

Rumored ASTP Liquidation Denied By War Department

Campus rumors hit a new high over the week end as wild stories of the immediate shutdown of the whole ASTP program were running rampant as the result of a story appearing in the Sunday Chicago Tribune stating that the program was "to be gradually liquidated." By Monday night, however, out of the confusion of misleading reports came a War Department announcement that the Army Specialized Training Program "is not in process of liquidation," although the number of soldier-students assigned to colleges in the program is now being reduced.

Secretary of War Stimson was quoted in an Associated Press dispatch as stating: "The number of soldiers assigned for training under the ASTP will be changed from time to time so as to accord with the needs of the army and the available manpower. It is now being reduced—but may later be either increased or further reduced as the exigencies of the military situation or military training make advisable."

Program May Even Be Expanded.

In another statement credited to the Washington bureau of the Chicago Sun, a War Department spokesman was quoted: "There is no plan to liquidate the specialized training program. It may even be expanded. That depends on the trend of the war. If it is found that more specialists are needed, the program will be expanded to meet the demand. If it is found that soldiers are needed, the program may be cut down. But there is no plan to eliminate the program."

Major Pattison issued a statement to the trainees on Monday calling attention to the AP denial of the rumored liquidation and stated that in the absence of any confirmation of immediate action to be taken by the War Department, the duty of the soldiers lies in continuing their studies. It was further declared yesterday that in all probability any students now diligently engaged in specialized courses would not be released from the program until they have completed their course of study.

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Co. B Clinches First, Downing 'A' Five, 52-22

Company B's Hustler quintet piled up a decisive 52 to 22 victory over a confused A Company aggregation last night in the Coliseum, as the B-men clinched first place in the initial intramural round-robin with four straight wins and no losses in league competition.

Dave Fuller led the evening's scoring by racking up 14 markers for B Company, followed by Ellis Jessen, Bob Scheer and Brady, each with eight points. High man for Lieutenant Northcut's team was Olivera with six tallies.

Scoring Spasmodic.

Uncertain, fumbling ballhandling by both teams marked the opening minutes of the contest, as neither side could find the hoop until Suchy dropped one in for Hesler's men after six and one-half minutes of play. The score remained close until the B-men pulled away with an eight point spree to end the half at 19 to 9.

BY PFC. PATSY NOTO.

The sweet music of Francis Ellsworth's band, one of the most popular bands in Lincoln, will highlight the STAR's Christmas Ball on Christmas night. It will be the greatest affair ever thrown at the ag campus by this unit, with everything a person's heart can desire. All arrangements are being made and nothing will be lacking to make the men feel at home. There will be refreshments galore, and even a chow-hound will have no cause to complain. All girls who will be in town on Christmas night are cordially invited to attend. Three-hundred to four-hundred handsome STAR-men will be around, and no better opportunity of snaring a man ever presented itself. Naturally, there will be mistletoe to blend with the gay lights and decorations. Admission is a wolfish gleam.

Governor's Dance Thrills STARS.

A dance at the Governor's Mansion afforded twenty STAR men one of the biggest thrills any Nebraskan could ask for—a chance to meet Governor Griswold. The evening began with a dance and kept rolling merrily along. There was intermission for

STARs Win, 46-23

Led by high-scoring Charles Brown and spark-plugged by Fred Cassidy, the STAR quintet smashed its way to its fifth straight victory over a stubborn 783rd Training Group team by a score of 46-23, Monday afternoon in the STARs' first home appearance.

entertainment, and during this break the party was highlighted by the introduction of the Governor and his most charming wife (I won't make the mistake of calling her Governess again). When he asked why some of the boys were sitting around glumly instead of dancing, some bright Starfu remarked, "They must be democrats." To complete a lovely evening a few of the boys were graciously given a ride home by the Governor's beautiful secretary, Jean Spencer.

The basketball team is really hot now after winning three games in a row, and has drawn up a schedule of eighteen games with the various other units stationed in Lincoln. Although handicapped by the constant loss of men due to shipping lists, the spirit of the team keeps mounting. The quintet's determination to win is unsurpassable, and it intends to extend its consecutive streak of victories. Keep your eye on it.

Second Battalion Names Officers

The new group of cadet officers in the Second Battalion were appointed this week headed by Cadet Lt. Col. Charles J. Buce. Other battalion officers are Samuel G. Van Natta, exec officer, and Jack M. Zeigler, police officer.

Daniel L. Patterson will lead Company A thru its paces, with Westly E. Ruther as exec officer and Walton B. Joiner as tac officer. Newton S. McBrayer is the First Sgt. Platoon leaders are John R. Engle, Raymond S. Brickley, Charles M. Post and Bernard Caplan. Carl A. Peterson, John Sandeford, Frank Mahnich and Roderick Hetzel will act as Platoon sergeants. Guiding the platoons will be Donald R. Lamb, Bert B. Thompson, William Jurevic and Charles S. Lare.

Company B officers include Edward T. Murray, company commander, John E. Pollard, exec officer, and Robert G. Walsh, 1st Sgt. Platoon leaders are Cluke M. Lawrence, William M. Muculka, Joseph A. Blodreau, Mervin L. Raubauer and Sam Kayser, Jr.

Platoon sergeants are Richard Baranick, Norman Nuding, Gayle Miller, Clyde Jones and Lealand Brubaker. Robert Scheels, Donald Ellis, John Evangelakos, Louis Siegel and Roland Dille are guides.

Company C's new commander is Archelaus A. Drake. Exec officer is Carl R. Sharrick, Jr. Peter Burk was appointed tac officer and William L. Gaines company sergeant. Platoon lieutenants are Robert Bernard, Jerry Gregoris, Edward Peach, Osborne Boudin and Russell Pantel.

Frederick Hobe, Harold Leventhal, Richard Kerr, Charles Stewart and William Steen will be platoon sergeants. Guiding the platoons will be Francis Dooley, Gilbert Nutter, Edward Struble, Jack Cousin, and Albert Harper.

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