

BOYS ARE TO BE SENT HOME

**American Camps Are to Be Cleared
For Reception of Returning
Veterans.**

The War department authorities are giving consideration to the second phase of demobilization--return of the divisions abroad.

It is estimated that it will be some time in January before the government completes its task of freeing the 1,700,000 men in this country; hence it is doubtful if an appreciable movement of troops from "over there" will be commenced before that work is done.

Intimation has been current that the department proposes to bring a few divisions home by Christmas, but General March thus far has not taken the public into his confidence on this point.

The New England division, mentioned as a possible Christmas present to the nation, is named in unofficial messages as being in the army of occupation. This group, now reported to be ten divisions, may have to be increased later, and it is quite likely that the units now engaged will be changed from time to time as in battle.

The work of freeing men in this country will be hurried as much as possible.

The demobilization of development battalions, the first task undertaken, is now in progress.

Orders have been cabled to General Pershing to begin the return at once of all casualr, sick and wounded who can be moved, and convalescents. A steady stream of these men should begin immediately to cross the Atlantic.

When the Rainbow division comes home, it will have to be distributed over the country, because of its national character. The national tour idea may be coincident with the "home-coming" loan, to be launched early next year, as the Fifth war loan