

ARRIVAL

Upon your arrival, you enter the Initial Receiving Point. Here your records and orders are examined. A clothing check and inspection is made. You are assigned to a company for rations and quarters. Shortly after you report to your company an officer will explain procedures and acquaint you with the area and its facilities.

UNIFORMS

Each honorably discharged soldier is entitled to retain one cotton uniform, one wool uniform, and one raincoat. Wear a complete, not mixed uniform. Overcoats may be retained when needed for warmth.

The supply of clothing is critical. Do not leave anything in the barracks or throw anything away. Turn in any item not wanted, at the final clothing inspection.

PROCESSING GROUPS

Shortly after your arrival, your name and your processing roster number will be announced. You will go with your group through all steps in processing. A guide will be in charge of each group. Be alert for all formations. If you are called and you are not present, your name must be scratched from the roster which will delay your discharge.

ORIENTATION

Normally, within 24 hours of your arrival, your group will attend an orientation lecture. Your rights, privileges and benefits, and responsibilities as veterans and civilians will be explained in general. Questions of general interest to the group will be answered. You will also be informed of the counseling and guidance available to you as individuals.

COUNSELING

Trained interviewers will discuss your civilian and military experience, and assist in preparing a form which will be of use to you in obtaining employment. You will be informed about your government insurance and what you must do if you desire to continue it. Experienced counselors will help you plan your future and will



discuss your educational, vocational and personal problems. Do not hesitate to ask questions on any problems on which you need assistance. There is no time limit on these counseling interviews.

ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES

Representatives of these organizations are on duty:

- 1. AMERICAN RED CROSS
- 2. Enlisted Reserve Corps
- 3. NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD
- 4. RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD
- 5. SELECTIVE SERVICE
- 6. UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE
- 7. United States Employment Service
- 8. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Your counselor will refer you to any of the representatives who may be able to furnish you information. They are ready to help you with their specialized knowledge of their various activities.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

You will be given a complete physicial examination. Inform the Medical Officer of any wound, illness or injury you have incurred since your entry into the service. If you plan to file a claim because of disability, do so at this time. This will not delay your separation.

PAPERS

When your processing is complete you will be given two important papers: (1) Discharge Certificate (or Certificate of Service) and Report of Separation; (2) Separation Qualification Record. These are valuable and will be very useful to you in the future. Take good care of them.

PAY AND TRANSPORTATION

You will receive all pay due you by the Army. Deductions will be made for any claims the government may have. If you are entitled to travel pay you will be paid 5c per mile from Fort Dix to the place of your enlistment or induction. If you are entitled to Mustering-Out Pay you will be paid \$100.00 of the amount due you along with your final pay. You may convert part of your pay into War Bonds at the Finance Office. A lapel button will be issued to all honorably discharged men at



the time they are paid. You can purchase a bus or rail ticket to your home before you leave the Separation Center.

VISITORS

You are urged not to have visitors while waiting for separation. Families have arrived at Fort Dix only to find that food and lodging are not available.

MAIL

Do not use Fort Dix as your return address on letters that you may write while you are here. Use your name, rank and your home address. Your letters may still be sent free until you are discharged from the service.



Things to do on Your Free Time

Stay in your Company area during processing time. If you miss any formations, your separation will be delayed. However, your guide will inform you of your free time and we want you to take full advantage of the facilities listed below. A schedule of activities will tell you what is going on every day and evening and the area map will give you the location which is posted on your bulletin board. Consult your guide.

- Barber Shop. In Post Exchange No's. 5 and 12—Newburgh Ave. Daily from 1000-2000 except Sunday 1000-1600.
- Chapel No. 6. Penn. Ave. at 11th St. Catholic services; Mass at 1215 Monday through Saturday. Confession before Mass each day and from 1830 to 2030 Saturday night. Sunday Masses 0700 and 1700 hours.
- Chapel No. 7. Penn. Ave. and 14th St. The Chaplains are available for consultation at any time.
- Chapel No. 10. New York Ave. at W. 14th St. Christian Science Services. Christian Science Wartime Minister available for consultation, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1700 to 2000.
- Fort Dix Bowl. Adjacent to Sports Arena. 2030 weekdays (except Thursday 1930).

- Game Centers. Newburgh Ave. and 9th St. 1000-1130; 1230-1630; 1730-2200. East 18th St. near Manhattan Ave. 1000-1130; 1230-1630; 1730-2200.
- Library. Penn. Ave. between 8th and 9th Sts. Daily from 0900 to 2000.
- Newburgh Lounge. Newburgh Ave. between 11th and 12th Sts.
- Post Exchanges. No. 5, Newburgh Ave. between 10th and 11th Sts. No. 10, East 18th St. near Manhattan Ave. No. 12, Newburgh Ave. and 14th St. Hours of Post Exchanges: 1000-1130; 1230-1630; 1800-2130.
- Post Office. Across Parade Ground from I.R.P. on N. Y. Ave. and West 10th St.
- Service Club No. 2. Newark Ave. and 10th St. Daily from 1030 to 2300.
- Sports Arena. 8th St. between N. Y. Ave. and Penn. Ave. Daily from 0900 to 2000. (Off limits 1800 to 2100 Tuesday only).
- Telephone Centers. 8th St. between Penn. Ave. and Md. Ave. 24 hour service. Attendants on duty 0900 to 2230. 15th St. and Alabama Ave. 24 hour service. Attendants on duty 0900 to 2230.
- Theater No. 1. N. Y. Ave. and 11th St. Evenings 1800 and 2000 (Mass 1100 Sundays).
- Theater No. 2. Penn. Ave. and 9th St. Evenings 1830 and 2230.
- Western Union. Building across Parade Ground from I.R.P. on N. Y. Ave. near West 11th St.

Things to do WHEN YOU ARRIVE HOME



- Have the Recorder or County Clerk record your Discharge Certificate. You can then obtain a certified copy any time in the future if the original is lost or destroyed.
- 2 REPORT TO YOUR DRAFT BOARD WITH-IN 10 DAYS AFTER DATE OF SEPARATION.
- 3 Put on civilian clothes. You are authorized to wear your uniform only until you arrive home. It is unlawful to wear it thereafter except for ceremonies and special occasions.
- A Make arrangements for conversion of your insurance and for your premium payments if you intend to keep it. Get in touch with your Selective Service Board. The Veterans Administration, United States Employment Service and the American Red Cross for additional information or assistance in regard to your plans or problems.



"So long, soldier!"

We've tried to give you good, friendly telephone service in camps like Fort Dix while you've worn a uniform, and we'll do our best to continue such service wherever you go when you return to civilian life.

At times here in camp the telephone calling has been so heavy that delays in getting calls through have been unavoidable. At such times you have been patient and understanding and we appreciate your attitude. During the war years there could be little construction to expand the telephone system to carry the increased load of calling which still continues, or to serve the thousands of people who couldn't have telephones installed in their homes because the necessary instruments or facilities were lacking.

Now, as you return to civilian life, the tremendous job of catching up with backed-up demands for telephone service all over the country, has started. It is a long job, for manufacturing needed equipment and installing it to operate with the apparatus already in the telephone system is complex and time-taking. It will be done, however, as soon as possible. You can be sure of that.

Meanwhile, so long and good luck to you!

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