

COMMENTS ON ARTICLE IN NEW YORK TIMES ,MAY30,1943

1. It is a reply by the War Department to the SMEAR article by Benjamin Fine of May 22 in New York Times.

The War Department wanted to prove that it had obtained the "deep admiration at the astonishing skill with which the Army has so quickly laid the foundation of a specialized training program which must command the respect of every competent professional educator".

THE SITUATION

1. The manner of selection is:
 ROTC units
 Military schools
 Army Specialized Training Units.
2. The Army intends to have at any one time 150,000 soldiers in Colleges and Universities.
3. On May 21 there were 21,068 or about 14% .
4. By the End of May 30,000
5. By the End of July 60,000 or 40% of the 150,000.
6. 60% are still to be "ADDED" as the War Department says.
7. 145 College and Universities will be contracted by end of July. THIS REPRESENTS ONLY 8% of the 17000 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHICH SENT IN QUESTIONAIRES AND HOPED TO GET SOLDIERS.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. This picture above does not prove "The speed with which the the specialized program has moved into high gear ."
2. Of the 8% of Colleges and Universities chosen, approved, and inspected, Providence College is one which is booked for 500 soldiers.

3. In the First Corps Area out of 18 Colleges and Universities approved, 5 have been contracted—
4 for trainees and 1 for star.

Of the 145 College and Universities chosen for contracts there
are the following UNITS:

74	for medical instruction
23	for star
38	for Dental
10	for Veterinary
82	for Basic
25	for advanced Engineering
17	for foreign area and languages.
9	for advanced personnel psychology.
6	for professional training.
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