Colonel Beukema Urges Inspired Guidance

Colonel Herman Beukema, Director of the Army Specialized Training Division, in a recent address before a group of officials engaged in the work of the Army Specialized Training Program, urged that trainees be inspired to an understanding of the importance of their objective.

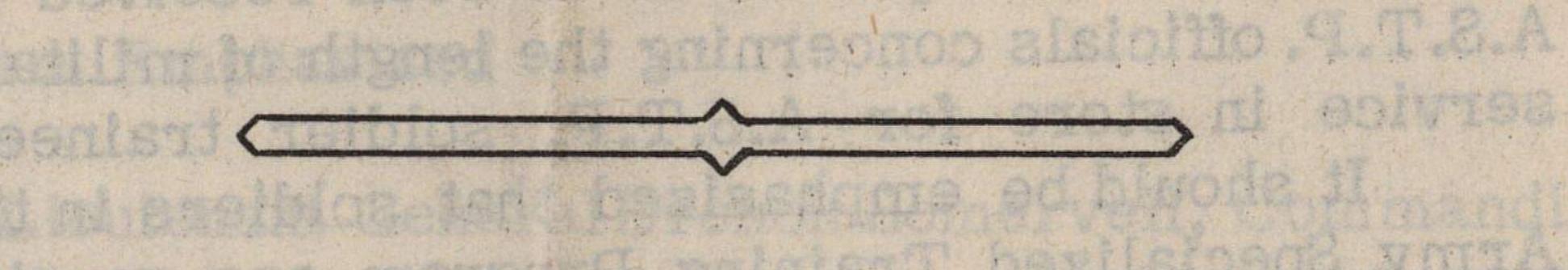
"I am asking you then, gentlemen, to do something more than to teach these men", said Colonel Beukema.

"It is not enough to conduct them along the hard path to Q.E.D. at the end of a proposition in geometry; not enough to guide their way through the mazes of engineering; not enough to house, feed, and keep them in good health. I ask you to inspire them, to arouse them to a full sense of the importance of their work and a realization of the service they are rendering their country.

"It would be easy to say that such matters should be left to the men in uniform, to the Commandant and his assistants. But, gentlemen, you are in uniform. You may be wearing the clothing of the civilian. Nontheless, when your institution comes into this program, you are under as full an obligation to your country as any member of the Armed Forces. The casual observer may ignore that fact; posterity will give it the recognition it deserves".

100,000 in Training

At the beginning of September, more than 100,000 soldiers were in training at 209 A.S.T. Units. In addition, more than 16,000 soldiers were at STAR Units at that time.



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