

MARKING OF CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, AND PROPERTY

14. National symbol.—*a. General.*—The national symbol will be applied to motor vehicles in accordance with the following principles:

- (1) A white, five-pointed star is prescribed as the national symbol which will be used for marking on all motor vehicles assigned to tactical units and Army Ground Forces installations. It is also the national symbol which will be applied to administrative motor vehicles in theaters of operations when directed by the theater commander.
- (2) An appropriate symbol as directed by the Commanding General, Army Service Forces, is prescribed as the national symbol for marking on all Army Service Forces motor vehicles assigned to service command installations, except contractor-operated vehicles at class IV installations. This symbol will also be applied to all motor vehicles assigned to installations located within the territorial limits of a service command, except as provided in (3) and (4) below.
- (3) An appropriate symbol as directed by the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, is prescribed as the national symbol for marking on all motor vehicles assigned to or operated by Army Air Forces installations.
- (4) For special markings for ambulances see paragraph 19.

b. Method of marking.

- (1) The white, five-pointed star, when used, will be applied with approved white, lusterless, stenciling, synthetic enamel.
- (2) National symbols other than the white star will be applied with approved white, lusterless, gasoline-soluble paint.

c. Size.—The size of the national symbol will vary considerably depending on the type of vehicle concerned and the position of the symbol on the vehicle. In general, it should be large enough to take full advantage of the surface on which it appears and should utilize the largest clearly visible space.

d. Position.—Whenever practicable, the national symbol will be painted on the front, rear, top, and both sides of a vehicle. On horizontal surfaces, the star will be placed so that one of the five points is directed toward the rear of the vehicle. On vertical or nearly vertical surfaces, one point will be squarely up. For purposes of uniformity, the War Department will issue supplementary instructions prescribing the locations of these markings on typical vehicles when required. See figures 5 to 19, inclusive.

e. Concealment.—Whenever requirements for camouflage and concealment outweigh the requirements for recognition, at the discretion of the theater commander, the national symbol may be covered by olive-drab, lusterless, gasoline-soluble paint, or may be removed. Under similar circumstances, at the discretion of commanders of lower echelons, the national symbol may be covered temporarily with camouflage nets or obscured with oil and dirt, mud, or some other readily removable substance. When it is necessary to effect concealment of deck-loaded vehicles during oversea shipment, the symbol on such vehicles may be temporarily covered with olive-drab, lusterless, gasoline-soluble paint, or with other similar nonpermanent obscuring mediums as approved by the technical service responsible for shipment processing instructions on such vehicles.

15. Unit identification markings.—*a. General.*—Unit identification symbols and numbers consist of four groups in consecutive order, from left to right, sep-