

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
Service Command Unit 3413 ASTP
Clemson Agricultural College
Clemson, South Carolina

MEMORANDUM:

22 February 1944

TO : All Trainees, SCU 3413, ASTP, Clemson, South Carolina.

The following letter from the Adjutant General, U.S. Army, is, by direction of the Commanding General, Fourth Service Command, reproduced for your information and guidance:

"TO EACH ASTP TRAINEE.

SUBJECT: Reduction in ASTP.

You were assigned to the Army Specialized Training Program because it was felt that the courses of instruction scheduled would materially increase your value to the military service. You have been working under high pressure to master as quickly as possible those essentials of college training of greatest importance to your development as a soldier.

The time has now come for the majority of you to be assigned to other active duty. To break the enemies' defenses and force their unconditional surrender, it is necessary to hit them with the full weight of America's manpower. Because of this imperative military necessity, most of you will soon be ordered to field service before the completion of your normal course. The Army Specialized Training Program will be reduced prior to 1 April 1944 to 35,000 trainees which will include 5,000 pre-induction students and advanced medical, dental, and engineering groups, the USMA preparatory course and certain language groups. Most of you released from the ASTP will be assigned to the Army Ground Forces for duty with Divisions and other units.

Your intelligence, training and high qualities of leadership are expected to raise the combat efficiency of those units. The thousands of ASTP trainees who have already been assigned to field service have set high standards for you to follow.


By order of the Secretary of War:

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By order of Colonel CUNNINGHAM:

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