New Materials Planned for Geography Courses

An atlas of world maps is in preparation for use in the Geography courses of the A.S.T.P. The atlas has been planned with the special needs of the A.S.T.P. courses in view. It will consist of 10 1/2 inches by 20 inches world maps, in color, bound flat in a flexible cover.

The purpose of the atlas is to show world distribution of area and resources. The sinusoidal equal-area project is used in order to minimize the distortion usually inherent in other types of projections. Each map is confined to one or two major subjects.

The atlas will be particularly useful in the study of the power potential and power position of the major nations to be studied in Term III of the course in Geography. No other single atlas contains the necessary map materials for this instruction.

Perhaps an even more ambitious undertaking is the plan for manufacture of plastic overlays for twelve-inch globes. One overlay will be a hemisphere on which is depicted a selected land surface. Another will be a half-hemisphere reproducing geometrical patterns, including concentric circles from a selected point, together with linear scales in statute and nautical miles along the two edges.

Both the globes and the overlays will fill a very great need in spacial and global thinking, in this way supplementing the atlas and other maps. It is believed that every section room where geography is taught, and every large study room, should be provided with this material.

Program Emphasized

Lieutenant General Brehon Somervell, Commanding General of Army Service Forces, addressing a recent Chicago Conference of Commanding Generals of Service Commands, declared that the Army Specialized Training Program "is going to have more people in it than we had in the whole regular Army."

"I think I made it clear to you," he added, "that we have got to pay a lot of attention to it."

Terminology Is Listed

In the interest of uniformity and clarity, a brief list is presented here of correct terminology and abbreviations in reference to some of the more commonly-discussed elements of the Army Specialized Training Program.

Army Specialized Training Unit (A.S.T. Unit).
Specialized Training and Reassignment Unit (STAR Unit).
Army Specialized Training Program (A.S.T.P.).
Army Specialized Training Program trainee (A.S.T.P. trainee).
Army Specialized Training Reserve Program (A.S.T.R.P.).
Army Specialized Training Program Reservist (A.S.T.P. Reservist).
Army Specialized Training Division (A.S.T.D.).
Army-Navy College Qualifying Test (A12 - V12 Test).
A.S.T.P. Field Selection Board.
STAR Classification Board.
A.S.T.D. Advisory Committee.

Here's the Answer To That Query on Enlistment Status

Numerous inquiries have been received by A.S.T.P. officials concerning the length of military service in store for A.S.T.P. soldier trainees.

It should be emphasized that soldiers in the Army Specialized Training Program are serving on active duty and their status is identical with any other soldier's. There is no obligation on the part of A.S.T.P. soldiers to serve in the Army for a longer period than that which is required of any other soldier.