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What's Your Problem?

Letters to this department should bear writer's full name, serial number and military address.

Navy Hats

Dear YANK:

An officer who was giving us the works about how to wear that Navy uniform instructed us to wear our hats square on our heads. While he was instructing us he had the hat at a 45-degree angle. He also brought the hat down to his side on uncovering. We were trained that a hat is squared resting one-quarter inch above the eyebrow and not at an angle. When uncovering (as I get it) you place the hat over the heart. Who is right, we enlisted men or the gold braid?

Pacific

—(Name Withheld)

■ The regulations for a squared hat specify that it be worn about a quarter inch above the eyebrow and with no rakish angle. But the angle—and everything else, for that matter—is at the discretion of the inspecting officer. If he wants an



angle, he'll have it. So, for what good it will do you, you are probably right. Of course, 45 degrees would probably bring the hat down over one ear. But you are wrong about uncovering. Holding the hat over the heart is strictly a civilian custom. In the Navy the hat is brought down to the side when you uncover.