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1. PURPOSE

To collect data on the attitudes of soldiers toward all aspects of Army life. The method employed was to ask the respondent whether he agreed or disagreed with each of 88 statements covering his Army experiences. In addition to these statements, other questions were asked with regard to the Army discharge plan, compulsory military training, discipline, and leadership.

2. DATE OF ADMINISTRATION

November, 1945

3. SAMPLE

The sample of enlisted men and officers was drawn from 2 Army air fields and 3 AGF & ASF installations. In the air force sample ground crews, flying personnel and housekeeping units were represented. In the AGF & ASF samples no basic trainees or men who had been in the Army less than six months were drawn for the sample. Only officers of company grade were included in the officer sample. The ratio of returnees to Z.I. men that prevailed at the 5 camps was maintained in the sample.

There are four samples:

Form A

1,035 enlisted men
318 officers

Form B

1,033 enlisted men
326 officers

Forms A and B of the questionnaire were interleaved for the administration of the study.

4. SCALES & SCORES

Neuropsychiatric Inventory (5 items) (Qs. 9a-e) punched in Col. 80 of all 4 sets of cards.

5. ANALYSIS MATERIALS AVAILABLE

- a) Field notes (consists only of sampling instructions)
- b) Questionnaires: 1,353 Form A; 1,359 Form B
- c) 4 sets of INM punch cards

- 1) One set labeled Attitude Toward Army Life, S-234 A, Enlisted Men, containing:
 - a) Camp, force and questionnaire form identification and serial number (Cols. 1-6)
 - b) Questions (Pages 1-16) on Cols. 7-78
 - c) Gang punch scores (Cols. 79-80)
- 2) One set labeled Attitude Toward Army Life, S-234 A, Officers, containing:
 - a) Camp, force and questionnaire form identification and serial number (Cols. 1-6)
 - b) Questions (Pages 1-17) on Cols. 7-78
 - c) Gang punch scores (Cols. 79-80)
- 3) One set labeled Attitude Toward Army Life, S-234 B, Enlisted Men, containing:
 - a) Camp, force and questionnaire form identification and serial number (Cols. 1-6)
 - b) Questions (Pages 1-17) on Cols. 7-78
 - c) Gang punch scores (Cols. 79-80)
- 4) One set labeled Attitude Toward Army Life, S-234 B, Officers, containing:
 - a) Camp, force and questionnaire form identification and serial number (Cols. 1-6)
 - b) Questions (Pages 1-18) on Cols. 7-78
 - c) Gang punch scores (Cols. 79-80)
- d) Editing instructions
- e) Gang punch scheme for Neuropsychiatric score
- f) A numbering scheme showing how to separate the cards by camp, force, questionnaire form, and officer and enlisted status.
- g) A copy of each form of the questionnaire for both enlisted men and officers with the marginal distribution for each question and the column number indicated.

6. STUDY ANALYSTS

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7. REPORTS

None - analysis still in process

B-177 attitude toward UMT

B-179 attitude toward Demobilization
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