These cans will go on a "United Nations Shelf" set aside at each canning center.

Dan A. West, Executive Director of the Community Canning Program for War Relief, pointed out that the program is also underway at custom canneries, domestic science kitchens and in school lunch rooms. Users of all community canning facilities where there is adequate supervision have been asked to can ten percent more fruit and vegetables, and fruit and vegetable juices than is needed locally, and to contribute this surplus to the food pool for overseas relief. Fruit packed in water without sugar is acceptable, but for safety in overseas shipment and distribution, no food in glass containers is acceptable.

Members of the Executive Committee of the Community Canning Program for War Relief include Dr. John W. Studebaker, Commissioner, U. S. Office of Education; Miss Martha F. Allen, National Executive, Camp Fire Girls, and Mrs. Paul Rittenhouse, National Director, Girl Scouts.

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