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STIMSON EXPLAINS REDUCTION IN ASTP

Says Number of Soldiers Will Vary as Needs of Army Vary

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The War Department announced today 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 said in a statement:

"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 still further reduced as the exigencies of the military situation or military training make advisable."

Approximately 140,000 men are now assigned to ASTP. The first group began its training in April of this year, the Army said, and the first graduates already have been assigned to Army jobs.