

(g) All Army installation commanders with active Army manpower assets have responsibilities for reporting and returning deserters to military control.

(1) Coordinating installation commanders return of deserters to military control within their designated areas of responsibility.

(2) Supporting installation commanders have responsibility for all locations within 50 miles of their respective installations. When efficiency and economy demand, these distances can be increased or diminished as determined between the coordinating installation and the supporting installation.

(h) Installation provost marshals will endeavor or resolve procedural arrangements at the lowest command level IAW AR 5-9.

Subpart B—Absent Without Leave

§ 630.5 Notification.

(a) The unit commander notifies the local provost marshal within 24 hours after a soldier has been reported absent without leave (AWOL). Special category absentees are reported as deserters IAW § 630.10 of this part.

(b) On receipt of an AWOL report, the provost marshal initiates a DA Form 3975 (Military Police Report) and a corresponding blotter entry on DA Form 3997 (Military Police Desk Blotter).

§ 630.6 Surrender to unit commander.

If an AWOL soldier surrenders to the parent unit the following procedures apply:

(a) The unit commander immediately notifies the Provost Marshal that the soldier has returned.

(b) The provost marshal finalizes the DA Form 3975 and makes a reference blotter entry. The provost marshal forwards DA Form 3975 and 4833 (Commander's Report of Disciplinary or Administration Action) with an appropriate suspense date through the appropriate field grade commander to the unit commander for action.

(c) The unit commander reports action taken to the provost marshal on DA Form 4833 not later than the assigned suspense date.

§ 630.7 Surrender or apprehension at other installations.

(a) If an AWOL soldier surrenders to or is apprehended by a provost marshal other than the parent installation, the apprehending provost marshal

(1) Issues DD Form 460 (Provisional Pass) IAW AR 190-45, paragraph 5-2, and verbal orders to the soldier to return to their proper station. The DD Form 460 and transportation requests are used instead of an escort if there is a reasonable expectation that the soldier will comply. Express mail may be used to forward the DD Form 460 to the absentee. DD Form 460 will not be required if the provost marshal elects to return the soldier through different means.

(2) Prepares and forwards DA Forms 3975 and 4833, along with a copy of DD Form 460 to the parent installation provost marshal.

(b) The parent installation provost marshal—

(1) Completes a reference blotter entry reflecting the AWOL soldier's RMC.

(2) Forwards DA Form 3975 and DA Form 4833, with an appropriate suspense, through the field grade commander to the unit commander.

(3) On return of the completed DA Form 4833 from the unit commander, forwards the original and one copy of the form to the apprehending provost marshal. The parent installation Provost Marshal may retain a copy of DA Form 3975 and DA Form 4833 pertaining to the case.

Subpart C—Desertion

§ 630.8 Administrative report.

(a) The unit commander administratively classifies an absentee as a deserter and completes DD Form 553 when one or more of the following applies:

(1) The facts and circumstances of the absence, without regard to the length of absence, indicates that the soldier may have committed the offense of desertion, as defined in articles 85 and 86 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

(2) The soldier has been AWOL for 30 consecutive days.