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*For Men About to Enter The
Armed Services of the United States*

FOREWORD: This Guide has been prepared by the Colorado Bar Association in cooperation with the War Department to assist you in arranging your personal affairs before you enter the service. Read it carefully and follow these instructions.

*Fill In Two Copies of the Following—Leave One Copy With Your
Wife, Father or Mother, Attorney or Trusted Friend—
Take the Other Copy With You.*

RECORD

Full Name.....
Permanent Address.....
Date and Place of Birth.....
Civilian Occupation..... Social Security No.

Family:

Wife.....
Children.....
Father and Mother.....

Name of attorney or trusted friend to be consulted in regard to
business or personal affairs.....
Address.....

PROPERTY

I own the following property: (If none, so state.)

1. Real Estate.....

	Street No.	Town	County	State
Subject to mortgage of \$	held by.....			
2. Bank account in the..... Bank, at.....
3. Safe deposit box in the..... Bank, at.....
4. Automobile.....

	Make	Year	Model	License No.
Subject to mortgage of \$	held by.....			

(NOTE: If you contemplate selling or otherwise disposing of your car during service, execute a Power of Attorney.)

5. Insurance:
Life Insurance:

Name of Co.	Policy No.	Amount	Beneficiary	Where premiums are payable
National Service Life Ins.		Amount.....	Beneficiary.....	
U.S. Government Life Ins.		Amount.....	Beneficiary.....	

6. Stocks and Bonds:

Name of Co.	No. of Shares or Bonds		Face Value	
War Bonds	Face Amt.	No. of Bond	Co-owner	Beneficiary

7. Money which is due me:

Name of Debtor	Address	Nature of Debt	How Evidenced (Note, etc.)	Amount	When Due

8. Debts which I owe to others:

Name of Creditor	Address	Nature of Debt	How Evidenced (Note, etc.)	Amount	When Due

MEMORANDUM

This Guide Is Not a Power of Attorney and It Is Not a Will—See "Further Suggestions."

I have (have not) executed a Power of Attorney naming _____ as my Attorney in fact.

I have (have not) executed a Will naming _____ as my Executor.

Instructions as to holding or disposing of property during my service in the armed forces.

(Fill in any specific directions. In order to provide for sale or disposition of property you should execute a Power of Attorney. This is not a Power of Attorney.)

One copy of this Guide I am putting in an envelope and leaving with _____.

The following papers will also be in the envelope (indicate which). (Valuable papers such as stocks, bonds, etc. should be kept in a safe deposit box.)

1. Power of Attorney (or copy).
2. My Will (or copy).
3. Insurance policies.
4. Abstracts and title papers to real estate.
5. Automobile title papers.
6. Tax statements (Income, Social Security, Property).
7. Miscellaneous statements.
8. Naturalization papers.
9. Safe deposit box and other keys.

The other copy of this Guide I am taking with me together with the following:

1. Certified or photostatic copy of marriage certificate.
2. Certified or photostatic copy of children's birth certificates.

IMPORTANT: These copies may be needed to obtain family allowance benefits.

The information in this Guide is *confidential*. It is to be used only by the person to whom I am delivering a copy of this Guide.

Date.....

(Signature)

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of a copy of the foregoing Guide.

(Signature)

(Address)

Service Record: Army Serial Number.....

Entered service at on.....

Assigned to on.....

Further assignments:
..... to.....

..... to.....

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

1. The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act protects many of your rights while you are in the service. If you are in doubt concerning any existing contracts, leases, mortgages, taxes, judgments, insurance policies, etc., consult your lawyer before entering service.

2. If you cannot secure an attorney, call MA 1035 (Legal Aid Society). If outside Denver, consult any lawyer who will help you or direct you where to go.

3. By executing a Power of Attorney you may name someone to act as your representative to do for you and in your name anything you might do if you were personally present.

4. By executing a Will you may name the person who is to take charge of and administer your Estate (otherwise the Court will appoint someone). You may name the persons who are to benefit and how (otherwise it goes to your legal heirs as the law directs).

5. If you have any minor children, it is very important that you make a Will (otherwise any interests which they receive as heirs might be tied up in Court for years at considerable expense). To be valid a Will must be drawn and executed in exact conformity to the law. Do not attempt to draw or execute a Will without the advice of a lawyer.

6. The Soldiers' and Sailors' Act provides that the Government will pay your insurance premiums in certain cases. You may obtain Government insurance up to \$10,000.00 at the Reception Center.

7. The Post or Camp to which you will be sent will have a Legal Assistance Office where you can obtain legal assistance in matters connected with your affairs. Take one copy of this Guide with you to deliver to the Legal Assistance Officer if needed.

8. Your Dependents—The Government has provided for family allowances for your dependents. Wives, children, stepchildren and divorced wives to whom alimony is decreed are known as Class A dependents.

If your father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, stepfather, stepmother, parents through adoption, brothers, sisters (of the half blood as well as the whole blood, and stepbrothers or sisters) or grandchildren are dependent upon you for support, they are known as Class B dependents.

9. *Do These Things Now—Before You Enter the Service:*

1. Fill out two copies of this Guide. Leave one copy. Take the other copy with you.
2. Prepare a Power of Attorney if you have any property or business which may need attention.
3. Execute a Will if you have or expect any substantial property.

This Guide has been prepared by the Colorado Bar Association. It is of the utmost importance that you follow the instructions contained herein, in order to assure protection of your dependents and your estate during your service in the Armed Forces.

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