

Demobilization Study

S-145

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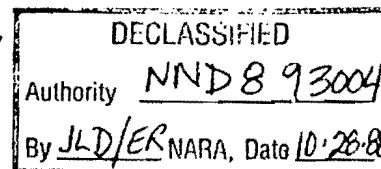
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#### 4. ANALYSIS MATERIALS AVAILABLE

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Louis Guttman  
Shirley Star

#### 6. REPORTS

(Unnumbered)

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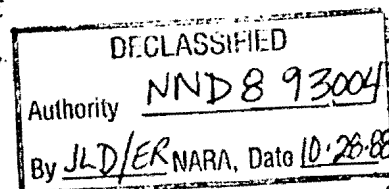
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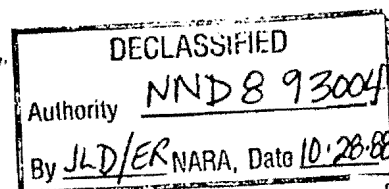
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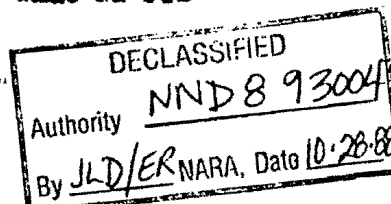
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(20 Jul 44)

24 July 1944

Subject: Research Survey, Attitudes on Demobilization.

To: Commanding General,  
European Theater of Operations,  
APO 887, c/o Postmaster,  
New York, New York.

Attention: Major W. P. Mauldin, Research Branch, Special  
Services Division.

1. Forwarded are suggested questions and technical notes for a survey on enlisted men's attitudes on demobilization. The Office of the Chief of Staff has requested the Director of the Morale Services Division to obtain as speedily as possible some additional information on this important problem. This information is essential in the preparation of staff plans.

2. Fully recognizing the strain which this request may place upon your limited staff, we wish to ask you to administer the brief questionnaire, attached, to a sample of 2400 field force and service force enlisted men in ETO. To be of value here, it will be necessary to have simple tabulations dispatched to us by courier not later than 15 August.

3. Please inform us by radio whether or not it will be possible for you to help us supply this information to the Office of the Chief of Staff in the time requested.

4. No substantial changes should be made in the questionnaire, but you should feel free to add a few additional questions if you choose, provided they are added at the end of the questionnaire. Please advise by radio in case some particular question, in your judgment, should be omitted or changed.

5. The sample should be drawn from Form 20 cards on the following basis:

Field Forces . . . . .	1600
Service Forces . . . . .	<u>800</u>
Total . . . . .	2400

Each of these groups should be stratified by length of time in the Army as follows:

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ELISTED MEN'S OPINIONS ON WHO SHOULD BE DEMOBILIZED FIRST

By *W.D.*

*24 Dec 45*  
Objections: (1) To ascertain ~~the~~ factors which enlisted men favor

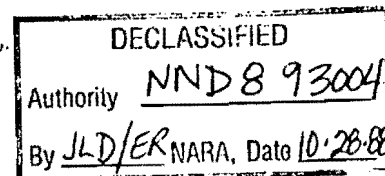
using as a basis for determining order of demobilization (2) to determine the relative importance they attach to each factor and (3) to obtain these data in such a way as will be useful in establishing weights which can be understood and used by the men themselves in determining order of demobilization.

Results of preliminary interviewing and past research:

The factors named by the men are of two types:

- (1) Those factors relating to Army experience (listed in the *order of* exclusiveness) with which they apply.)
  - (a) distinguished combat service with wounds.
  - (b) combat service
  - (c) length of overseas service
  - (d) length of total service in the Army
- (2) factors relating to individual characteristics
  - (a) physical condition
  - (b) number of dependents
  - (c) Age
  - (d) civilian occupation

Nearly all men would agree that the older, married combat veterans with long overseas service should be the first men out (excluding those who should be discharged because of physical disability, especially if wounded). The problem becomes that of evaluating the relative importance of the various factors when certain of them apply to an individual while others do not - for example: should the married men with one child and



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## VALIDATION NOTES

(SURVEY OF ATTITUDES TOWARD VENEREAL DISEASE AND MALARIA, S-146)

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There are a total of 570 cases in the study. Marginals are available in the documentation dataset (AMS0146.CDBK). There are no codes available for questions 14, 17, 21, and 70. Codes are available to indicate race of each respondent. There appears to be no other significant problems with the data.