

CENTRAL PACIFIC BASE COMMAND
Survey of Negro Quartermaster Troops

CPBC-IV; SO-174

1. PURPOSE: This study was requested originally by the Commanding Officer of a Negro QM Battalion. As plans for the study progressed a second battalion and a separate company also requested that they be included. It was desired to simply "find out how the men felt" and no specific problems of any great significance were offered as subject for investigation. Questions were asked on the following areas:

Adjustment to the Army
Attitudes toward company
Attitudes toward leadership
Attitudes toward assignment
Orientation (belief in cause and feelings of vindictiveness)
Relations with the local civilian population
Frequency of visits to USO Clubs
Relations with MP's

2. DATE OF ADMINISTRATION

September and October, 1944

3. SAMPLE: Negro enlisted men in six Quartermaster companies.

Number: 981

Geographic coverage: Island of Oahu

Special notes:

Organizations studied were two QM Service Battalions having two companies and three companies respectively and one separate Salvage and Repair Company which at the time of the survey was on general labor assignments. Since the sample included only a small number of units from one branch of service, it cannot be assumed to be representative of all Negro troops in the area.

Especially trained Negro personnel administered the questionnaires. Illiterate men were interviewed.

The total cases obtained represent approximately 80% coverage of personnel in the organizations visited. The difference was due to men who were hospitalized, on passes, special details, etc., - absences of a random sort which would not bias the results.

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4. ANALYSIS MATERIALS AVAILABLE

IBM Punch cards, 1 set. Total=981

A copy of the questionnaire containing:

Check-list codes)
Card-column numbering scheme)-written in red to the left of the
check-lists for each question.

Supplementary codes - identification of the battalions sampled
may be found on the cover page, and codes and categories for the write-in questions (Q. 2 and 4) may be found on the back page.

Marginals - percents and figures for every question for:

- a) Total sample
- b) 243rd Headquarters Battalion
- c) 257th Headquarters Battalion.

Miscellaneous materials -

Hand-tabulations for Q. 51b, Q. 55, Q. 56.

Tabulations of Background Characteristics of Negro Troops.

5. STUDY DIRECTORS

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6. REPORTS PREPARED ON THE DATA

Research Branch No.	Title
CPBC-7	Attitudes of Negro Troops in six CPBC Quartermaster Companies.
CPBC-7A.	Free Comments of Negro Troops in six CPBC Quartermaster Companies.

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