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(EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS,  
FIGHTER COMMAND PLANNING SURVEY, S-113)

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DOCUMENTATION

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# ABSTRACT

War Department, United States Army (USA)  
Army Research Branch, Information and  
Education Division. The American Soldier  
Series: "Fighter Command Planning Survey" (S-  
113; December 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 series is no longer complete.

TYPE OF FILE: Microdata with numeric codes. Units of observation  
are enlisted men (race not specified).

UNIVERSE DESCRIPTION: Enlisted men in all Squadrons of 12th  
Fighter Groups of the Eighth Fighter Command.

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Fighter stations in England of the 8th AAF  
Fighter Command.

SUBJECT MATTER DESCRIPTION: A study to determine the morale at  
fighter stations in England. Specific areas of  
observation include: Army adjustment, job interest,  
pride in outfit, motivation, officer relations,  
leadership, recreation and living facilities.

The sample was randomly selected from the Eighth  
Fighter Command. The twelve units can be identified on  
the machine-readable layout. Some units had not engaged  
in operational missions prior to the study.

## TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION:

FILE STRUCTURE: non-hierarchical, fixed length  
FILE SIZE: 2985 cases total with two card image records  
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.

**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), AAF FIGHTERS, COMBAT LEADERSHIP, UNIT MORALE PROGRAM, FACILITIES, NONCOMS.

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

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National Archives  
Washington, D.C. 20408  
(202) 523-3267

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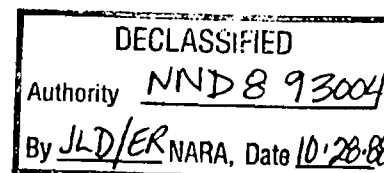
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11 to 17 December 1943

ORGANIZATION CODES

Each number or letter in column 1 indicates a different fighter group, and squadrons within a group are numbered 1 - 3 in column 2. In columns 3, 4 and 5, code numbers indicate the inclusive serial numbers of questionnaires within the respective squadrons.

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22201		22294	Fighter Gp	82201		82295	Fighter Gp
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61101		61177		Y1101		Y1186	
62201		62265	Fighter Gp	Y2201		Y2274	Fighter Gp
63301		63370		Y3301		Y3370	

\*Had not engaged in operational missions prior to being surveyed.



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Origin: Letter request - 8th Fighter Command, file 201.6, 8 Aug 1943, Colonel Stovall, A-1.

Purpose: To determine status of morale at fighter stations in England.

Cleared: Through 8th AAF Fighter Command.

Problem Areas:

Adjustment to Army  
Job interest  
Pride in outfit  
Motivation  
Officer relations  
Confidence in leadership  
Facilities for living, recreation

Field Data: 2985 enlisted men in all Squadrons of 12th Fighter Groups of the Eighth Fighter Command. Field work completed between 9-16 December 1943.

Production Data:

Schedule precoded  
End totals but no marginals available  
Codes and cards sent to Washington 8 March 1944

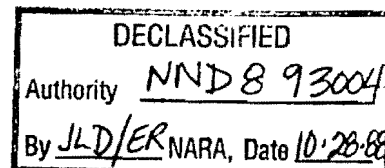
Reports Published: Unit reports prepared comparing all organizations on the same echelon. These reports rated each organization on a number of morale specifics with regard to the average for all similar organizations. Precursor to unit morale program.

Distribution of Reports: Each organization received individual report. Overall report and copies of individual reports (identified) to 8th Fighter Command.

Appended Material:

Questionnaire with end totals written in  
Supplemental codes  
Master measles chart with key

Action Taken: Understood that Fighter Command took action to remove some overall morale depressants.



## VALIDATION NOTES

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AMS113.CLEAN (AMS0113.CDBK)

The raw data for the study is available in one dataset (AMS113.CLEAN) and the documentation is available in another dataset (AMS0113.CDBK). Marginal distributions are available in the documentation dataset.

The documentation dataset has no codes for questions 61 and 69. Otherwise, the rest of 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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