

LEAVE FOR ARMY

This letter is furnished to inform and assist you in your planning if personal items which should be in your possession when you depart for Chicago for enlistment in the US Army.

From the time you depart home until you are issued your military clothing, approximately 4 or 5 days will have elapsed. DO NOT take any extra civilian clothing except as listed below:

- 2-Washcloths (Preferably White)
- 2-Bathtowels (Preferably White)
- Underwear (shorts) (Preferably White) Take all you have
- All toilet articles (Razor, Toothbrush, Comb, Soap, Shaving Cream, Tooth past, and soap dish - If you have one)
- Handkerchiefs (Preferably White) take all you have
- Approximately \$10.00 to \$15.00 (To buy cigarettes, and necessary replacement items of toilet articles)
- 2-Key type pad locks (If you now have them. DO NOT Purchase if you do not have)
- Extra civilian socks to change before uniforms are issued.

If married, take with you your marriage certificate, or other acceptable evidence of your marital status, in order to expedite arrangements for any allowances for dependents for which you may be eligible.

If you have children, take their birth certificates with you.

When entering the service, travel light. You may wear a suit if you desire; However, a shirt, slacks, and sweater are suitable. If the weather is cold, you should wear either a top coat or a woolen or leather jacket. ESSENTIAL FOR BEST CLOTHES. All outer garments of civilian clothes must be mailed home after you have been issued your military clothing, so carry articles you are taking with you in a small over night bag or canvas zipper satchel. Leave excess jewelry, large sums of money, and valuables at home. If you own a camera and desire to take it you may do so. Electric razors can be used and may be taken. Take some postal cards, a pen and pencil, and if you wear glasses, secure a copy of your prescription.

Carry your Social Security account card with you at all times.

Go into the service with an open mind. Yours is the part of a service man--in a service on which tradition imposes a high honor. A service born before the Constitution, and older than the US Government. Your country needs your help. Give your help freely, so that not only your country, but also yourself, and those dear to you may continue in the future years to enjoy the priceless heritage of American citizenship which your forefathers have passed on to you. Meet and know your organization Chaplain. He can help you in many ways. God Bless you, and guide you in all your endeavors, and keep you.