

CENTRAL PACIFIC BASE COMMAND

First Survey, VI Air Service Area Command

CPBC - V, SO - 175

1. PURPOSE

Chemical Warfare Training - To discover soldier preferences between two forms of CW training: wearing gas masks in normal duties for one half hour each week, or going through the gas chamber once per month plus certain instruction in CW subjects. The sample was so drawn that approximately half of the men at the time of the survey were in organizations participating in one of the CW training schedules and half were participating in the other. Information on this general subject was requested by the Chemical Officer of VI Air Service Area Command.

Orientation - To find out men's appraisal of three aspects of the Orientation program: the extent of the program's coverage, the idea of orientation, and the effectiveness of its presentation. Questions on these topics were included at the request of A-3, VI ASAC.

All of the orientation questions except Q. 30, 31, and 36, were asked unaltered in a re-survey of VI ASAC made during April, 1945. (See CPBC IX; SO. 230)

Recreation in Honolulu - To find out men's appraisal of Honolulu as a place to spend a day on pass. Three questions, solely of an exploratory nature, were asked on this subject.

War Information Centers - To find out the availability of the Centers and use made of them by the men. Requested by A-3, VI ASAC.

U.S. Armed Forces Institute Courses - To gauge men's knowledge of and interest in taking USAFI Courses. Requested by USAFI Officer of CPBC Headquarters.

Postwar Relations with our Allies - To discover the extent of men's optimism or pessimism in regard to our relations with China, Russia and England after the war.

2. DATE OF ADMINISTRATION

October, 1944

3. SAMPLE:

Five Army Air Bases in VI Air Service Area Command were visited and nineteen units were sampled.

The Air Bases, all located on Oahu, were Hickam, Wheeler, Mokuleia,

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Bellows and Kahuku.

Type of sample: Random selection of enlisted men (Negro and white) within organizations of the VI ASAC which were and which were not having Chemical Warfare Training.

Number: 648

Geographic coverage: Oahu

Special notes:

The sample was drawn for the Chemical Warfare portion of the study and was set up to form four classes of men who were supposedly having the "special training program" (consisting of gas chamber and instruction) and four classes who were supposedly wearing masks for the routine half-hour each week. (The classes are coded and punched by Air Base on Col. 1 of the IBM cards).

These groupings into classes were far from pure, however, probably because the training program had not actually been carried on as it was assumed to have been. For example, many men who were supposedly on the routine training program had actually been through the gas chamber because the officer in charge of training in their units had had enough initiative to arrange this as a relief from the routine of the other program.

4. ANALYSIS MATERIALS AVAILABLE

IBM Punch cards, 1 set. Total = 648.

Supplementary codes - giving the identification of Air Base and type of training program in Col. 1, and the categories and codes for the write-in questions.

Check - list codes

Card - column numbering scheme } - the copy of the questionnaire giving the percents and totals for the total sample (see below) also gives the codes for the check-list questions and the column-numbers to which the questions have been assigned.

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Marginals - A copy of the questionnaire giving percents and totals for every question for the total sample:.

Miscellaneous Materials:

Hand-tabulation of free comments, Q. 7.

5. STUDY DIRECTORS

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6. REPORTS PREPARED ON THE DATA.

Research Branch
and CPBC No.

Title

CPBC - 8	Attitudes Toward Chemical Warfare Training in VI Air Service Area Command.
CPBC - 9	Attitudes Toward Orientation in VI Air Service Area Command.
CPBC - 11	Soldiers' Reactions to Honolulu as a Pass Town.

Data from this survey were also compared with data from CPBC-IX (SO-230) in the following report:

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CPBC - 20	Attitudes of Enlisted Men Toward Their Unit Orientation Programs.
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