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ABSTRACT

War Department, United States Army (USA)
Army Research Branch, Information and
Education Division. The American Soldier
Series: "Alaskan Department Survey" (S-133
A/B; April-May, 1944). [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 black and white enlisted men in the US Army.

UNIVERSE DESCRIPTION: All white enlisted men and literate black
enlisted men in the Alaska Department (AD).

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Army installations on the Alaskan mainland
and in the Aleutians.

SUBJECT MATTER DESCRIPTION: A study to collect data on a variety
of topics at the request of several military offices,
including: morale (requested by the AD Orientation
Officer), attitudes toward demobilization, compulsory
military training and desire for postwar education
(these and the morale questions paralleled questions
being asked at the same time in other overseas theaters
and in the US for the Special Planning Division, WDSS),
utility of opinion surveys, censorship, food, housing,
employment of civilian workers, orientation, training,
health, medical and dental care, recreation, Special
Services, radio and the usefulness of pay record books.

The A and B Forms were administered to three different
samples: a) a cross-section of white enlisted men, b) a
special sample of black enlisted men and c) three
special camp samples of white enlisted men. Scales and
scores developed for the study include: Personal
Adjustment, Job Satisfaction (both Forms), Faith in
Mission, Confidence in Outfit, Self-Confidence, Faith

in Future, Zeal and Belief in Army Interest (A Form only), Demobilization Choices and Postwar Desire to Settle in Alaska (B Form only).

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION:

FILE STRUCTURE: fixed length, non-hierarchical.
FILE SIZE: 4038 total cases. The A Form was administered to 2019 total cases with two card image records per case and the B Form was administered to 1912 total cases with three card image records per case (see agency abstract).

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, Alaska Department Reports Nos. 1-20, Reports B-1, 2, 3 and 4, WTST #8 and #9 and Monthly Progress Report of September 1944, found in the preliminary inventory for RG 330, Records of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, E-93, 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), DEMOBILIZATION, COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE, CENSORSHIP, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION, POSTWAR EDUCATION, MEDICAL CARE, CIVILIANS, POSTWAR ALASKA.

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ALASKAN DEPARTMENTCROSS-Section Omnibus Survey

AD -2A, B; SO-133A,B

1. PURPOSE

Morale: As requested by Research Branch Headquarters in Washington, items for several of the standard general adjustment scales were included for comparison with studies being done in other overseas theaters and in the United States. The AD Orientation Officer also was interested in data on the status of morale of troops in the Alaskan Department.

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. The same questions were asked simultaneously in other overseas theaters and in the United States.

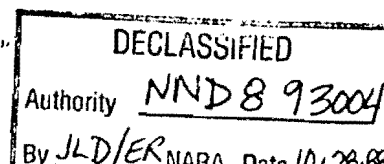
Desire for Post-war Education: A series of questions was asked on men's plans to go back to school after the war. These paralleled questions being asked at the same time in surveys among enlisted men in the United States.

Opinion Surveys: Three questions were asked at the request of the Commanding General, Alaskan Department to gauge men's opinions of the worthwhileness of opinion surveys.

Censorship: At the request of the Censor, Alaskan Department, one question was asked on whether enlisted men thought their censors discussed personal matters read in letters, and a series of questions was asked on men's use of "Blue Envelopes" and the status of regulations in their own outfits in respect to letter-writing.

Food: Information on men's opinions of the quality of the food at their own posts and their preferences as to kinds of foods was requested by the Quartermaster, Alaskan Department.

Housing: The men were asked to indicate the kinds of quarters they had lived in in the past, were living in at present, and their own preferences. Requested by the Commanding General, AD, and the Engineer, AD.



Employment of Civilian Workers: For the information of the Civilian Personnel Officer, AD, and the Engineer, XI Air Force Service Command, the men were asked for their opinions on the usefulness of and necessity for civilian workers at their own posts, and the status of male civilian workers in respect to the draft.

Orientation: The men were asked the status of orientation meetings in their own outfits, whether they understood the purpose of orientation, and topics they thought most important for discussion. Requested by the Orientation Officer, G-3, Alaskan Department.

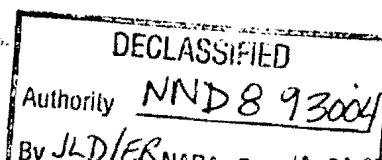
Training: To find out whether the men thought they had enough training to protect themselves and what kind of training they thought they needed more of. This information was obtained for A-3, XI Air Force Service Command and G-3, Alaskan Department.

Health, Medical and Dental Care: To find out men's opinions of the medical and dental care they were receiving and what effect they thought the climate was having on their health. Requested by the Surgeon, XI Air Force Service Command and the Surgeon, AD.

Recreation, Special Services, Radio: The men were asked whether they had trouble finding interesting things to do, the extent of the effort being made to provide facilities for them, what facilities were needed, how they felt about Special Services in general, the availability of radios, the extent of listening, and AFRS program preferences. Information on these subjects was requested by the Special Service Officer, AD, and the Special Service Officer, XI Air Force Service Command.

Individual Pay Record Books: A supplementary page containing four questions on the usefulness of the Pay Record Book and men's habits in regard to its use were inserted in every fifth questionnaire administered in Air Forces units and every seventh administered in Ground Forces units. This information was requested by the Finance Officer, XI Air Force Service Command, the Finance Officer, Alaskan Department, and the Personnel Officer, Adjutant General Section, AD.

Negro Troops: The Inspector General of the War Department was interested in securing information on the attitudes of Negro troops.



2. DATE OF ADMINISTRATION.

April and May, 1944.

3. SAMPLE

Ten installations were visited and approximately 90 units were sampled.

Posts with less than 500 troops were excluded as were those in south-eastern Alaska where less than 5% of the total troop strength was located.

Installations visited on the Alaskan Mainland were:

- Ft. Richardson - A large, garrison type post adjacent to Anchorage, a sizeable civilian community.
- Whittier - A small post, principally port activities. No civilian community adjacent, but one could be visited on a three-day pass.
- Ft. Greeley - A fairly large post with Kodiak, a small civilian community adjacent.
- Nome - A small far-north post. This was a small civilian community.
- Fairbanks - A fairly large Northern post, principally an air base. The only troops there who were under Alaskan Department jurisdiction were Infantry and a few service troops.

Installations visited on the Aleutians were:

- Adak - A large, well-established post.
- Attu - A large, somewhat newer post.
- Shumya - A relatively small and new post with principally Air Corps activities.
- Ft. Glenn, Umnak - One of the oldest Aleutians posts, fairly large and well established.
- Ft. Glenn, Subpost - A small post with principally port activities. Reached by a two-hour boat trip from Umnak.

None of the Aleutian posts sampled was adjacent to any kind of civilian community and none had any women other than a handful of nurses.

Types of samples derived:

Cross-section of white enlisted men

Number: 1535 were administered the A-Form
1537 were administered the B-Form

Geographic coverage: Alaskan Mainland and the Aleutian Islands

Special notes: Sample covers all the white troops in the Department except for a few in the ATC and Alaskan Communication System which were not under the Alaskan Department.

Special sample of Negro enlisted men (literate only)

Number: 128 were administered the A-Form
122 were administered the B-Form

Geographic coverage: Aleutian Islands (there were no Negro troops on the Mainland)

Special notes: Illiterates were excused and not interviewed. Size of sample largely limits use to overall tabulations.

Three special camp samples of white enlisted men

Number: Kodiak, 156 were administered the A-Form
153 were administered the B-Form
Nome and Fairbanks
100 were administered the A-Form in each camp
100 were administered the B-Form in each camp

Geographic coverage: All three were mainland installations.

Special notes: The cross-section contains some men from each of these camp samples. Purpose of the additional cases was to get a large enough sample at each of the three camps to allow comparison of marginals. It was thought that conditions in the far North-Nome and Fairbanks - were sufficiently different to make separate study of them useful.

4. SCALE AND OTHER SCORES USED IN ANALYSIS.

Both A and B Forms of the questionnaire:

Personal Adjustment Scale

Q. 16, 17; 18 in Form A; Q. 12, 13, 14 in Form B.
Scores are on Col. 71 of both A and B cards

Job Satisfaction Scale

Q. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 on Form A.
Q. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 on Form B.
Scores are in Col. 72 of both A and B cards.

A-Form only:

Faith in Mission Scale

Q. 36, 37, 38
Scores are in Col. 70, A cards only

Confidence and Pride in Outfit Scale

Q. 40, 41, 42, 43
Scores are in Col. 73, A-cards only.

Self-Confidence Scale

Q. 27, 46, 47
Scores are on Col. 74, A-cards only

Faith in Future Scale

Q. 100, 103, 104, 105
Scores are on Col. 75, A-cards only

Belief in the Army's concern for the Welfare of the Individual Scale.

Q. 39, 45, 68
Scores are on Col. 76, A-cards only.

Zeal Scale

Q. 93, 95, 96, 97
Scores are on Col. 77, A-card only.

B-Form only:

Demobilization Choices

Q. 51a, b, c, d, e, f.
Scores are on Col. 57, 58, 59, 60 of B-cards only.

Postwar Desire to Settle in Alaska Scale

Q. 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49
Scores on Col. 70, B-cards only.

5. ANALYSIS MATERIALS AVAILABLE

IBM Punch Cards - following sets:

A - Cards

White cross-section
Special Negro sample
3 Special camp samples
Ft. Greeley (coded 3, Col. 1)
Nome (coded 9, Col. 1)
Fairbanks (coded 0, Col. 1)

B - Cards

White cross-section
Special Negro sample
3 Special camp samples
Ft. Greeley (coded 3, Col. 1)
Nome (coded 9, Col. 1)
Fairbanks (coded 0, Col. 1)

Supplementary Codes - giving codes for camps by Mainland - Aleutians location, Air-Ground, Service - Combat identification, card identification, and anything else not covered by the precodes in the two questionnaire forms.

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, A and B - Forms separately for:

White cross-section
Negro sample
Mainland - Aleutians
Air Force - Ground Force
Each of the ten installations surveyed.

Percents and figures, A and B Forms combined, for the twenty-one questions asked in both forms of the questionnaire.

Card-column Numbering Scheme - the copies 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 and coding schemes for each of the scales etc. used in analysis with a photostat copy of the scale when available.

Miscellaneous Materials:

- Selected hand-tabulations and lists of verbatim free-comments. The one-page - Supplement to AD - 2 A and B on the "Soldiers' Individual Pay record Book."
- Field Administration Procedures and Notes for AD-2A and B
- Standard Introduction for Class Leaders for A-D 2A and B.

6. STUDY DIRECTORS

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7. REPORTS PREPARED ON THE DATA.ALASKA DEPARTMENT

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Title of Report</u>
	<u>WHAT SOLDIERS IN ALASKA THINK . . .</u>
1	.....About Opinion Surveys
2	.....About Censorship
3	Food Preferences
4	.....About Individual Pay Records
5	Preferences in Housing
6	.....About Employment of Civilian Workers on Army Posts
7	.....About Orientation
8	.....About Things in General
9	Radio and Radio Programs
10	.....About Training
11	Attitudes of Negro Soldiers
12	.....About Their Health and Medical Care
13	.....About Recreation and Special Service
14	.....About Work Load and Time Off
15	.....About Clothing and Individual Equipment
16	.....About the Red Cross .
17	Information about Army Emergency Relief
18	.....About Armed Forces Institute Courses
19	.....About Settling in Alaska After the War
20	What Soldiers in Alaska Think (A Summary)
B 1	Introduction to a Series of Reports on "What Soldiers in Alaska Think"
B 2	Morale in the Aleutians
B 3	Summary of Significant Points from Alaskan Department Survey
B 4	Interest in Post-War Alaskan Settlement by Soldiers Serving in Alaska
WTST #8	"What Soldiers Think of At "Yakutak <u>versus</u> Quonset"
WTST #9	"Rotation Problems of Men "Attitudes of Aleutian Trc
MPR, Sept 1944	

VALIDATION NOTES

(ALASKAN DEPARTMENT: CROSS-SECTION OMNIBUS SURVEY, S-133 A/B)

AMS133A.CLEAN (AMS133A.CDBK)
AMS133B.CLEAN (AMS133B.CDBK)

AMS133A.CLEAN and AMS133A.CDBK

The raw data is on one dataset (AMS133A.CLEAN) and the documentation is on another (AMS133B.CDBK). Marginals are included in the documentation dataset.

There are no codes for questions 61, 106 and the outfit identification number. Codes are available for the scales and scores. Otherwise the data and documentation appear to be all right with hand validation.

AMS133B.CLEAN and AMS133B.CDBK

The raw data is on one dataset (AMS133B.CLEAN) and the documentation is on another dataset (AMS133B.CDBK). marginals are included in the documentation dataset.

There are no codes for questions 31, 32, 82, 83, 85, 92, 100, 104 and the outfit identification number. Otherwise the data and documentation appear to be all right with hand validation.

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