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1. PURPOSE

- a) To ascertain how many men are planning to take advantage of the provisions of the GI Bill of Rights.
- b) To find out how many men understand the GI Bill of Rights; their misconceptions, etc.
- c) To supply more detailed information of the educational plans of enlisted men.
- d) To ascertain enlisted men's knowledge of and attitudes toward demobilization plans, mustering out pay, and problems of adjustment to civilian life.
- e) To gain enough information through interviewing with this questionnaire to design a questionnaire on demobilization at a later date.

2. DATE OF ADMINISTRATION

October, 1944

3. SAMPLE

The study includes 1,966 enlisted men from two AGF installations and one AAF installation, and 180 enlisted men from one separation center. The Separation Center men were analyzed separately. Only the sample of 1,966 was preserved.

4. SCALES & SCORES

- ✓ a) Desire for Post-War Education (Qs. 18, 26, 27) punched in Col. 75.
- ✓ b) Information about the G.I. Bill of Rights (Qs. 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46) punched in Col. 76.
- ✓ c) Knowledge of Educational Provisions of G.I. Bill of Rights (Qs. 41, 42, 43) punched in Col. 77.
- d) Self-Employment. punched in Col. 78.
- ✓ e) Score Card Information Test (Q. 52) punched in Col. 80.

5. ANALYSIS MATERIALS AVAILABLE

- a) Field notes (sample).
- b) Questionnaires: 1,966 + 180 from Separation Center.
- c) One set of IBM punch cards labeled Soldiers' Knowledge of G.I. Bill of Rights & Post-War Education Plans, 8-159, containing

- 1) Force, camp, outfit identification and serial number. (Cols. 1-6).
- 2) Questions 1-55 (Cols. 7-74).
- 3) Gang punch scores (Cols. 75-80).

- d) A numbering scheme indicating how to separate the cards by force, camp and outfits.
- e) Editing instructions.
- f) Gang punch schemes for each of the scores.
- g) A copy of the questionnaire with the marginal distribution for ACF and AAF men (1,966) and Separation Center men (180) separately; also the column number for each question is indicated.

#### 6. STUDY ANALYSTS

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#### 7. REPORTS

WST #11 Do Men Know About the G.I. Bill of Rights?

B-131 Soldiers' plans for Farming After They Leave the Army.

Monthly Progress Report,  
Section 10, October, 1944 Interest in Post-war Farming

#### 8. NOTE

See also S-106; S-144; S-198; and S-200.

## VALIDATION NOTES

(SOLDIERS' KNOWLEDGE OF GI BILL OF RIGHTS AND POSTWAR EDUCATION  
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AMS0159.CLEAN (AMS0159.CDBK):

The study originally had 2050 cases - this version has only 1965 cases. Marginals are available in the documentation dataset (AMS0159.CDBK). Codes are not available for questions 56, 57, and the variables that indicate scores, camp, and outfit identification of each respondent. Columns 26-31 are filled with zeroes for no apparent reason.

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