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MEMORANDUM TO: All AST trainees, 3202nd S.C.S.U., ASTU,
New York University, New York, N. Y.

The following communication was received by this Headquarters for transmittal to all ASTP trainees:

"The following letter will be read to an assembly of all trainees this date and a copy of this letter will be furnished each trainee, today if possible, if not, with the least practicable delay "

"From ULIO, The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D.C.

To The Commanding General, Second Service Command.

Furnish each AST trainee without delay a memorandum as follows:

"To: Each AST 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 enemy's 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 engineer groups, the USMA preparatory course and certain language groups. Most of you released from ASTP will be assigned to the Army Ground Forces for duty with Divisions and other units. Your intelligent training and high quality of leadership are expected to raise the combat efficiency of those units. The thousands of AST trainees who have already been assigned to field service have set high standards for you to follow.

By order of the Secretary of War "

By order of Lieut Colonel COLPIN:

Gordon W. Butler
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Captain, Signal Corps,
Adjutant.