



**GO
ARMY
NOW**

HOW NOT TO JOIN THE ARMY: 2

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1. Failure to Register

Many people fail to consider the various alternatives until they have actually been called up. You may consider that the most suitable time is before you register. If you make that decision (i.e., not to register), the following options may present themselves. Those who find themselves in jail are frustrated by the lack of options.

- (a) Obtain a passport before call-up eligibility date and keep it current. Then you may leave before you are obliged to register.
- (b) People have discovered that no passport is needed to get to New Zealand.
- (c) Countries such as Sweden, Yugoslavia, Canada, North Vietnam, China, Cuba and Cambodia have been known to grant political asylum.
- (d) A move to another city, a change of name, address and appearance and a consistent refusal to give your correct age - (you are "about 22 or 23"). The anti-conscription organisations in any city welcome interstate visitors, particularly those with new identities - try "Andrew Peacock" or "Andrew Jones".
- (e) Insurrection.
- (f) Refuse to answer any questions put to you by the police or security police until you have legal advice.
- (g) Some people carefully build up a political, medical or psychiatric history (see below).

2. After Registration

Those people who decline to take the alternatives outlined above often experience difficulty in leaving the country and in moving to another city, etc., particularly after the pimping restrictions of the new National Services Act. Those who go early leave a "hot trail" - i.e., all the information has been handed on a platter to the long arm and small mind of the Department.

NOTE THAT:

(a) The Post Office will convey all registration forms free of charge provided that they are forwarded to the Registrar at a National Service Registration Office. Public servants have enough paper work as it is

(b) The government has now made destruction of draft cards illegal; it has accordingly issued an invitation for people to burn draft cards in the American style. It is also an offence to deface draft cards and the insertion of a few well chosen obscenities on the card before forwarding it to Mr. Bowen rarely goes unnoticed.

(c) Be undesirable.

(i) Homosexuals are not wanted in a man's army - a confession of some homosexual acts with unnamed parties might be valuable - what if you grabbed the doctor at the medical examination. Treatment from a psychiatrist for your "problem" some time prior to call-up would also support your case.

(ii) Join - the Communist Party Marxist Leninist
Monash University Labor Club or D.L.P. Club.
Make sure A.S.I.O. know about this - inform on a friend and get him to inform on you. If this fails work for A.S.I.O. or C.I.A. on the Monash Campus.

(iii) Be like the Young Liberals and Young D.L.P. - join the C.M.F.

(iv) What about a religious or racial prejudice? - object to fighting with those yellow A.R.V.N. bastards and refuse to fight in a Christian army.

(v) Become an aboriginal and lose your citizenship.

(vi) Marry your girlfriend a couple of years before registration.

(vii) Get yourself a criminal record - if you are really sophisticated try political assassination or genocide (perhaps that is a pre-requisite for service in Vietnam).

(viii) Why not be a perpetual student? If Pete Steedman and John Price can do it, why can't you?

(ix) Drug addicts, preferably those with convictions for pushing, on or off campus, get short shrift from the Khaki Brigade.

(x) Got a security record? Attend demonstrations, MAKE DEMONSTRATIONS, be convicted and ask for a jail sentence - aid the V.C. - make sure A.S.I.O. knows all about this too (it took them a while to catch on last time).

(xi) Got a dose of clap? (But try not to spread it too far afield).

(xii) Refuse to fight with the Catholics - participate in next year's crucifixion.

IF EVERYTHING ELSE FAILS, YOU ARE ENTITLED TO MAKE REPEATED C.O. APPLICATIONS - THEY MAY NOT SUCCEED BUT THEY MIGHT MESS UP THE SYSTEM.

Under the National Service Act now you have rights of appeal to the County Court, Supreme Court and the High Court, so why not keep appealing until you lose and then go to jail (cf. White and Townsend) and then make another application and series of appeals - either they will eventually believe you or they'll put you in the legal corps. Anyway you might like to get jailed for its supposed to be better than Vietnam.

The government has failed to force White and Townsend and possibly O'Donnell to stay in the Army - if you fight hard enough and they don't break you, you're O.K. So:

(i) Join the Navy if you have to fight - they've only lost two men and those were to the Americans (they lost a few to the Australians in the Voyager incident too).

(ii) Apply for a deferment on the grounds of exceptional hardship - just like George Hamilton IV and his pregnant girlfriend.

(iii) People often fail to turn up for the induction, they just buzz off (see 1. above).

(iv) Do yourself a self injury at the induction ceremony (but make sure it falls short of suicide) and go off on workers comp. You've all heard about the flagpole



**In a young man's world,
the new soldier is
...moving faster...
...than ever before.**

3. In the Army

- (i) Some Australians have already defected to the Viet Cong (hope we're not disclosing a classified military secret ...). If they put you in the Army to fight, nobody specifies which war effort you have to support.
- (ii) Sabotage? (See "How NOT to Join the Army" part 1.)
- (iii) Self injury - it's certainly safer and you can select your injury from a wide range - all the way from suicide to sex change.
- (iv) Anyone for self immolation?
- (v) Why not be discharged as either medically unfit or unsuitable for further service (in the opinion of the Military Board)? This last ground would undoubtedly apply to a person who is sufficiently strong willed to resist the army all the way - or one who got the General's son pregnant.
- (vi) Just keep making those C.O. applications and appeals, boy.
- (vii) Remember, if you actually get to Vietnam and change your mind when you see it's a Man's war. you can put in a C.O.'s application which must be heard in Australia; fly now, object later.

MEDICAL GROUNDS

Please read instructions carefully before use. Keep well away from children. If swallowed see your family doctor.

1. Two things are essential:
 - (a) A medical or psychiatric case history must be built up for as long as possible before registration. This process includes as many attendances on Civilian Doctors as is reasonable - H.B.A. will help you here. The young C.O. will carefully establish all his physical and psychiatric defects and enlarge upon them for a year or two before call-up.
 - (b) Whilst any of the following points may not cause exemption from National Service, one would almost certainly not pass the standard required to be fit for combat service if they were followed.
2. Remember, you will probably only have a G.P. to deal with at the medical examination and a careful revelation of your defects will probably be sufficient to either give you a low classification or to exempt you completely.
3. The most relevant injuries or diseases are those which must be diagnosed on history only - that is, they are symptomless at the time of the medical examination. In between attacks you are quite alright.

ASTHMA ATTACKS. You have been to see a civilian doctor about these attacks - asthma is commonly associated with allergy (household dust, springtime, etc.) or nervous tension. Symptoms are tightening of the chest and wheezing.

MIGRAINE is usually severe. Vomiting occurs, with the whole thing lasting about 24 to 48 hours. One is usually confined to bed and off work etc. Again a history of treatment is supplied from your local doctor.

SKIN DISEASES. Note those skin diseases requiring steroid ointments (Cortisone, etc.) to control. These will unfortunately prevent you from serving in the tropics (and thank Christ Vietnam is in the tropics). But, beware the Polar Minh and the Alpine Cong.

SKIN DISEASES. Unwashed, be careful - any sort of skin disease can be caught from the constant wearing of filthy socks or underwear or the application of turpentine to your skin. Some time ago OZ magazine suggested the following:-

"DHOBI RASH. Do not rinse your underwear after it has been washed. The soap will induce a quite painful rash, especially 'solvol'. Change into clean rinsed underwear and attend examination before the rash disappears.

CHINESE FOOT RASH. Wear one pair of socks for several weeks until feet become sore. Remove socks and store in a safe place, preferably sealed. Shortly before examination wear these socks day and night for a few days until your feet begin to suppurate. Wash feet and take examination wearing clean socks."

DIET. Some people find their diet causes severe acne.

KNEE LIGAMENTS: it is unfortunately difficult to diagnose a fake. Loss of the last few degrees of extension and discomfort in the last few degrees of flexion. History of locking, instability and discomfort on using stairs. Often swells when it locks. Usually arises out of an old school football injury.

HEARING. It is common for people to have defective hearing in the low tones and this is hard to disprove.

EYESIGHT - masturbation works wonders. Check your eyes on a chart and you will probably exaggerate your disability.

DIAHORREA. You will find any strange food gives you the "runs", so how can you go to Vietnam?

BEDWETTING occurred until you were two years old but started again at the age of six or seven with the stress of school. Again, you have problems at exam times.

BACK-ACHE - lower (lumbar) spine: you will naturally point to the same painful spot every time. Practice in front of the mirror is great fun. Pain is often felt at times on straightening and bending. "Caused through an old lifting incident". Sacro iliac strain; consult a med. book - again very hard to detect, again very painful and again caused by lifting.

FLAT FEET. Do you walk with dropped arches? You only have to see somebody who has flat feet to know what is required. (watch any cop at the next demo.). You find that your feet are very painful after long periods of standing like when you worked at Coles during the last vacation.

SINUS.- springtime brings (among other things) Hay Fever, and a lot of pain below each eye. Then those eyes sure water!

RHEUMATIC FEVER, which you must have already suffered. But ever since recovery you have found that you get tired very easily.

PSYCHIATRIC PROBLEMS. A lot of the above matters are physical components of a psychiatric illness - they are physically incapacitating and indicate your inability to stand stress. Then some people find war to be stressful, anyway.

Things like schizophrenia or a good criminal record don't hurt. A history of psychiatric treatment is very useful. Even if you approach your psychiatrist about your concern at being called up (killing, war, army life, homosexuals, discipline, etc.) and convince him, he may be able to assist you.

H.B.A. will help - about eight dollars per session with psychiatrist and they will pay five dollars of it.

Listen to Arlo Guthrie's record "Alice's Restaurant".
Have a heart transplant!

Like all modern employers, the Army uses psychological tests which are supposedly untakeable, so:-

1. Never try to give the answers that reveal a personality totally unfit for the Army. Suggested reading: "Catch 22", "Good Soldier Schweik".
2. Nonsensically try a sequence of all A's or a pattern ABBADABBA, etc. Add 2 to each answer:- 1 gives 3, 2 gives 4, etc.

Intelligence tests are easy. Think Young.
Run all the way to the medical - at least three miles and then assure the G.P. you are always like that - which you are.
Be colour blind - who could read any figures in the coloured slots?
A spot of egg-white (Albumen) in a urine test is quite interesting and you have privacy to do it. A touch of glucose in the same will give the test a real chance to shine (one lump only). A few drops of blood from a cut finger and there is nothing to carry - but only one or two drops please.

Hold your breath for a long period immediately prior to a run over with a stethoscope.

Smoke a whole packet of Camels in a phone box, then walk to the examination. Take your Health Department request that you return for a second free chest X-ray. (You pasted small pieces of silver paper all over your chest for the first one).

C.O. ADVISORY COMMITTEES

N.S.W.: Conscientious Objectors Advisory Committee:
10 Latona St., Pymble. Tel.: 44 2225.
5 Hainsworth St.; Westmead. Tel.: 635 8663.

NEW ENGLAND:

70 Jessie St., Armidale. Tel.: 3749.

VICTORIA:

Conscientious Objectors Advisory Committee:
133 Orrong Rd., Toorak. Tel.: 24 3595.

SOUTH AUST.:

S.A. Advisory C'ttee. on Conscientious Objection:
6 Kelham St., Hillcrest, S.A. Tel.: 61 3419.

TASMANIA:

Quaker Advisory Committee on Conscientious Objection:
10 Malunna Rd., Lindisfarne. Tel.: 2 9374.

WEST AUST.:

9 Almondbury Rd., Mt. Lawley. Tel.: 71 2323.

QUEENSLAND:

37 Grenfell St., Mt. Gravatt, Brisbane. Tel.: 49 2046.
P.O. Box 564, Townsville, North Q'ld. Tel.: 4459.

A.C.T.:

Conscientious Objectors Advisory Committee:
16 Balmain St., Acton, Canberra. Tel.: 4 4546.

PACIFIST ORGANISATIONS

SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

Peace Pledge Union (F.P.C.). Sec.: Box 779, G.P.O., Adelaide.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.
Sec.: Mrs. M. Forte, 4 Oakland Ave., Royston Park.

WEST AUST.:

Fellowship of Reconciliation, Sec.: Mr. Tony Cockbain,
50 Willianson Ave., Belmont.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.
Sec.; Mrs. P. Watts, 6 Alexandria Ave., Claremont.

Peacemaker Representative: Mr. Percy Harris, Old York Rd.,
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W.I.L.P.F. Sec.: Mrs. H. Chapman, 23 Jenkins St., Taroona.

Peacemaker Representative: R. Darvell, 10 Malunna Rd.,
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Fellowship of Reconciliation. (F.P.C.) Sec.: F. Harris,
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Society for Democratic Action, P.O. Box 90, Brisbane University.
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VICTORIA:

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OVERSEAS ADDRESSES

The following organisations are some of the major U.S. and Canadian organisations. They are far better organised than similar organisations in Australia. The American groups may be able to send you information.

The Canadian group is experienced in receiving people fleeing from U.S. draft. They may have information that will also interest you.

U.S.:

American Friends Service Committee - 160 North St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102 (215).
Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors - 2016 Walnut St., Philadelphia 19103 (215). The best group for C.O.'s.
C.C.C.O. - West 437 Market St., San Francisco, California (415)
Fellowship of Reconciliation - Box 271, Nvak, New York (914).
Students for a Democratic Society - Room 206, 1603 West Madison St. Chicago, Illinois (312).

CANADA:

Toronto Anti-Draft Programme, P.O. Box 764, Adelaide St. Station, Toronto.

LITERATURE

The following is only a brief outline of materials available. Some of the works quoted have further and more comprehensive reading lists if you are interested.

GENERAL:

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3. Denis Hayes. *A Challenge of Conscience*. (George Allen & Unwin).
4. Council of Churches - *Report on National Service* - 1968.
5. Conscientious Objection. "*National Service and Conscientious Objectors*." (non-pacifist).
6. OZ (Australia), No. 28. Supplement "*The Christian Soldier's Handbook*".

An extremely important source for general information is "*The Peacemaker*", P.O. Box 74, Croydon, Vic. It is a pacifist orientated publication, \$1.50, pub. monthly - posted.

David Boulton - *Objection Overruled*" (MacGibbon and Kee Ltd. 1967). \$6.40 - a history of W.W.I. objectors.

PERSONALITY APPROACH:

Suggested reading: "*Catch 22*", "*Good Soldier Schweik*", selected letters by P. O'Neill, "*Score*" (Penguin Press).

U.S. PUBLICATIONS:

- "*How to Stay out of the Army*", Conrad Lynn (a New York attorney) Grove Press. \$1.25.
"*1001 Ways to Beat the Draft*" - Tuli Kupferberg (one of the Fugs) Grove (I think) \$0.75.
"*The Draft?*" American Friends Service Committee. Hull and Wang. \$1.25.
"*Pocket Manual on Draft Resistance*" Ken Cloke from the Guardian (U.S.), 197 E. 4th. St., N.Y. 10009. 40c.