# THE AMERICAN SOLDIER SERIES (OFFICERS' ORIENTATION STUDY, S-85)

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### ABSTRACT

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Education Division. The American Soldier
Series: "Officers' Orientation Study" (S-85;
December 1943). [machine-readable data
file]/ Collected by the Army Research
Branch: the Roper Center [producer] 1977; the
National Archives and Records Administration
(NARA) [distributor]

- PROVENANCE: One in a series of empirical studies converted to tape from punch cards by the Roper Center in 1977. The data and documentation are copies, created from data collected by the Army Research Branch between 1942-1955. Due to factors such as age and military reorganizations, the records are no longer complete.
- TYPE OF FILE: Microdata with numeric codes. Units of observation are white company grade line and staff officers.
- UNIVERSE DESCRIPTION: Some officers in the Army (this is not a representative cross-section sample of all Army officers).
- GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: ASF, AGF, and AAF installations in the continental US.
- SUBJECT MATTER DESCRIPTION: A study to determine the need for orientation at the officer level. Specific areas of inquiry include: utilization of skills, officers' attitudes toward training and orientation, importance of orientation items for men, importance of orientation itams in officers' training, attitudes toward some orientation practices, officers' own orientation and degree of being well informed.

Many scales and scores were developed for the survey including: belief in mission, favorableness toward orientation and training, belief in Army fairness and interest in troops, zeal, attitude toward discipline, job satisfaction, personal adjustment, pride in outfit, attitude toward superior officers, opinion of postwar domestic and international situations, knowledge of current events, and Army information test score. The survey includes a sample of white company grade

line and staff officers from regular units in 5 ASF, AGF, and 3 AAF installations in the US. The sample also includes UTC and RTC officers from Camp Crowder. A subsample which is a cross-section of 3 Divisions (the 66th, 75th, and 77th Infantry Divisions) was derived from the total sample. The machine-readable documentation provides codes to distinguish between the sample and sub-sample.

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RELATED PUBLICATIONS: See list of related publications and agency documentation described in the NARA general documentation folder for the American Soldier Series.

See specifically, Reports B-91, B-95, found in RG 330, Records of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, E-94, "Research Reports."

RELATED MACHINE-READABLE MATERIALS: See the list of "Army Research Surveys (1942-1945) Available in Machine-readable Format at the National Archives" in the NARA general documentation folder for the American Soldier Series.

See specifically, Officers' Miscellaneous Study (S-86) and Enlisted Mens' Miscellaneous Study (S-87) in the list of surveys.

DESCRIPTORS: WORLD WAR II, US ARMY (MORALE, TRAINING, ORIENTATION, ADJUSTMENT, IDENTIFICATION WITH, ENLISTED MEN, OFFICERS, DISCIPLINE, RULES, LEADERSHIP), POSTWAR CAREER/EDUCATION, POSTWAR POLITICAL PROFILE, COMBAT, ALLIES, ENEMIES, LEADERSHIP.

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### VALIDATION NOTES

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AMS85.CLEAN (AMS0085.CDBK)

The raw data for the study is available in a single dataset (AMS85.CLEAN), and the documentation is available in another dataset (AMS0085.CDBK). Marginal distributions are available in the documentation dataset.

The documentation dataset does not have codes for any of the scores at the end of the survey, nor for the camp and outfit identification variables. Also, there are no codes or data for open response questions. The rest of the documentation and data look all right with hand validation.

Frequencies should be obtained to confirm the number of total cases. Consult original documentation in the Military Reference Division (NNRM) for additional information.

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