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(SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA, CROSS-SECTION SURVEY, S-93)

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ABSTRACT

War Department, United States Army (USA)
Army Research Branch, Information and
Education Division. The American Soldier
Series: "Southwest Pacific Area Cross-section
Survey" (S-93; 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 records are no longer complete.

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

UNIVERSE DESCRIPTION: White enlisted men in the Southwest
Pacific area.

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: The Southwest Pacific Area Theater.

SUBJECT MATTER DESCRIPTION: A study to collect various kinds of
data including: a) one or two items from several of the
standard general adjustment scales. Also, standard
questions on demobilization and compulsory military
training to supply data to the Special Planning
Division, WDSS. Both topical areas were requested by
the Research Branch Headquarters in Washington and
were asked simultaneously in other overseas theaters
and in the US. b) data for the Special Service
Division, USAFFE on the availability and preferences in
content of "Yank Published Down Under," radio listening
and facilities, and how troops spend their off-duty
time. And c) to collect data for the Army Exchange
Officer, USAFFE, about the kinds of PX supplies men
want and need. The data for parts b) and c) are not
available in machine-readable format.

Fifty one units from five installations on the
Australian mainland, four installations on New Guinea,

and one installation on Goodenough Island were included in the sample. A Demobilization Choice score and a scale for Approval of Postwar Compulsory Military Training were developed for the study. Only the latter is available in electronic format.

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION:

FILE STRUCTURE: non-hierarchical, fixed length.
FILE SIZE: 3223 cases total (see agency abstract) with one card image record 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 #7, 8, 9 (originating in the Southwest Pacific area) and B-82, B-94, B-96, B-97, B-100, B-105 (originating in the US), 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), SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA, "YANK," RADIO AND MEDIA, PX SUPPLIES, COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING, DEMOBILIZATION.

FILE AVAILABILITY: This file is currently available from:

The Center for Electronic Records
National Archives
Washington, D.C. 20408
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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

Cross-Section Survey
SWPA-2; SO-931. 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.

Yank and Recreational Facilities: Information for the Special Service Division, USAFFE, was obtained on availability and preferences in content of "Yank Published Down Under", radio listening and facilities, and utilization of off-duty time. (These data are available in final report forms, but are not on the IBM punch cards)

PX Supplies: To find out for the Army Exchange Officer, USAFFE, some of the kinds of PX supplies men needed and wanted. (These data are available in final report form, but are not on the IBM punch cards)

2. DATE OF ADMINISTRATION

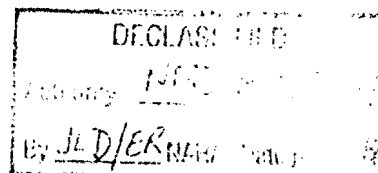
15-30 November, 1943

3. SAMPLE

Five installations were visited on the Australian Mainland, four on New Guinea and one on Goodenough Island. Approximately fifty-one units were sampled. The Mainland units were located at Brisbane, Rockhampton, Townsville, Cairns, and Fenton Field, while the New Guinea units were located at Port Moresby, Lae-Nadzab, Oro Bay, and Milne Bay.

Type of Sample: Cross-section of white enlisted men.

Number:	1490	from the Mainland
	1745	from the Islands
	<u>3235</u>	Total Cases



4. SCALE AND OTHER SCORES USED IN ANALYSIS:

Demobilization Choices

Q. 19 a, b, c, d, e, f

Scores are on Col. 22, 23, 24, 25

Approval of Postwar Compulsory Military Training Scale

Q. 21, 22, 23

Scores are on Col. 30

5. ANALYSIS MATERIALS AVAILABLE

IBM Punch Cards, 1 set Total = 3235

Columns 1 through 33 are punched, and contain (besides identification) the responses to questions 1 through 25.

The Mainland and Island cards may be separated by sorting on Col. 1 (see section on supplementary codes)

Supplementary Codes - giving the identification of location, outfit, etc. on the first four columns of the IBM cards and the categories for the write-in questions.

The Sample - giving the units sampled, their location, their identification on the first two columns of the IBM card, and the number of questionnaires administered in each unit.

Marginals - percents and figures for Questions 1 through 25 for the Mainland and islands separately and for the total sample,

Card - Column Numbering Scheme - the copy of the questionnaire containing the marginal percents and figures also give the column numbers on which the answers to the questions have been coded and punched.

Scores and Gang-Punches - an explanation of the scoring of demobilization choices and the scale on approval of postwar compulsory military training.

6. STUDY DIRECTORS

John Clausen

Felix Moore

7. REPORTS PREPARED ON THE DATAANALYSIS OF DATA

- 1. Preferences for certain types of service in MFA
- 2. Survey of Radio Listening and Facilities
- 3. Reader Survey of "Yank Book" and "Yank Paper"

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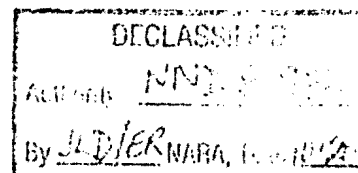
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Report Number	Originating in SWPA
7	Preferences for certain PX Supplies in SWPA
8	Survey of Radio Listening and Facilities
9	Reader Survey of "Yank Published Down Under"



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-94 Attitudes of White Enlisted Men in the 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
- B-100 Opinions of Enlisted Men in the United States and in Two Overseas Theaters, and Opinions of Line Officers of Company Grade in the United States on Postwar Compulsory Military Training
- B-105 Opinions of Enlisted Men in the South Pacific Area Towards Certain Aspects of Postwar Demobilization, Together with a Summary of Similar Data from SWPA, ETO, and the United States

VALIDATION NOTES

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AMS93.CLEAN (AMS0093.CDBK)

The raw data for the study is available in one dataset (AMS93.CLEAN) and the documentation is available in another dataset (AMS0093.CDBK). Marginal distributions are available in the documentation dataset.

The documentation dataset has no codes for questions 26-47, the section of the survey pertaining to PX supplies and Yank magazine. There are no codes for the open response questions.

Otherwise the data and documentation look all right with hand validation. Frequencies should be obtained to verify the total number of cases. Consult original documentation in the Military Reference Division (NNRM), for additional information.

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