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(EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, CROSS-SECTION SURVEY, S-92)

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## ABSTRACT

War Department, United States Army (USA)  
Army Research Branch, Information and  
Education Division. The American Soldier  
Series: "European Theater of Operations  
Cross-Section Survey" (S-92; November 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 series is no longer complete.

TYPE OF FILE: Microdata with numeric codes. Units of observation  
are white and black enlisted men.

UNIVERSE DESCRIPTION: all enlisted men of the US Army in the  
United Kingdom.

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: US military units throughout the United  
Kingdom.

SUBJECT MATTER DESCRIPTION: A study that encompasses research  
requests from several different offices in the Army  
including: Research Branch Headquarters in Washington  
(morale), Special Planning Division, WDSS  
(demobilization and compulsory military training),  
Education Section, Special Services, ETO (Army Talks  
meetings, British University courses), Radio Section,  
Special Services, ETO (availability of quality radio  
programs, the extent of the American Forces Network  
programs, and availability of newspapers, including  
Stars and Stripes). A series of "exploratory" questions  
were also asked concerning Anglo-American relations.

Approximately 55 units throughout the UK were selected to produce a cross-section sample of 2257 white enlisted men and 422 black enlisted men. Also included in the study was a special sample of 318 replacement and reception depot men. Scales developed for the study include an Approval of Postwar Compulsory Military Training Scale and a Postwar Foreign Policy Response Types Scale.

**TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION:**

FILE STRUCTURE: non-hierarchical, fixed length.  
FILE SIZE: 2997 total cases (see agency abstract) with two card image records per case.

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 ETO-13, ETO-B2, B-82, B-93, B-94, B-96, B-97, B-100, B-105, found in RG 330, Records of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, 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.

DESCRIPTORS: WORLD WAR II, US ARMY (MORALE, TRAINING, ORIENTATION, ADJUSTMENT, IDENTIFICATION WITH, ENLISTED MEN, OFFICERS, MINORITIES), POSTWAR DRAFT, MEDIA INFLUENCE, VETERANS, DEMOBILIZATION, COMBAT, ARMY TALKS, STARS AND STRIPES, ALLIES.

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Cross-Section Survey

ES-12; SO-92.

1. PURPOSE

Morale: As requested by Research Branch Headquarters in Washington, one or two items from several of the standard general adjustment scales were included for comparison with studies being done in other overseas theaters and in the United States.

Demobilization and Compulsory Military Training: Research Branch Headquarters in Washington requested that standard questions on these areas be included in order to supply data to the Special Planning Division, WDSS, on soldiers' opinions of which men should be released from the Army first and on soldiers' reactions to postwar compulsory military training. These questions were asked simultaneously in other overseas theaters and in the United States.

Army Talks: At the request of the Education Section, Special Services, ETO, the men were asked a series of questions on frequency of Army Talks discussion meetings, whether or not these meetings were worthwhile, and their own preferences as to discussion leaders and topics for discussion.

British University Courses: The men were asked whether they had heard of the short courses being offered by some British Universities for service men of the United Nations, and whether they would want to attend one of the courses during a week's furlough. This information was requested by the Education Section, Special Services, ETO.

Newspapers and Radios: At the request of the Radio Section, Spec. Serv., ETO, questions were asked on the availability of newspapers including Stars and Stripes, availability of radios, quality of radio programs, and the extent of the American Forces Network programs.

Angle-American Relations: A series of special "exploratory" questions was asked on this area.

2. DATE OF ADMINISTRATION

November, 1943.

3. SAMPLE

Approximately 55 units were sampled throughout the United Kingdom.

Types of samples derived:

Cross-section of white enlisted men

Number = 2262

Cross-section of Negro enlisted men

Number = 422

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Special sample of replacement and reception depot men

Number = 318

Special notes:

For tabulations, these three types of samples must be sorted out. See SAMPLING SCHEME for instructions.

The Negro and White samples combined give a cross-section of all troops in the U. K. However, the proportion of Negro troops in the sample is somewhat higher than their actual strength at the time of the survey.

4. SCALE AND OTHER SCORES USED IN ANALYSIS

Approval of Postwar Compulsory Military Training Scale.

Q. 12, 13, 14  
Scores are on Col. 34.

Postwar Foreign Policy Response Types

Q. 35a, b, c, d, e  
Scores are on Col. 46 and 80.

5. ANALYSIS MATERIALS AVAILABLE

IBM Punch cards - 1 set.

These may be broken down into three types of samples (see SAMPLING SCHEME):

White cross-section = 2262

Negro cross-section = 422

Repl & Reception depot = 318

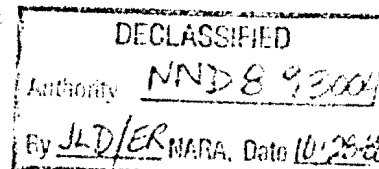
Total cards = 3002

Supplementary Codes - giving codes for major commands and anything else not covered by the precodes in the questionnaire.

Sampling Scheme - giving the outfits sampled, their identification on the first three columns of the IBM cards and the number of questionnaires administered in each outfit.

Marginals - percents and figures on every question for the white cross-section and the Negro cross-section, for the replacement-reception depot sample. Questions 1 through 45.

Card-Column Numbering Scheme - the copy of the marginal percents and figures also which the answers to the questions have



Scores and Gang punches - an explanation of the scoring and coding schemes for the scales, etc., used in analysis.

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7. REPORTS PREPARED ON THE DATA

Research Branch  
Report No.

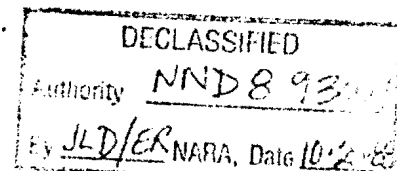
Title

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ETO-13	Attitude of Troops in ETO towards the British (A Preliminary Report)
ETO-B2	A Preliminary Report on Attitudes of Negro Soldiers in ETO.

Originating in the United States .....

B-82	Opinions of Enlisted Men in ETO and SWPA Toward Certain Aspects of Postwar Demobilization (A Preliminary Report)
B-93	Overseas Soldier Opinion on Demobilization and Jobs.
B-94	Attitudes of White Enlisted Men in SWPA and ETO Toward Compulsory Military Training.
B-96	Opinions of Enlisted Men and Line Officers of Company Grade in the Continental United States Toward Certain Aspects of Postwar Demobilization.
B-97	Marital Status of Enlisted Men
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SPECIAL SURVEY

NOVEMBER 1943

Origin: War Department.

Purpose: Determination of troops ideas on plans for demobilization, attitude toward English, current orientation problems.

Cleared: C-1

Problem Areas:

Army	Readiness for combat
Postwar draft	Demobilization priorities
International editions	Preferential treatment for veterans
Army Talks	
Information media	

Field Data: 2912 questionnaires representing cross-section (colored and white) of theatre.

Production Data: Questionnaires precoded  
Supplemental codes furnished from Washington

Reports Published: Memos to General Devers, 8 December 1943: "Soldier Attitude Toward (a) Demobilization, (b) Compulsory Post War Military Training, (c) Post War International Policy."  
Memo to General Abbott, 8 December 1943: "Soldier Opinion on Return of Enlisted Personnel to U.S."  
December 1943 - "Soldier Attitudes Toward the English."  
February 1944 - "Attitudes of Negro Soldiers in the ETO." - Preliminary.

Distribution of Reports: Basic information on demobilization sent to War Department.  
Memorandum samples to Generals Devers and Abbott.  
Data for English and Negro Attitudes, limited distribution within theatre headquarters.

Appended Material: Command letter clearing project.  
Questionnaire with marginal percentages.  
Supplemental codes.  
Memos to Generals Devers and Abbott, 8 December 1943  
Report December 1943, "Soldier Attitudes Toward the English."  
Report January 1944, "Attitudes of Negro Soldiers in the ETO."

Notes Taken: Not known.

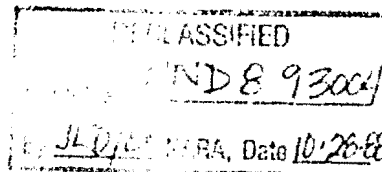




FIG 3-92

Hand Punched in Col. 46  
Gang punch in Col. 46

Figure 3-92: Summary of International Relations Policy Items

Col. 42	Col. 43	Col. 44	Col. 45	Col. 46	Col. 47	Gang punch code	Total
1	2	1 or 2	2	2	3	4	1
2	1	2	2	2	1 or 3	5	57
Consistent	1	1	2	1 or 2	1 or 3	6	74
Internationalist	2	1	1	1	2 or 3	7	528
Consistent	2	1	2	2	2 or 3	8	375
Internationalist	2	1	1	2	2 or 3	8	375
Consistent	2	1	2	1	2 or 3	8	375
U.S. Consistent	2	1	2	1	2 or 3	8	375
U.S. Internationalist	2	1	2	1	2 or 3	8	375
All other combinations.							1213
World	6	1	1	1	2	1 or 2	2248
Consistent	7	2	2	1	1	2 or 3	
Internationalist	7	2	2	1	1	2 or 3	
Limited	8	2	2	1	1	2 or 3	
Internationalist	8	2	2	1	1	2 or 3	
Consistent	8	2	2	1	1	2 or 3	
All other combinations							

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## VALIDATION NOTES

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AMS0092.CLEAN (AMS0092.CDBK)

The raw data for this study is in one dataset (AMS0092.CLEAN), and the documentation in another dataset (AMS0092.CDBK). Marginal distributions are available in the documentation dataset.

The documentation dataset does not have codes for questions 46-51. Nor does it have codes for the Approval of Postwar Compulsory Military Training Score, the unit, station, or serial identification numbers (columns 29-31). There are no codes or data for open response questions.

Sample dumps should be obtained for the sample of white enlisted men and the sample of black enlisted men (sample dump available is for the special sample of replacement and reception depot men). The three samples, all in the same dataset, are identified in column 26 of the second card image record in the documentation dataset.

Otherwise the data and documentation look all right with hand validation. Frequencies should be obtained to verify the total number of cases. A sample dump should be obtained for both the white and black enlisted mens' samples (hand validation conducted on special sample of replacement and reception depot men). The three different samples can be identified in column 26 of the second card image record.

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