

(1) If he is a member of, or detailed for duty with, the military, naval or other armed forces of the United States or of any allied or associated power, or if he has been accepted for such service and is awaiting induction into such service; or

(2) If he is engaged in any work in connection with a governmental agency of the United States or in connection with the American Red Cross Society or any other similar organization making it temporarily impractical for him to efficiently perform the duties of his administration or guardianship, whether or not he be so engaged within or without the continental United States; or

(3) If, when last heard from, he was reported to be in any enemy country or obliged to remain in any other foreign country or possession or dependency of the United States.

(c) Whenever a fiduciary, as herein defined, is engaged in war service as also herein defined, such fiduciary, or any co-fiduciary or his surety or sureties or other person having an interest in the administration of the decedent's or ward's estate, including a creditor or the Register of Wills, may present a petition to the Orphans' Court granting the letters of such fiduciary, praying for the passage of an order revoking the letters and, where necessary, granting letters to a successor. In addition to the name of the fiduciary engaged in war service, the petition shall state the nature of the petitioner's interest in the premises, the approximate value of the estate and the names and addresses of any co-fiduciaries or alternates, so far as known to the petitioner. The petition shall be sworn to by the petitioner and, if filed by a person other than the fiduciary engaged in war service, shall, in addition, be supported by the affidavit of such fiduciary, or by the affidavit of some other competent person certifying to the belief that such fiduciary is engaged in such war service or that since entering such service he has been reported or is believed to be missing.

(d) The petition may be filed and acted upon by the court ex-parte, or before passing thereon the court may require that such persons be made parties to the proceeding and such notice and opportunity to be heard be given them as may appear, in its discretion, necessary to protect the estate and the parties interested therein.

(e) Upon presentation of the petition the court shall have jurisdiction, and after such hearing thereon, ex-parte or otherwise, as the court may require, the court may, notwithstanding any other provision of law, revoke the letters of the fiduciary engaged in war service, and upon the revocation of letters, if there be no remaining fiduciary, it shall be the duty of the