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MORE A.T.C. OFFICERS TAKE SPECIAL COURSES

During April, 350 A.T.C. officers are going through the special administrative courses recently opened at R.A.F. stations. This is the largest number to attend in any month since the scheme was started.

The courses last from one to three weeks, the longer courses being intended mainly for officers likely to become squadron commanders. In addition, there are week-end courses for those whose business or professional ties prevent them taking their instruction in one spell.

Over 800 R.A.F.V.R. officers in the corps have now been through these schools, where special training has been devised to develop the quality of leadership in A.T.C. officers, and through them in their cadets.

The curriculum of the present courses has been largely modelled on suggestions made by the officers themselves. As the time allotted to cover the syllabus is short, these courses are hard work. The first parade is at 7 a.m.; and with drill, lectures and practical instruction of various kinds the "students" are usually kept busy until 8.30 p.m.

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