

TRIP TO BOSTON, MASS

May 24, 1943

Monday

PURPOSE:

To review the status of the College in relation to Army Specialized Training Program.

KNOWLEDGE GAINED:

1. Through Col. Robert L. Collins, Chief Director in the Department of Adjutant General's Office, I was introduced to the present head of the Training Specialized Program in this area, MORTON SMITH, Lt. Col. F.A., Chief, Army Specialized Training Branch. Tel.. Beacon 1,300--Ext.325
2. He informed me:
  - (1) Gen. Dalton's division has divided the country into:  
Eastern Section---Maine to Florida.  
Mid-Western  
Western.
  - (2) Soldier Students are to be sent into these section every SECOND TUESDAY of each month.
  - (3) Colleges for the Program have been selected in the following manner:
    1. School already employing ROTC units.
    2. Military Schools
    3. Those under Army Specialized Training Program.

FROM ALL THESE CATAGORIES ON THE EASTERN SECTION 19 Universities AND COLLEGES HAVE NOW BEEN DEFINITELY SELECTED TO RECEIVE SOLDIERS:

I saw the OFFICIAL BOOK in which the colleges selected are:

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE is about 8th or 10th. in the BOOK. AND ITS QUOTA IS 500 SOLDIERS.

THE SCHOOLS ALREADY FUNCTIONING WITH SOLDIER STUDENTS ARE:

1. Massachusetts's Institute of Technology---Advanced Engineering--  
Began on April last. ROTC
2. Norwich (MILITARY) ---Basic Training---Began in May.

3. Harvard University---Psychology and Foreign Area Languages.  
Begins in June---BOYC.
4. University of Maine \*\*---Basic Training --Begins June. ROTC
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5. University of New Hampshire Star Unit
6. University of Penn. Psychology and Area Languages. Began in May.
7. University of Kentucky----Advanced Engineering. Began in May.
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TELEPHONE CALL OF ABOUT 3 WEEKS AGO CREATED WRONG IMPRESSION.

Lt. Goodwin and Corwin were then in charge in Boston:

Lt. Col Smith was in Beukema's Office in Pentagon Bldg. and called Boston and asked this Area to contact the APPROVED COLLEGES in this Area TO CHECK AGAIN ON THEIR FACILITIES -----BUT---WERE SPECIFICALLY TOLD NOT TO SAY SOLDIERS WOULD BE MOVED IN ON June 14th. It is the present way of checking so that when WASHINGTON has the quota ready, the soldiers can be moved in without delay.

Washington was so provoked at this mistake that Goodwin and Corwin have been removed.

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Col Smith told me that the College is recognized in the BOOK as having EXCELLENT facilities.

As soon as possible he will send MR. KRIMP --District Engineer, First Service Command. to the College to make sure it has all needed equipment and to aid in any way.

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Col. Smith had on his desk the article of the New York Times:  
ARMY'S COLLEGE PROGRAM IS REPORTED BOGGED DOWN:

His remarks were:

Some groups trying to put pressure on the Army.  
Some disgruntled groups airing their emotions.

The proper and full answer to this article is in Gen Dalton's  
Speech at Princeton University, May 6:  
OUR MUTUAL PROBLEMS.