

TRIP TO WASHINGTON-----APRIL 2-5,1944

PURPOSE:

To inquire about the development of the progress made in the Army Specialized Training Reserve Program.

KNOWLEDGE OBTAINED:

Met General Weible in his office on Monday, April 3rd. He was very cordial; could not have been better.

This is the situation as he gave it to me:

Result of the March 15,1944 tests showed the following:

- (1) That 63,000 showed preference for the Navy. (Spot counting)
- (2) That 38,000 showed preference for the Army.

Of this 38,000 Weible does not hope to get more than 15,000 due to physical disabilities etc.

He hopes to build up the number to a much larger figure:

- (1) The Navy will only take 10,000 out the 63,000. That is all it needs.

Hence the Army is trying to arrange with the Navy to allow these 53,000 to voluntarily transfer to the Army . OTHERWISE THEY WILL NOT GET A YEAR OF COLLEGE EDUCATION.

Other inducements are to be offered.

- (2) By transferring Air Corps Reserves into the Program. There are many thousands in civilian life. The Air Corps took 10,000 out the 73,000 from previous tests. Where are the other 63,000.?

General Weible has dropped 90 out the Colleges.

He told me he should have dropped more because he does not need them

General Weible will give me something definite he hopes next week of the week after about our quota.

He hopes to be able to assign 250 anyway, and more if he can

MEETING WITH GENERAL DALTON:

General Dalton was as fine and generous as ever.

Had a congenial conversation with him.

He said to me:

Of course you will be in on the other program

I said "I believe and hope we will".

I added--"I want you to help us and put in a good word for us."

He said "I will be only too glad to do that"

At the end of the conversation he promised me again would apply for our quota .

I gave General Weible: the placque the ASTP gave the College.

He was very much pleased with it---and asked if he might keep it.