

**THE AMERICAN SOLDIER SERIES
(STAGING AREA STUDY, S-79)**

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DOCUMENTATION

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ABSTRACT

War Department, United States Army (USA)
Army Research Branch, Information and
Education Division. The American Soldier
Series: "Staging Area Study" (S-79; October
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 enlisted men.

UNIVERSE DESCRIPTION: Troops at a staging area.

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Camp Shanks, New York.

SUBJECT MATTER DESCRIPTION: A study to collect data on the
morale of troops at a staging area. Items on the
questionnaire include: attitudes toward the enemies
and allies, toward officers and non-commissioned
officers, toward furloughs and passes morale, interest
in the post-war Army, job satisfaction,
post-war optimism/pessimism, combat, physical
and psychological preparedness.

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION:

FILE STRUCTURE: non-hierarchical, fixed length
FILE SIZE: 1777 cases (see agency abstract), with 2
card image records per case.

SORT SEQUENCE: arranged by card number, thereunder by
survey number, thereunder by ballot number
(last is a Roper Center designation).

RELATED REFERENCE MATERIALS: See NARA general documentation for the American Soldier Series.

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

See specifically, Monthly Progress Report, November, 1943, found in RG 330, Records of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Entry-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.

DESCRIPTORS: WORLD WAR II, US ARMY (MORALE, TRAINING, ORIENTATION, ADJUSTMENT, IDENTIFICATION WITH, ENLISTED MEN, OFFICERS), COMBAT, POST-WAR PLANS, ALLIES, ENEMIES, DISCIPLINE, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, POSTWAR OPPORTUNITIES.

FILE AVAILABILITY: This file is currently available from:

The Center for Electronic Records
National Archives
Washington, D.C. 20408
(202) 523-3267

STAGING AREA STUDY

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1. PURPOSE

To collect data on the morale of troops at a staging area. The questionnaire included items on the following:

Attitudes toward our Allies
Attitude toward non-commissioned officers
Attitude toward Officers
Desire for Combat
Purloughs and Passes
Interest in post-war Army
Job Satisfaction
Morale
Personal Adjustment
Physical Condition
Post-war Optimism-pessimism
Toughness of War with Germany
Toughness of war with Japan

2. DATE OF ADMINISTRATION

October, 1943

3. SAMPLE

1,765 enlisted men from Camp Shanks, New York. The sample contains some casualties.

4. SCALES AND SCORES

NONE

5. ANALYSIS MATERIALS AVAILABLE

- (a) Field notes
- (b) 1,765 questionnaires
- (c) One set of IBM punch cards labeled Staging Areas Study, 8-79, containing:

- (1) Serial number (Cols. 1-6)
- (2) Questions 1-79 (Cols. 7-61)

- (d) Editing instructions
- (e) A copy of the questionnaire

6. STUDY ANALYSTS

George Hausknecht
Abram Jaffe

7. REPORTS

Monthly Progress
Section 10 - H

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getting Purloughs before
Overseas?

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Card I (C. 1-56): 0 = No answer throughout
 Card II (C. 57-79): 12 = No Answer throughout

Codes and Editing Instructions:

C. 2 (Col. 8) AgeCode

- 1 ... 18 years or younger
- 2 ... 19 years
- 3 ... 20 years
- 4 ... 21 years
- 5 ... 22 years
- 6 ... 23 years
- 7 ... 24 years
- 8 ... 25 years
- 9 ... 26-29 years
- 0 ... No Answer
- 11 ... 30-34 years
- 12 ... 35 years and over

C. 3 (Col. 9)

If more than one item is checked, edit to the highest schooling
 wherever this is plausible.

C. 4 (Col. 10) Region of OriginCode

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|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 6 ... Alabama | 1 ... Maine | 1 ... Rhode Island |
| 8 ... Arizona | 5 ... Maryland | |
| 7 ... Arkansas | 1 ... Massachusetts | 5 ... South Carolina |
| | 3 ... Michigan | 4 ... South Dakota |
| 9 ... California | 4 ... Minnesota | |
| 8 ... Colorado | 6 ... Mississippi | 6 ... Tennessee |
| 1 ... Connecticut | 4 ... Missouri | 7 ... Texas |
| | 0 ... Montana | |
| 5 ... Delaware | | 8 ... Utah |
| 5 ... Dist. of Col. | 4 ... Nebraska | |
| | 8 ... Nevada | 1 ... Vermont |
| 5 ... Florida | 1 ... New Hampshire | 5 ... Virginia |
| 5 ... Georgia | 2 ... New Jersey | |
| | 8 ... New Mexico | 9 ... Washington |
| 8 ... Idaho | 2 ... New York | 5 ... West Virginia |
| 3 ... Illinois | 5 ... North Carolina | 5 ... Wisconsin |
| 9 ... Indiana | 4 ... North Dakota | 8 ... Wyoming |
| 4 ... Iowa | | |
| | 5 ... Ohio | 11 ... Foreign U.S. Possess |
| | 7 ... Oklahoma | 12 ... Foreign - not U.S. |
| | ... Oregon | 0 ... No Answer |
| | | ... U.S. (state not in) |
| | ... Pennsylvania | |

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Q. 5 (Col. 11)

If more than one item is checked, edit to the highest urbanity.

Q. 6 (Col. 12)

If "single" is checked in Q. 6, "I'm not married" should be checked in Q. 7 and Q. 9; but either "I'm not married" may be checked in or items 2, 3 or 4. (Items 2, 3 and 4 refer to the possession of children.)

If "2" is checked in Q. 6 without "separated" being specified, "I'm not married" should be checked in Q. 7 and Q. 9; but either "I'm not married" may be checked in Q. 8 or items 2, 3 or 4.

If "2" is checked in Q. 6 and "separated" is specified with "4" or "5" checked in Q. 7, code 2. However, in this case do not code "I'm not married" in Q. 8 or Q. 9.

Q. 7 (Col. 12)

Code

6 ... Married checked in Q. 6, but no answer given as to when in Q. 8
0 ... No answer to both Q's. 6 and 7

Q. 10 (Col. 15)

Code

4 ... Enlisted Reserve Corps (ERC); Regular Army Reserve (RAR);
Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)

Q. 32 (Col. 37)

Code

1-4 ... Preceded in schedule
5 ... Too old for combat duty
6 ... Not physically fit for combat duty
7 ... Should be in war industry or on farm
8 ... Checks all but qualified by asking for farlough, wife's parents
etc.
9 ... Would prefer to be instructor
10 ... No answer
11 ... Other comments indicating that man does not wish combat
12 ... All other

If 1 and 2 are checked, use code 2; if 2 and 3 are checked, code 11; if 5 and 1 are checked, code 11.

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VALIDATION NOTES
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AMS79.CLEAN (AMS0079.CDBK)

There are no codes for data in columns 23-28 of the second card image record. The data might be serial number ID - consult agency documentation. There are some open response questions with no data available in machine-readable format. Consult Preliminary Inventory for RG 330, Records of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Entry-91).

Otherwise the remaining data and documentation appear to be all right with hand validation.

**FI18 PRINT OF HEADER LABELS:

OL1B024240 NIH=BTHSDA
DR1AMS79.CLEAN B0242400010165 87022 000000000000IBM OS/VS 370
DR2F072000008040TOHP002 /GO A B 60154

**FI21 CURRENT DATA SET NUMBER IS - 00165
**WT2 BLOCK 1, RECORD 1, RECORD 1 IN ENTIRE FILE, RECORD SIZE
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**WT2 BLOCK 1, RECORD 2, RECORD 2 IN ENTIRE FILE, RECORD SIZE
079000144442433421223001721 *
**WT2 BLOCK 1, RECORD 3, RECORD 3 IN ENTIRE FILE, RECORD SIZE
079000230940714121432112121131232224422030220321112112205105114322211112112211 *
**WT2 BLOCK 1, RECORD 4, RECORD 4 IN ENTIRE FILE, RECORD SIZE
079000232212332321223002471 *
**WT2 BLOCK 1, RECORD 5, RECORD 5 IN ENTIRE FILE, RECORD SIZE
079000310950351531523312122112522334442010130111322123203103134334211112124211 *

**RE5 5 RECORDS PRINTED, 0 RECORDS COPIED IN THIS PHASE.

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80 . } 1 logical record.

**FI23 PRINT OF TRAILER LABELS:

OF1AMS79.CLEAN B0242400010165 87022 000000000040IBM OS/VS 370
OF2F072000008040TOHP002 /GO A B 60154

**FI29 BLOCK COUNT IN EOF1 LABEL DOES NOT MATCH RECORDED BLOCK COUNT. THIS MAY BE DUE TO SKIPS, OR BACKSPACES.