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**HOW NOT
TO JOIN
THE ARMY**

advice for 20 yr. olds

SOLACE FOR A FREE MAN.

Since the formation of governments it's been the habit of governments to encroach on individual freedom for the "good of the community".

Men who believe in freedom have found themselves pressed into army service and - lacking initiative - they have helped support many vicious regimes.

ALBERT EINSTEIN said it was every man's duty to refuse military service. But he later supported the war against Hitler. This wasn't inconsistent. It was one man exerting his freedom to fight for what he believed.

BUT if a government conscripts a man to fight against people for whom he bears no malice it is his duty to use every possible subterfuge to evade such service.

avoiding conscription

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION: Most governments are pretty tough on conscientious objectors. If, though, you ve genuine conscientious beliefs - philosophical or religious - by all means apply for registration as CO. It's fairly certain that if you're not a Quaker or something similar you'll be forced to serve in some sort of military unit. Appeals can be made against the magistrate's decision - for the price of legal fees you can buy a little more freedom. Try not to appeal on the grounds that you're a Communist. Chances are the Government'll decide to make an example of you - and draft you in, no matter what might happen.

POLITICAL OBJECTORS: Use the bureaucracy and timidity of most government officials to evade service. At your medical, stage a demonstration. Leaflet fellow inductees, stand when they ask you to sit, smoke under "No Smoking" signs, collect names and addresses of inductees and doctors so you can mail more leaflets. When you're interviewed make sure the interviewer really knows how you stand politically: give him a list of books he should read, quote famous people who hold your views. Convince him you're dedicated. Chances are you'll be found "medically" unfit.

BE MILITANT: If you're a way-out radical make sure they know you won't follow out their orders. Explain how subversive agents caused the collapse of the Czarist armies in 1917. You'll be "medically unfit" - or in jail.

BE "GAY": Play the homosexual bit. Don't answer any questions on homosexuality, just smile. Wear white slacks, have your hair cut rather camp, wear a charm. Visit a couple of camp pubs and study homosexuals. Learn the gestures, the wrist movements. And the delicate body movements, how to touch the fellow you're talking to suggestively, how to smoke a cigarette. Be a little pathetic, talk melodically, act embarrassed in front of the other inductees when you undress. Ask your girlfriend to show you how. If you're good and shy you'll convince the psychiatrist, but he'll ask a load of questions. Homosexuality is a crime in Australia: don't overact.

THE MEDICAL: Have you had pneumonia? Trick ankle, knee, elbow, back? Asthma? Use them. If not, make a few inquiries - you may find a friendly doctor. Some drugs produce allergies - see your friendly chemist - be careful. Two drops of blood from a pricked finger help along any urine test.

LONG HAIR: You have long hair? Good. Let it grow longer. Don't wash, stink, pick your nose, start a petition to make masturbation the National Sport. See how many four-letter words you can string into one sentence. Never wear shoes.

DRINK: If you like drinking make sure the doctors and your interviewer know. You won't have to tell them. Just arrive rotten drunk - be friendly - offer them a drink too. Don't arrive at all: call and apologize from the pub. Do this as many times as possible. They'll get nasty in the end... but just think how good it'll look on your record. One medical deferment coming up.

DRUGS: They're illegal, so be careful. A pin used on your arm for a few weeks before your medical and the right frame of mind - combined with some very good acting - may have some effect. A visit to the doctor for pep pills will furnish the necessary equipment. A few before your medical and interview will make you vague and bouncy. Just follow the little ball and sing along with it...ping...ping...ping. Chuckle.

FELONIES: If you have any make sure they know all the lurid details. Write letters "from an anxious mother" complaining that you're not fit company to serve with her son. Talk about looting.

PSYCHO: If you have experience you can convince them you're psycho. If you've ever been near a psychiatrist, tell them. Good acting'll get you into a Government-run nuthouse. A phone call from there to apologize for not turning up at the medical will go well on your record. Paranoia is easy to fake. Especially when you realize President Johnson is the reincarnation of Jesus Christ himself. That fellow over there is looking at me!

MAGIC: Don't laugh, read. You too can be a warlock. Plenty of books on the subject, very easy to convince them you're dedicated, particularly if you look the part. Train your eyebrows, grow a pointy beard. You have gold teeth? Good. You're ready for the stake.

LEAVE THE COUNTRY: If you have money. You'll find many young migrants come to Australia to escape conscription.

GO BUSH: Borrow a friend's birth certificate and references. Change your address and keep your head down. Anything that shows'll be shot off. False passports are hard to buy in Australia, but you can get one - for a price - in Europe. REMEMBER that any part you play you must live in your speech and your movements.

ACT SIMPLE: Tell the doctor that when you're away from home you wet your bed, If he does not believe you, prove it as soon as you are conscripted. Play timid. Weak-minded.

READ: The Good Soldier Schweik.
How Dear is Life (Henry Williamson)
Catch 22.

that army life

On being forced into an army you have two alternatives:

1. Refuse to serve.
2. 'Serve' and sabotage.

If you select the first course then you don't report for service. Make the police come for you. Be polite and explain your refusal of their kind offer. Make sure you know the assault laws, this is helpful. Do not lose your temper. Remember you are right.

After delivery to the army ignore all orders and explain again firmly but politely that you are not in their army. Don't become involved in tiring arguments. Refuse all food and equipment, saying that "you could not accept such a gift". Do not recognize military rank or protocol, use veiled insolence. Let them lose their tempers. Try to keep a record of all physical violence used against you. Violence WILL be used against you as one of the author's friends can attest.

Remember jail is a bad stain against future employment. Remember - if you follow the above course - never lose your temper, never let the police or military intimidate you. You know your rights.

THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE - service with sabotage - is only for the most militant. You'll be risking long jail terms for little or no reward.

YOUR FIRST DUTY is not to be caught. If you're free you can fight on - win friends - immobilize enemies.

THE SECOND DUTY of a good soldier is to his comrades. He must stir mistrust in NCO's and officers. Ferment revolution - but don't become a leader unless you have to. You may be weeded out if you do. Morale must be kept low. Anything from a dead rat decaying under the barracks floor, or getting lost on a cross-country exercise, will have a good effect on morale. Inspections should always be chaotic and visitors antagonized.

"PATRIOTIC" LETTERS should be written to newspapers explaining the great thrill you get killing for your country. "Thirteen of 'em we shot down then turned the flamethrower on the rest". "You should have seen the bastards come out when we poured in the gas." "We make prisoners talk." This'll give the public the right idea.

FIRES are easy to start. The old trick of a matchbook closed on a burning cigarette still works. Petrol has never burned so good. A four- to eight-inch wick goes best on a cocktail. Remember: "accidental" fires are always best.

RADIOS are expensive and easily broken, so break them. Take out hard-to-replace parts and bury them.

FIREARMS don't break easily, but missing parts are hardly ever found - and replacements pretty often don't fit. Same goes for artillery.

AIRCRAFT are made of light volatile metal that doesn't like acid. The Luftwaffe found an aircraft could be put out of action by splashing acid around the inside rear fuselage. Many examples of this art may be seen in Egypt, still corroding.

ENGINES don't work so well with sweetened petrol - add a couple of po
pounds to any fuel lying around.

FUEL LEADS often break: and then there is no spare in the tool box...
you could sit around all day waiting on fresh supplies.

CARBURETTORS often have smashed diaphragms....and air filters come adrift
quite often too.

RADAR GEAR is delicate. Please don't abuse it. Make sure it's always
on the up and up.

FIRES often start in cargo. Be careful, don't get burnt.

EVEN WHILE you're contemplating the state of the world's poetry in the
shouse, don't let your hands rest. Use your nailfile. Undo screws and
spike cisterns. Little things mean a lot in the long run.

SOLDIERS get lost on exercise all the time. Just as often, they give
wrong directions. Sometimes signposts are altered or even lost.
Careless soldiers even sometimes start fires in underbrush.....

Be smart. Have faith in yourself. You're fighting for freedom....
Freedom is the catchword..... get yourself a grab bag full.

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