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(ATTITUDES TOWARD CIVILIANS, PS-V)

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#### ABSTRACT

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Education Division. The American Soldier  
Series: "Attitude Toward Civilians" (PS V  
A/B; Dec., 1942). [machine-readable data  
file]/ Collected by the Army Research Branch:  
the Roper Center [producer] 1977; National  
Archives and Records Administration  
[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 postwar military  
reorganizations, some of the studies are no longer  
complete.

TYPE OF FILE: Microdata with numeric codes. Units of observation  
are individual white enlisted men in continental US  
installations.

UNIVERSE DESCRIPTION: All white enlisted men at domestic US Army  
installations.

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Domestic US Army installations.

SUBJECT MATTER DESCRIPTION: A study to collect data on men's  
attitudes toward civilians and the home front. It was  
intended to answer questions such as, "does the  
enlisted man feel he is being supported by the home  
front?" "How well do soldiers get along with civilians,  
and are soldiers prepared to cooperate with civilians  
to 'win the peace'?" "How has the civilian changed  
since entering the Army?" "In what ways is he beginning  
to think like a soldier?"

In addition, data was collected on the following areas:  
attitudes toward insurance and savings, interest in  
USAFI courses, what do soldiers worry about, and Army  
adjustment. A "Worry" score was developed for  
respondents answering Form A, a "Desire for Combat"  
score was developed for respondents answering Form B,

and a "Gripping" score and "Civilian Support" scale was developed for the respondents for both forms.

The study includes a representative cross section sample of enlisted men from 9 US Army installations distributed throughout the continental United States.

**TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION:**

FILE STRUCTURE - non-hierarchical, fixed length.

FILE SIZE - 3497 cases: Form A has 2877 cases with 2 cards per case, and Form B has 620 cases with 1 card per case (see list of studies in NARA general documentation for original number of cases).

SORT SEQUENCE - arranged by card number, thereunder by survey number, thereunder by ballot number (latter 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 for the American Soldier Series.

See specifically, Reports 53, 55, B1, B3, B5, found in RG 330, Records of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Entry-94, "Resrach Reports".

**RELATED MACHINE-READABLE MATERIALS:** See the list of "Army Research Surveys (1942-1945) Available in Machine-readable Format at the National Archives" in NARA general documentation for the American Soldier Series.

**DESCRIPTORS:** WORLD WAR II, US ARMY, (MORALE, TRAINING, ORIENTATION, ADJUSTMENT, IDENTIFICATION WITH, ENLISTED MEN, USO CLUBS, SERVICE CLUBS, USAFI, INSURANCE, SAVINGS), CIVILIAN SUPPORT, HOME FRONT, WAR EFFORT, BEHAVIORAL ATTITUDES/OPINIONS.

**FILE AVAILABILITY:** This file is currently available from:

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National Archives  
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PLANNING SURVEY V

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

## PLANNING SURVEY V

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ATTITUDE TOWARD CIVILIANS  
Planning Survey V (Forms A and B)

1. PURPOSE

- (a) The main purpose of this study was to collect data on men's attitudes toward civilians and the home front.
- (b) In addition, data was also collected on the following areas:
  - (1) Attitudes toward Insurance and Savings
  - (2) Interest in USAFI courses
  - (3) What do soldiers worry about?
  - (4) Army adjustment

2. DATE OF ADMINISTRATION

December, 1942.

3. SAMPLE

A representative cross section sample of 3,474 enlisted men from 9 installations distributed throughout continental United States.

4. SCALES AND SCORES

- (a) Worry Score (Form A only) (Qs. 51a-51L) in Col. 73.
- (b) Gripping Score (Forms A and B both) (Qs. 12-13, 15-18, 20-23, 44, 48) in Col. 77.
- (c) Civilian Support Scale (Forms A and B both) (Qs. 29-30, 32-35) in Col. 78.
- (d) Desire for Combat (Form B only) (Qs. 25, 43-47) in Col. 80.

5. ANALYSIS MATERIALS AVAILABLE

- (a) Field notes
- (b) Questionnaires (2,855 of Form A and 619 of Form B)
- (c) Two sets of IBM Punch cards
  - (1) One set labeled Attitude toward Civilians, Planning Survey V, Forms A and B, Card I, containing:
    - (a) Camp and Form A or B identification (Cols. 1-5)
    - (b) Questions:
      - (1) A Form (Qs. 1-53) in Cols. 6-71.
      - (2) B Form (Qs. 1-58) in Cols. 6-71.
    - (c) Scales and Scores:
      - (1) A Form - Cols. 73, 77 and 78.
      - (2) B Form - Cols. 77, 78 and 80.

(2) One set labeled Attitude toward Civilians. Planning Survey V. Form A, Card II. containing:

- (a) Camp and Form identification (Cols. 1-5)
- (b) Qs. 55-65 (Cols. 6-31), Qs. 1-11 (Cols. 40-51), Qs. 24-30 (Cols. 52-58), Q. 36 (Col. 59), Q. 43 (Col. 60), Qs. 45-46 (Cols. 61-62), Qs. 49-51 (Cols. 63-65), Qs. 51b-51f (Cols. 66-70), Q. 51h (Col. 71), Qs. 51j-51k (Cols. 72-73), Qs. 52-53 (Cols. 74-75).
- (c) Scales and Scores in Cols. 77 and 78.
- (d) A serialization scheme which shows how to separate the cards into camps and forms A and B.
- (e) Editing and coding instructions.
- (f) Gang punch schemes showing how the scores in Cols. 73, 77, 78 and 80 were arrived at.
- (g) A copy of the questionnaire giving the marginal distribution on every question and with the column number for each question indicated with the card on which it can be found.
- (h) A photostat of the civilian support scale.

6. STUDY ANALYSTS

George Hausknecht  
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Robin Williams

7. REPORTS

- #53 Preliminary Report on Marital Status of Enlisted Men and on Family Arrangements
- #55 What Soldiers Think of the Home Front
- B1 Marital and Dependency Status of Enlisted Men
- B3 Interest in Army Institute Courses
- B5 USO Versus Service Clubs: A Study of Soldier Attitudes

November 9, 1942.

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RESEARCH BRANCH:**

1. In total war the fighting spirit of troops is to a considerable degree effected by the beliefs the troops entertain regarding the backing they are getting from the civilian population. Some preliminary interviewing done by the Research Branch indicates that we need to look further into the problem of the attitude of soldiers toward civilians.

2. The Research Branch is, therefore, directed to conduct a survey of soldier opinion about civilians and civilian contributions to the war effort in accordance with the general directive from the Commanding General, S.O.S., dated October 7, 1942.

Is the soldier prepared to cooperate with civilians to "win the peace" - that is, once he cannot to gain personally? (See 100-4-1 questions.)

**F. H. OSBORN,**  
Brigadier General,  
Director.

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P. S. V - Attitudes Toward Civilians

## Outline of Problem Areas

Objectives  
for  
Action:

- 1) "Total war must be fought by both soldier and civilian."  
Results of this research should help to increase the unity between the soldier and the civilian. It should point out areas of conflict  
a) At present, during the war  
b) In the future, to make the peace
- 2) "Psychological preparedness for war must change the civilian personality into the soldier personality."  
Findings should show which group of the enlisted men is most closely identified with the Army.

Problems  
to be  
Studied:

Objective 1 - a) Does the enlisted man feel that he is being "backed up" by the home front?  
(See SUPPORT questions)

b) What conflicts exist at present between soldiers and civilians? How well do they "get along" both locally and nationally? (See TREATMENT questions)

c) Is the soldier prepared to cooperate with civilians to "win the peace"? What does he expect to gain personally?  
(See POST-WAR questions)

Objective 2 - a) How has the civilian changed since entering the Army? In what ways is he beginning to think "like a soldier"?  
(See IDENTIFICATION questions)

b) How does this "identification" relate to his "adjustment"? to his ability and desire to get along with civilians?

P. S. V - Attitudes towards Civilians

Analysis of Questionnaire Units

TREATMENT of soldiers by civilians

- a) local (30, 31, 32, 33)
- b) National (34, 35)

SUPPORT of war effort by civilians - 1) in general

- a) What they are doing (37, 38)
- b) What they complain about (39)
- c) Draft-dodging by civilians (47, 48, 49, 50)

2) By specific segments or groups

- a) What they are doing (40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 56)
- b) Draft-dodging (42)
- c) Post-war gains (55)

POST-WAR "personal" aims of soldiers

- a) Privileges expected from government (52)
- b) Post-war status (53, 54)

IDENTIFICATION as soldiers (51, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70)

PERSONAL INFORMATION (1 through 12, 15)

BACKGROUND FOR CIVIL. ATT. (13, 14, 28, 29)

ADJUSTMENT SCALE (16 through 27)

Dec. 21, 1942

Camp Codes

1-0 Boston Port of Embarkation, Mass.  
1-1 Edwards, Mass.  
1-2 Westover Field, Mass.  
1-3  
1-4 Devens, Mass.  
1-5  
1-6  
1-7  
1-8  
1-9  
  
1-X  
1-Y

2-0  
2-1 Pine Camp, N. Y.  
2-2 Upton, N. Y.  
2-3 Dix, N. J.  
2-4  
2-5  
2-6  
2-7  
2-8  
2-9  
  
2-X  
2-Y

3-0  
3-1 Lee, Va.  
3-2 Meade, Md.  
3-3 A. P. Hill, Va.  
3-4 Belvoir, Va.  
3-5  
3-6  
3-7  
3-8  
3-9  
  
3-X  
3-Y

VALIDATION NOTES

(ATTITUDES TOWARD CIVILIANS STUDY)

AMSPS5A.CLEAN (AMSPS5A.CDBK)  
AMSPS5B.CLEAN (AMSPS5B.CDBK)

The layout and codes for the survey are available in machine-readable format (AMS.PS05.CDBK). Marginal distributions are included on the layout. Open-response questions are not coded here, but are available in the textual records of the Military Reference Division.

Hand validation was done on A Form records only. With a few exceptions, the raw data appears to be all right with hand validation. Worry scores and Camp ID codes are not available on tape. There are a few undesignated codes, but these appear to be for open response questions.

Hand validation should be done for B Form records. Frequencies should be obtained to confirm number of cases. Consult original documentation in the Military Reference Division (NNRM).

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