

Returning Servicemen to Civilian Life Has Been Organized on Army Version of Assembly Line Plan

Typical G.I. Joe Goes Through Ropes at Separation Center

S/Sgt. Arthur Freund, 25-year-old overseas veteran, is typical of the thousands of soldiers who will be given discharge under the point plan, on account of age, or due to dependencies. Like many others, Sergeant Freund would like to have stayed in service until his job was done. He will continue to contribute to war effort on the home front. His war experience will aid him.

His wife, Bertha, who lives in Brooklyn, N. Y., was made an invalid by an automobile crash. Arthur is needed at home to take care of her. He had no choice, and the army, realizing that his greater duty was to his wife, sent him, along with hundreds of others, to Fort Dix, N. J. Separation center areas have been established throughout the United States to take care of the 343,000 Yanks who will be discharged in next 30 days. The one at Fort Dix was selected for Sergeant Freund, being the nearest to his home.

Property Is Checked



All records and property is checked upon arrival. When the discharged soldier leaves the center he is given one complete outfit.

Goes Through Mill



The big moment he has been waiting for arrives. Sergeant Freund, top, is shown with his final papers, which he must sign. They include his discharge certificate and separation qualification record, which he will find need for in years to come. Center, another big moment. Final payday has arrived. He receives his discharge button, service and honor medals and ribbons and all pay due him from the army, including the first \$100 of his mustering out pay. Having served overseas he will receive \$300 mustering out pay in all. Lower, the Honorable Discharge is presented by separation center commander, along with congratulations on Sergeant Freund's excellent service record.

Final Army Duty—Signing Discharge

His final job in the army is to sign all papers, place his thumb print on his honorable discharge and then check the clothing that will be issued to him. The government will have a big postwar job, the filing and preserving of the records of more than 10 million members of the armed forces. These records must be in excellent shape, and contain the complete war record of each man. All future claims will be determined by the records on discharge day.

Receives Final Instructions



Along with other men Sergeant Freund hears an orientation talk by camp officer. Insert shows him during an interview, during which he is given expert counseling and assistance for his transition to civilian life. He is explained the G.I. Bill of Rights, benefits of insurance and given employment assistance when desired.

His Last Physical Examination



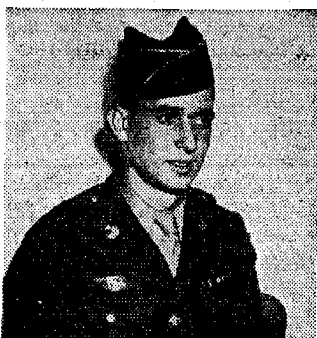
Sergeant Freund reports to the medical branch for a complete and final physical examination. X-rays, dental inspection and complete check-up are part of the regular routine. Each veteran must inform the medical officer of any illness or injury incurred since entry into service. Disability claims are prepared at this time.

Given Special Meal



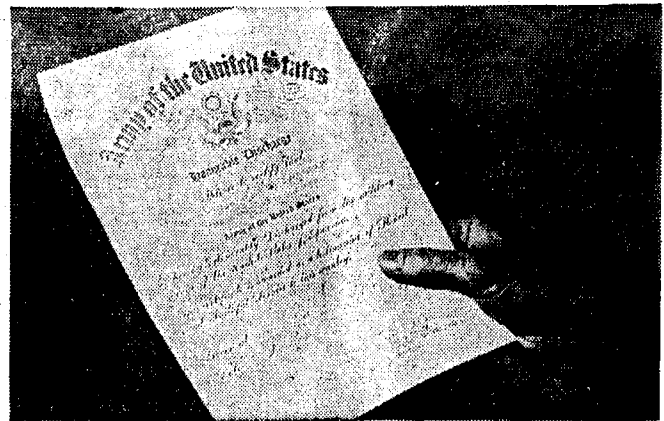
Like many others who arrive in camp at odd hours of the day and night, Sergeant Freund missed regular army chow, but he doesn't go hungry, because the separation centers provide a special mess for those who arrive late.

A Civilian Is Born



Proof that he is a citizen—above the right pocket of Sergeant Freund's olive drab blouse, has been placed the honorable discharge emblem that certifies honorable and faithful service to his country. He will be given a discharge button.

Sheet of Paper and a Signature



It may be only a single sheet of white paper, a few printed words, and a signature in blue ink, but it represents 26 months of faithful service to the army and an honorable discharge for Sergeant Freund. It's his entry back into the civilian life of the nation for which he offered his life.



The task of discharging this vast army has already begun but will not be completed until months after V-J Day. Many men have expressed a desire to remain in service during peacetime. Provisions are being made to permit them to stay in the regular army, navy or marines. At the present time no mass discharge of naval men is being planned. The process of discharging those in the navy, when it gets under way, will be similar to that of the army.

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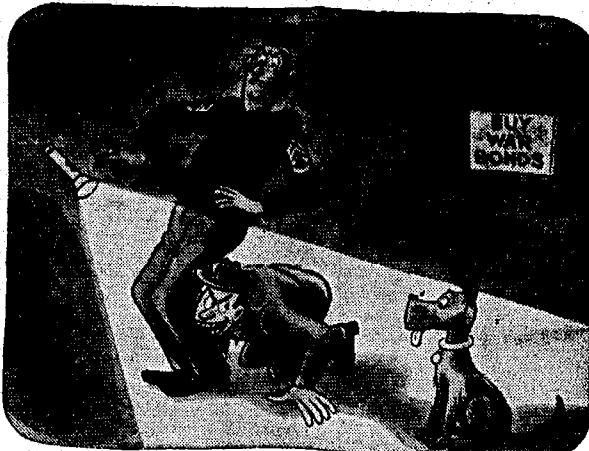


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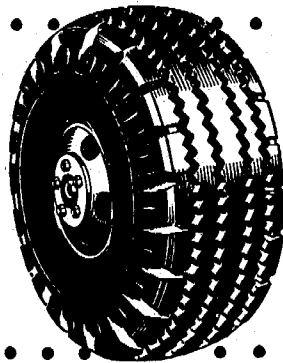


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