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ABSTRACT

War Department, United States Army (USA)
Army Research Branch, Information and
Education Division. The American Soldier
Series: "Rotation Study" (S-132 A/C; June-
July, 1944). [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 series is no longer complete.

TYPE OF FILE: Microdata with numeric codes. Units of observation
are white enlisted veterans of the US Army.

UNIVERSE DESCRIPTION: US Army veterans recently returned to the
US and in various stages of processing.

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Continental United States.

SUBJECT MATTER DESCRIPTION: A study to collect data on the
attitudes of veterans just returned to the US under the
Rotation System. The study was designed to intercept
men at three different stages of processing: ports of
debarkation (Form A), reception centers (Form B) and
reassignment centers (Form C). The three samples were
questioned about their treatment by the Army and by
civilians during their processing, their expectations
of the rotation program, their physical and mental
condition, their leisure time, prospects of going
overseas again and probable assignments.

The samples were drawn respectively from one Port of
Debarkation, three Reception Centers and one
Reassignment Station. There were no scales or scores
developed for this study.

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION:

FILE STRUCTURE: fixed length, non-hierarchical.
 FILE SIZE: 2769 total cases with 2 card image records per case. Form A has 999 cases, Form B has 1134 cases and Form C has 636 cases.

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-110, B-113, B-114 and Monthly Progress Report Section 10, August 1944, found in RG 330, Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, E-93 and 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 S-136 and S-157 in the list "Army Research Branch Surveys Available from the National Archives."

DESCRIPTORS: WORLD WAR II, US ARMY (MORALE, TRAINING, ORIENTATION, ADJUSTMENT, IDENTIFICATION WITH, ENLISTED MEN, OFFICERS), POSTWAR EXPECTATIONS, CIVILIANS, ROTATION AND REASSIGNMENT, OVERSEAS COMBAT.

FILE AVAILABILITY: This file is currently available from:

The Center for Electronic Records, NNX
 National Archives
 Washington, D.C. 20408
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ROTATION STUDY

S-132 A, B & C

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Rotation Study

S-132 A, B & C

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

1. PURPOSE

To collect data on the attitudes of veterans just returned to the United States under the Rotation System. The general areas covered are:

a) The reactions of the men to their processing or handling —

- on the boat coming back to the United States
- at the Debarkation Center
- at the Reception Station
- at the Reassignment Center
- at hospitals in the United States
- during transportation from the Debarkation Center to the Reception Station
- during assignment interview
- during their leisure time

b) Misconceptions of the men about —

- possibility of being stationed near home
- length of furlough
- probable assignments

c) Attitudes of the men toward —

- treatment by civilians
- treatment by troops stationed in Zone of the Interior
- going overseas again
- own physical and mental condition

The study was designed so as to intercept men at three different stages of processing: Debarkation Center (before men had contacted civilians of troops in the Zone of the Interior); Reception Center (to get men's reactions to the Debarkation Center while it was still fresh in their minds); and Reassignment Center (after men had been home on furlough and had come into contact with civilians and soldiers in the Zone of the Interior).

S-132A was administered at a Port of Debarkation; S-132B at Reception Centers; and S-132C at a Reassignment Center.

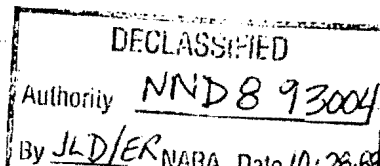
2. DATE OF ADMINISTRATION

June and July, 1944.

3. SAMPLE

The study has 3 samples:

- a) 1,000 enlisted men veterans from one Port of Debarkation (Patrick Henry)
- b) 1,134 enlisted men veterans from 3 Reception Centers (Ft. Meade, Ft. Meyer, and Camp Upton)



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c) 636 enlisted men veterans from one Reassignment Station (Camp Butler, N. H.)

4. SCALES AND SCORES

None

5. ANALYSIS MATERIALS AVAILABLE

a) Field notes

b) Questionnaires: 1,000 of S-132A; 1,134 of S-132B; 636 of S-132C

c) Three sets of IBM punch cards

1) One set labeled Rotation Study, S-132A, containing:

- (a) Identification and serial numbers (Cols. 1-5)
- (b) Questions 1-32 (Cols. 6-73)

2) One set labeled Rotation Study, S-132B, containing:

- (a) Identification and serial number (Cols. 1-5)
- (b) Questions 1-36 (Cols. 6-41)

3) One set labeled Rotation Study, S-132C, containing:

- (a) Identification and serial number (Cols. 1-3)
- (b) Questions 1-69 (Cols. 4-80)

d) Editing and coding instructions

e) A typed set of marginals for each questionnaire

f) A copy of all three forms of the questionnaire

• STUDY ANALYSTS

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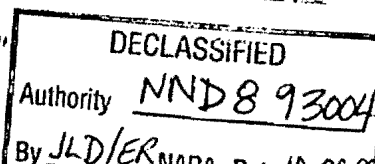
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| B-110 | Soldier interest in twenty-seven post-war army courses |
| B-113 | Attitudes of Enlisted Rotational Personnel and Returnees at the Eastern Personnel Reassignment Center. |
| B-114 | Attitudes of Enlisted Men Recently Returned from Overseas on their Processing Before Going Home on Furlough and on their Reassignment |

Monthly Progress Report,
Section 10, August 1944

Attitudes of Returned Overseas Veterans

NOTE

See also SO-136 and S-157



VALIDATION NOTES

(ROTATION STUDY, S-132 A,B and C)

AMS132A.CLEAN (AMS132A.CDBK)
AMS132B.CLEAN (AMS132B.CDBK)
AMS132C.CLEAN (AMS132C.CDBK)

AMS132A.CLEAN and AMS132A.CDBK

The raw data is available on one dataset (AMS132A.CLEAN) and the documentation on another (AMS132A.CDBK). Marginals are included in the machine-readable documentation.

There are no codes for questions 36, 53 and the serial identification number. Otherwise the data and documentation appear to be all right with hand validation.

AMS132B.CLEAN and AMS132B.CDBK

The raw data is available on one dataset (AMS132B.CLEAN) and the documentation on another (AMS132B.CDBK). Marginals are included in the machine-readable documentation.

There are no codes for questions 13, 18, 24, 26, 37 and the serial identification number. Otherwise the data and documentation appear to be all right with hand validation.

AMS132C.CLEAN and AMS132C.CDBK

The raw data is available on one dataset (AMS132C.CLEAN) and the documentation on another (AMS132C.CDBK). Marginals are included in the machine-readable documentation.

There are no codes for questions 21, 70 and the camp and outfit identification numbers. Otherwise the data and documentation appear to be all right with hand validation.

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