

A.T.S. WANTS COOKS

Several hundred women of exceptional intelligence and proved organising ability are wanted at once to train as A.T.S. cooks.

All recruits who give cooking as their first choice can now be certain of being posted as cooks. Women with no previous domestic experience are needed as well as trained cooks. They will be given an intensive six weeks' course at one of the thirty-four A.T.S. Cookery Schools.

Every A.T.S. cook costs £40 to train. Their instructors are women who were domestic science teachers in civil life and men who were chefs in first class hotels before joining the Army. Students are taught not only cooking but large scale catering, kitchen management, store organisation and diet balancing.

When they leave the Service they will be fully qualified for highly paid jobs in the civilian catering trade. Those who marry will have had the finest possible preparation for running a home.

At the end of the course cook trainees will be posted to Army or A.T.S. units, mixed batteries or training regiments where there are hundreds of vacancies for corporals, sergeants, instructors and messing officers.

Promotion of cooks is rapid and any private or N.C.O. can request an interview with a Selection Board with a view to obtaining a commission. Cooks have one of the best paid jobs in the A.T.S. Privates get 2/0d a day, N.C.O.'s 3/6d to 5/8d and Warrant Officers start at 6/0d.

When Chief Controller Jean Knox, Director of the A.T.S. was visiting an Army Cookery School where A.T.S. and soldiers are training together she said, "The work of cooking for the Army is, in my opinion, as important as any other job which the A.T.S. is doing at present and it requires an intelligent type of girl to do the work. The first class training which A.T.S. cooks receive today enables them to prove that Army food can be made both attractive and palatable."

-----oOo-----