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(TREND STUDY and SPECIAL SERVICE STUDY, S-35)

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ABSTRACT

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Education Division. The American Soldier
Series: "Trend Study and Special Services
Facility" (AMS.PS035; January 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 individual white enlisted men.

UNIVERSE DESCRIPTION: all white enlisted men in the US Army.

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Domestic US Army installations.

SUBJECT MATTER DESCRIPTION: A study to collect information about
men's attitudes toward the Army, specifically in the
following areas: job assignment and satisfaction,
technical school training, Army training (general),
branch preferences, desire for combat, noncoms, WAACs.
In addition, data was collected for the use of the
Special Services Division on the following items: Post
Exchange, day rooms, sports and physical training,
leisure time activities, tastes in music. Statistics
were also compiled on the amount and kind of clothing
purchased in the period of two months prior to the
study.

A cross-section of white enlisted men was drawn from 5
AGF and ASF, and 3 AAF installations. The sample is
representative of divisional and non-divisional troops
in AGF Station Complement and other ASF troops, RTC
men, Air Squadrons, Technical School Squadrons, and
Housekeeping troops in AAF.

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION:

FILE STRUCTURE: non-hierarchical, fixed length.
FILE SIZE: a total of 4296 cases; 2887 respondents were administered the regular form and 1409 respondents were administered an A-form. Each form has 2 cards for each respondent.

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, Reports B-11, B-14, B-18, B-19, B-20, B-22, B-26, B-30, B-31, B-39, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, C-7, C-11 and Monthly Progress Reports for April and May, 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, MEDICAL CARE, DENTAL CARE, HOSPITALIZATION, FACILITIES, SUPPLIES, INFANTRY, DOCTORS, DISPENSARIES, "GOLD BRICKING", ATTITUDES AND OPINIONS), AAF, AGF, ASF PUBLICATIONS.

FILE AVAILABILITY: This file is currently available from:

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Trend Study and Special Services Facilities

S-35 and S-35*

TREND STUDY AND SPECIAL SERVICES FACILITIES
S-35 and S-35A*

1. PURPOSE

(a) To collect data on men's attitudes toward the Army; specifically, in the following areas:

(1) Job assignment and satisfaction

(2) Technical school training

(3) Army training - general

(4) Branch preference

(5) Desire for combat

(6) Longevity

(7) Fighting ability of U. S., Allies, and Enemies

(8) AWOL's

(9) Noncoms

(10) WAAC

(b) In addition, data was collected for the use of the Special Services Division on the following items: 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

(1) Post Exchange

(2) Day rooms

(3) Sports and physical training

(4) Leisure time activities

(5) Preference in music

(c) Also, statistics was collected on the amount and kinds of clothing purchased in the period of two months prior to this study.

2. DATE OF ADMINISTRATION

January, 1943

* Form S-35A differs from S-35 in the following way: Q. 35 is broken up into parts A & B in S-35; Q. 36 has a check list in S-35 but is open ended in A form. The last item of Q. 48 (day of week) is omitted in S-35A.

3. SAMPLE

A cross section of 4,296 white enlisted men from 5 AGF and ASF installations and 3 AAF installations. The sample is representative of divisional and non-divisional troops in AGF, Station Complement and other ASF troops, RTC men, and Air Squadrons, Technical School Squadrons and Housekeeping troops in AAF.

4. ANALYSIS MATERIALS AVAILABLE

- (a) Field Officers' notes
- (b) Questionnaires (2,887 of S-35 and 1,409 of S-35A).
- (c) Two sets of IBM punch cards
 - (1) One set labeled Trend Study and Special Services Facilities - S-35 and S-35A, Card I, containing:
 - (a) Camp questionnaire form, Type of Troops, and Date of Administration (Cols. 1-7)
 - (b) Questions 1-66 (Cols 8-74)* (Except Qs. 43-60 which are on Card II).
 - (2) One set labeled Trend Study and Special Service Facilities - S-35 and S-35A, Card II, containing:
 - (a) Camp, Questionnaire form, Type of Troops, and Date of Administration (Cols. 1-7).
 - (b) Qs. 1-2, 4-8, 13, 16-18, 23, 29, 35, 39, 43-60, (Cols. 8-62)-(Except Qs. 3, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 19, 22, 24, 28, 30-34, 36-38, 40-42, 61-66, all of which are on Card I.
- (d) A serialization scheme which shows how to separate the cards into camps, questionnaire form, date of administration and type of troops.
- (e) Editing and coding instructions including interpretation of Gang Punch in Col. 74.
- (f) A copy of the questionnaire containing the marginal distribution for each question with the column number for each question indicated with the set of cards on which it can be found.

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* Col. 78 of Card I is punched but there is no record of what these punches represent.

6. REPORTS

- B-11 Is Technical Training Utilized?
- B-14 Attitudes of Enlisted Men toward AAF, ASP, and AGF Branches
- B-18 Use of the Post Exchange
- B-19 Opinions of Enlisted Men regarding Athletic Equipment and Programs
- B-20 Day rooms and day room equipment
- B-22 Enlisted Men's Preferences in Music
- B-26 Leisure Time Activities and Preferences of Enlisted Men
- B-30 Articles of Clothing purchased by White Enlisted Men
- B-31 Enlisted Men's Preferences in Music
- B-39 Attitude toward Job Assignment in the Air Corps
- C- 3 485 men in the 12th Armored Division Stationed at Camp Campbell, Tennessee
- C- 4 449 men in the 89th Division stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado
- C- 5 Buckley Field, Colorado
- C- 6 Randolph Field, Texas
- C- 7 MacDill Field, Florida
- C-11 Attitudes of Enlisted Men in the B.I.R.T.C. (Camp Robinson, Arkansas)

Monthly Progress Report, Section 10, April, 1943 - 'Leisure-Time Activities and Preferences of enlisted men in the United States'

Monthly Progress Report, Section 10, May, 1943 - 'Job Satisfaction in the Army'

VALIDATION NOTES
(TRENDS STUDY AND SPECIAL SERVICE STUDY)

AMS0035.CLEAN (AMS0035.CDBK)

There is only a dump of the A-form data. There should be a dump of the regular form data (see agency abstract). There are no codes for the Army job variable (columns 23-25) in the machine-readable documentation.

The rest of the data appears to be all right with hand validation.

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