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a. The term "recovered personel" where used in this memorandm includes all former prisoners of war, regardless of the manner in which they return to United States military control, and all evaders and intermees.

b. Prisoner of War. A member of the armed forces who is captured by the forces or people of an opposing belligurent. c. Liberated prisoner of war. Amy prisoner of war who is released

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1. Swader. Any person serving with or accompanying the armed forces who, while involuntarily in enemy or enemy controlled territory, avoids detection and capture by the enemy.

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- 6. Discharge from the Army of the United States and enlistment, reconlistment, or appointment in the Regular Army will not terminate an individual's entitlement to the privalegos enumerated herein, provided rountry into service is effected within 20 days from date of so warkion.
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- b. One hundred and four days of temporary duty at home with no official hotel priveleges allowable.
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