

(14) Directive dated 9 October 1944
Negro Enlisted Personnel - Abolishment of Restrictions
on the Assignment of:

"The continental U.S. shore stations and establishments were surveyed by representatives of the Bureau to determine the maximum numbers of Negroes that could be used in the continental U.S. shore establishments, and to determine activities considered suitable for the utilization of Negroes.

The major part of the program embarked on as a result of the survey has been accomplished and in the majority of cases the Negro personnel contracted for by the addressee has been absorbed within the addressee commands. The Bureau feels that the survey has now served its purpose and that sufficient experience has been gained to warrant the lifting of restrictions as to the specific activities to which Negroes can be assigned.

In order to enable over-all commands to deal successfully with personnel problems brought about by changing conditions and needs, authority is hereby granted addressees to assign Negroes under their cognizance to such activities, and in such numbers, as they see fit. The only exception to this is in the case of the activities listed below which, for the present, the Bureau desires to have considered as not suitable for the utilization of Negro personnel:"

- (a) NAITC
NAS Atlanta, Ga.

- (b) NAPTC
Navy Preflight Schools in:
Athens, Ga.
Chapel Hill, N.C.

- (c) NATTC
NATechTraGen
Jacksonville, Fla.

"In affecting reassignments of personnel which may result from this change of policy, attention is invited to present Bureau policy of assigning to Southern areas only Negroes who lived in the South prior to their entry into the Service".

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