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ABSTRACT

War Department, United States Army (USA)
Army Research Branch, Information and
Education Division. The American Soldier
Series: "Hospital Study" (S-77 A,B; October
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 records are no longer complete.

TYPE OF FILE: Microdata with numeric codes. Units of observation
are enlisted men in Army hospitals.

UNIVERSE DESCRIPTION: Enlisted men in Army hospitals (race not
specified).

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Three domestic US Army hospitals.

SUBJECT MATTER DESCRIPTION: A study to collect data on the
attitudes of enlisted men in Army hospitals,
specifically about Special Service and Red Cross
activities, and special problems including: awareness
of the Veteran's Administration and veteran's benefits,
legal help, Army insurance, allotments and dependency
items, and postwar plans.

The study was originally comprised of three separate
parts, Forms A, B, and C. Forms A and B were
interleaved and administered to hospital patients. Form
A covers the Special Service and Red Cross activities,
while Form B covers the special problem areas and
postwar plans. Form C was administered to enlisted men
assigned to duty in Army hospitals. Form C data and
documentation are not available in machine-readable
format.

The study was administered at three Army general

hospitals and the annexes of two of them. The hospitals and annexes are: Lawson General Hospital, McCloskey General Hospital and Waco Annex, and Walter Reed General Hospital and Forest Glen Annex. In the case of patients (Forms A and B), an entire ward was sampled at one time and all wards in which the men were well enough to participate were included in the study. Personal interviews were conducted among patients who could not fill out the questionnaires themselves. In the case of duty personnel (Form C), a random sample of every nth man at each hospital was taken. The questionnaires were then administered to classroom size groups.

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION:

FILE STRUCTURE: Non-hierarchical, fixed length.
FILE SIZE: Form A, 1789 cases (3 cards per case)
 Form B, 1789 cases (2 cards 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 B-86, B-88, B-89, B-92, and Monthly Progress Report for January, 1944, found in RG 330, Records of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Entry-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), HOSPITAL CARE, VETERANS, RED CROSS, MEDICAL ATTENTION, POSTWAR EDUCATION/CAREERS, ARMY BENEFITS.

FILE AVAILABILITY: This file is currently available from:

The Center for Electronic Records
National Archives
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HOSPITAL STUDY
S-77 A, B & C

Hospital Study

S-77 A, B&C

1. PURPOSE

To collect data on the attitudes of enlisted men in Army hospitals with particular stress on Special Services and Red Cross activities; special problems, such as: The need for information on Veterans' Administration and the rights of veterans, legal help, Army insurance, allotments and dependency items; and post-war plans.

The study has three separate questionnaires; forms A, B&C. Forms A&B were interleaved and administered to hospital patients. Form A covers the Special Services and Red Cross activities chiefly, and Form B covers the Special problem areas and post-war plans. Form C was given to enlisted men assigned to duty in Army hospitals.

2. DATE OF ADMINISTRATION

October, 1943

3. SAMPLE

The study was administered at three Army general hospitals and the annexes attached to two of them. The hospitals and annexes included are: Lawson General Hospital, Mc Closkey General Hospital and Waco Annex, Walter Reed General Hospital and Forest Glen Annex. In the case of patients (Forms A&B), an entire ward was sampled at one time and all wards in which the men were well enough to participate were included in the study. In addition, personal interviews were made among patients who could not fill out the questionnaires by themselves.

In the case of duty personnel, a random sample was chosen at each hospital on an nth man basis, and the questionnaire was administered to classroom size groups.

The study has three samples:

- a) Form A: 1,789 enlisted men who were patients at three Army general hospitals or their annexes.
- b) Form B: 1,777 enlisted men who were patients at three Army general hospitals or their annexes.
- c) Form C: 1,811 enlisted men assigned to duty at three Army general hospitals or their annexes.

4. SCALES & SCORES

- a) Personal adjustment punched in top half of Col. 77 (Form B)
- b) Interest in Life punched in bottom half of Col. 77 (Form B)
- c) Post-war Education punched in Col. 78 (Form B)
- d) Gang punch indicating type of Ward punched in Col. 80 of Forms A, B&C of Walter Reed Hospital only.

5. ANALYSIS MATERIALS AVAILABLE

- a) Field notes and pretest material
- b) Questionnaires; 1,789 Form A; 1,777 Form B; 1,811 Form C.
- c) Five sets of IBH punch cards:
 - 1) One set labeled Hospital Study, S-77, Form A Cards I & II Combined, containing:
 - a) Hospital, questionnaire form identification, ward identification and serial number (Cols. 1-5)
 - b) Questions 1-14, 16-44, 46-54, 56-64, 66-70 (Cols. 6-72)
 - c) Gang punch of type of Ward for Walter Reed Hospital only in Col. 80.
 - 2) One set labeled Hospital Study, S-77, Form A, Cards III & IV Combined, containing:
 - a) Hospital, questionnaire form identification, ward identification and serial number (Cols. 1-5).
 - b) Questions 27, 32, 37, 42, 56, 75, 88 (Col. 6-62)
 - 3) One set labeled Hospital Study, S-77, Form B, Card I & II Combined, containing:
 - a) Hospital, questionnaire form identification, ward identification and serial number (Cols. 1-5)
 - b) Questions 1-15, 17-95, 97-102 (Cols. 6-79)
 - c) Gang punches:
 - 1) Personal adjustment in top half of Col. 77
 - 2) Interest in Life in bottom half of Col. 77
 - 3) Post-war Education in Col. 78
 - 4) Type of Ward (Walter Reed only) in Col. 80.
 - 4) One set labeled Hospital Study, S-77, Form C, Card I & II Combined, containing:
 - a) Hospital, questionnaire form identification, ward identification and serial number (Cols. 1-5)
 - b) Questions 1-40, 42-46, 48-53, 55-62, 64-66, 77, 79-81 (Cols. 6-74)
 - c) Type of Ward (Walter Reed only) gang punched in Col. 80.
 - 5) One set labeled Hospital Study, S-77, Form C, Card III, containing:
 - a) Hospital, questionnaire form identification, ward identification and serial number (Cols. 1-5).
 - b) Questions 25, 30, 38, 49 (Cols. 6-45)

- d) A serialization scheme showing how to separate the cards by hospital, ward and form. Also, a notation of the number of cases sampled at each hospital by form.
- e) Editing and coding instructions
- f) A copy of each form of the questionnaire giving the marginal distribution on each question separately for each of the hospitals and also indicating the card and column number of every question.
- g) Photostat copies of the scale pictures and an explanation of the type of Ward gang punch (For Walter Reed only) in Col. 80.

6. STUDY ANALYST

Jack Elinson

7. REPORTS

- B-86 Some attitudes and Opinions of Enlisted Men Patients at Walter Reed General Hospital.
- B-88 Some Attitudes and Opinions of Enlisted Men Patients at Mc Closkey General Hospital
- B-89 Some Attitudes and Opinions of Enlisted Men at Lawson General Hospital
- B-92 What Enlisted Men Patients in U.S. Hospitals Think.

Monthly Program Report,
Section 10, January '44

What Enlisted Men Patients in U.S.
Hospitals Think.

Numbering Scheme
Hospital Survey - S-77

Col. 1

Walter Reed Hospital

<u>Patients</u>	<u>Col. 1</u>
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A	1
B	2

Duty Personnel

C	7
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Larson General Hospital

<u>Patients</u>	<u>Col. 1</u>
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A	3
B	4

Duty Personnel

C	8
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General Hospital (Temple, Texas)

<u>Patients</u>	<u>Col. 1</u>
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A	5
B	6

Duty Personnel

C	9
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Cols. 2 & 3

Patients: Code each ward separately -- starting #01

Duty Personnel: Treat each pack as a ward -- starting #01

Cols. 4 & 5

Serialize within each ward (pack) -- starting #01

If there are more than 100 schedules in any one ward or pack, use the following numbering scheme:

100-109 = X0-X9	120 - 129 = 0X-9X
110-119 = Y0-Y9	130 - 139 = 0Y-9Y

3-77A & B

Walter Reed Only

Forest Glen Ward No.	Type	Code (Cols. 2&3)	Gangpunch on Col. 80	#	%
62 & 71	N. P.	12	1	15	2
50, 51, 52	Orthopedic	03)	3	108	12
65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 56	Orthopedic	05)			
63, 64	Recon. (Rehabilitation)	11)	5	71	12
72	Recon. (Rehabilitation)	04)			
?	Mostly Rehabil. patients	01)			
53, 54, 57B,	(Neuro; thoracic; other surg.				
58, 59	(G.U. and Gen. Surg.	02)	7	65	11
60, 61	Med. & ENT & D	13)			

General Hospital
Ward No.

34	N. P.	15)	2	39	6
36	N. P	24)			
11A	Orthopedic	08)			
11B	Orthopedic	09)			
31	Orthopedic	16)	4	73	12
32	Orthopedic	07)			
39	Orthopedic	28)			
44	Convalescent	32)			
45	Convalescent	17)			
46	Convalescent	23)	6	64	11
47	Convalescent	20)			
48	Convalescent	22)			
28	General Med.	26			
35	General Med.	06			
37	General Med.	10			
33	General Med.	30			
21	General Med.	31			
9B	General Surgical	14	8	156	26
9A	General Surgical	21			
10B	General Surgical	25			
10A	General Surgical	27			
12	General Surgical	29			
14	E.E.N.T.	18			
27	Skin and venereal	19	9	12	2

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NIH=BTHSDA

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