

DISPOSITION OF AWOL SOLDIER'S PROPERTY

1. PURPOSE. To inform commanders of the proper disposition of an AWOL Soldier's property.

2. FACTS.

a. Commanders should ensure that an AWOL Soldier's property is safeguarded, inventoried, and turn in IAW AR 700-84, para. 12-14. Failure to do so may result in imposition of pecuniary liability against supervisors and commanders for missing property or require a full, rather than short form, Financial Liability Investigation of Property Loss (FLIPL).

b. Property should be inventoried "without delay" once a commander learns a Soldier is AWOL. Without delay should be viewed as within 24 hours. The inventory must be conducted by an individual in the grade of E4 or above, and must be witnessed by a disinterested party. The Soldier's immediate commander verifies the inventory.

c. Inventoried personal items, military clothing, and Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment (OCIE) must be stored in a secure area, at the unit level, until the Soldier is Dropped From the Rolls (DFR). Once a Soldier is DFR, the unit will turn in OCIE at CIF and prepare a FLIPL for any missing items.

d. The FLIPL should include the original inventory, signed by the inventory officer and a witness, and verified by the unit commander. Missing items should be noted in Block 5 of DD Form 200. The circumstances for the loss of the items should be noted in Block 9, including a statement that the Soldier's other equipment was properly secured during the time between inventory and turn-in. The short form FLIPL is most appropriate in these instances.

e. Inventories not done "without delay" usually warrant a full FLIPL due to the inference of command negligence.