II-PERSONNEL, -- Under a recently released directive of the War Department, graduates of Army Service Forces Replacement Training Centers will be assigned by the Adjutant General as replacements in existing units and as loss replacements overseas in accordance with established personnel priorities. Prior to completion of the prescribed training, no trainee will be relieved or reassigned from a replacement training center except by reason of discharge, hospitalization or AWOL for 60 days or more, sentence by a general court-martial, transfer as a conscientious objector or as a suspected subversive alien, or transfer to a special training unit as inapt. Prescribed training is defined as the full 17-week replacement training center course. It does not include special courses for Army Specialized Training Program, Reserve Officers Training Corps or premedical personnel, refresher courses for those already basically trained, or courses for personnel of other commands.

- 2. In addition to the above, replacement training center graduates may be assigned, within levels established by the War Department, for attendance at officer candidate schools and specialist schools. No individuals will be transferred to Army Air Forces or to the Army Specialized Training Program except those selected applicants whose orders were in process as of 20 November and issued prior to receipt of these instructions.
- 3. The above policy does not contemplate the use of replacement training center graduates for activation of new units without specific approval of the War Department. Any requests for such exceptions to the above policy will be forwarded to the Director, Military Personnel Division, ASF, for submittal to the War Department. Each request must be accompanied by full justification therefor and will be approved only if it will not result in a shortage of replacements nor require the transfer of men from units for replacement purposes.

III-STATION SUPPLY PROCEDURE. -- Paragraph 7, section IV, Circular No. 209, War Department, 1943, requires that a copy of each local purchase order for any item of ordnance supply be marked "information only" and forwarded to the depot commander responsible for serving the particular area. To comply with this circular, installations following the local purchase procedure as prescribed on pages 2.01 and 2.02, ASF Manual M 403, Station Supply Procedure, will forward copy No. 6 of the purchase order and voucher marked "information only" to the appropriate depot commander for all local purchases of items of ordnance supply.

(SPX 461.01 (10 Dec 43) OB-P-SPICY-MB-A)

IV-ENLISTED MEN. -- Paragraph 3d, section V, ASF Circular No. 89, 25 September 1943, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

3d. Technicians, fourth and fifth grades, who do not hold permanent warrants as such will be reduced upon termination of their assignment to the duties for which appointment to the technician grade was made as authorized by paragraph 13c (4), AR 615-5, 30 June 1943. (SPX 220.2 (1 Dec 43) PE-A-SPGAP-MB-A)