

THE AMERICAN SOLDIER SERIES
(MEDICAL SURVEY, PS-IV)

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ABSTRACT

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Series: "Medical Survey" (AMS.PS04;
September-October, 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 that was collected for a series of surveys conducted by the Army Research Branch from 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.

UNIVERSE DESCRIPTION: All white enlisted men having received medical or dental treatment at US Army installations.

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE: Domestic US Army installations.

SUBJECT MATTER DESCRIPTION: A study of white enlisted men for purposes of collecting information on soldier's attitudes toward Army medical and dental care. (Note: there was a small sub-sample of men who had been hospitalized and they were administered a different questionnaire - one that included questions related to Red Cross workers and recreational facilities. This data does not appear to be on the tape)

The sample was drawn from 5 AAF, and 12 AGF and ASF installations. The men were selected randomly from Form-20 cards. At some camps, every nth man was called within chosen companies.

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION:

FILE STRUCTURE: non-hierarchical, fixed length.

FILE SIZE: 3001 cases (see list of studies for original number of cases) with three cards per case.

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 documentation described in the NARA general documentation folder for the American Soldier Series.

See Report B-38, found in RG 330, Records of the Office of the Secretary for Defense, Entry-94, "Research Reports"

RELATED MACHINE-READABLE RECORDS: 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, AAF, AGF, ASF PUBLICATIONS, ENLISTED MEN, OFFICERS, MEDICAL CARE, DENTAL CARE, HOSPITALIZATION, FACILITIES, SUPPLIES, INFANTRY, DOCTORS, DISPENSARIES, "GOLD BRICKING"), ATTITUDES AND OPINIONS.

FILE AVAILABILITY: This file is currently available from:

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I N D E X

ORGANIZATION OF STUDY

- Letters of request
- Purpose
- Proposed questions
- Rough draft of study

SAMPLING INFORMATION

- Field work
- Camps
- Outfits

NUMBERING SCHEME

QUESTIONNAIRES

CODING INFORMATION

- Code sheets
- Supplementary code sheets
- Code book

MARGINALS AND PERCENTAGES

- Marginal books
- Percentage books

SCALOGRAM ANALYSIS

OTHER INFORMATION

- Report on medical and dental care in the Army
- Report on recreation programs and facilities in Army Hospitals

Medical Survey

Planning Survey IV (2 forms)

1. PURPOSE

To collect data on men's attitudes toward Army medical and dental treatment and attention received in Army hospitals. There are two forms of the questionnaire: 1) administered to men who have received medical or dental care in the Army, and 2) administered to men who have been hospitalized in Army hospitals.

Additional questions related to Red Cross workers and recreational facilities are included in the questionnaire on Hospital Attention.

2. DATE OF ADMINISTRATION

October, 1942

3. SAMPLE

This study contains two samples:

- a) 5,114 white enlisted men sampled by Branch from 5 AAF installations and 12 AGF and ASF installations. These men, for the most part, were selected randomly from Form 20 cards. At some camps every nth man was called within chosen companies.
- b) 414 white enlisted men who had been hospitalized. These men were called from discharge rosters.

4. SCALES & SCORES

None

5. ANALYSIS MATERIALS AVAILABLE

- a) Field and Administration and sampling notes
- b) 5,528 Medical and Hospital questionnaires
- c) Three sets of punch cards
 - (1) One set labeled Planning Survey IV, Medical Card, containing:
 - (a) Camp identification and serial number (Cols. 1-5)
 - (b) Questions 1-46 (Cols. 6-68)

(2) One set labeled Planning Survey IV. Hospital Card. containing:

- (a) Camp identification (Cols. 1&2), interview vs. Self-Administered questionnaire and serial number (Cols. 3-5)
- (b) Questions 1-43 (Cols. 6-53)

(3) One set labeled Planning Survey IV. Recreation Card. containing:

- (a) Camp identification (Cols. 1&2), interview vs. Self-Administered questionnaire and serial number (Cols. 3-5)
- (b) Questions 46-57 (Cols. 6-64); Qs. 10&11 (Cols. 66-67)
- (c) Additional questions included from Hospital card (#2 above) are: Qs. 1a, 1c, 2, 3b, 4c, 5, and Qs. 38, 39a, 39b, 39c, 39d, 39e.

- d) Editing and coding instructions for 60th Medical and Hospital questionnaires.
- e) A numbering scheme showing how to separate the total samples into camps and interview vs. self-administered.
- f) A copy of both the medical and hospital questionnaires. The hospital questionnaire indicates the column number of each question and the card on which it may be found. Also each questionnaire contains the marginal distribution for most of the questions.

6. ANALYSTS

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7. REPORTS

B-38 Attitudes of Enlisted Men toward Medical, Dental, and Hospital Services
B-40 Attitudes of Enlisted Men toward Recreation Programs and Facilities in Army Hospitals

WAR DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL SERVICE DIVISION
RESEARCH BRANCH

2.1.12.1 - green
Parents - red
Experiences - blue
Additional codes in ink and on typed tabs

PLANNING SURVEY IV
(Final Field Draft)
10/4/42

SURVEY
of
Medical Attention

DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME OR SERIAL NUMBER
ON THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Date: _____

PLANNING SURVEY IV

TAB A

Q. 11 (col. 17)

17

1277 125 One time
922 18 Two times
417 10 Three times
284 6 Four times
151 3 Five times

123 6 2 Six times
417 1 Seven times
448 1 Eight times
109 X Nine times
1310 26 None in past year

228 X 4 Ten or more times
311 Y 4 No answer

Q. 25 (Col. 34)

24

251 41 50 No
412 2 Yes, would be suspected of gold bricking
313 10 " , Didn't want to miss work
474 9 " , not worthwhile, attention insufficient, too much trouble
287 5 18 " , not urgent
816 1 " , miscellaneous
117 X " , didn't trust Army doctors
158 X 3 " , Yes, no *reason*
109 Y 2 " , No answer

Q. 26 (Col. 35)

25

471 1 92 No
272 2 Yes, officers or noncoms said nothing was wrong
313 1 " , special duty such as KP, rifle practice, etc.
284 1 " , Army regulations (Not time for sick call)
712 X 1 Yes, no *reason*
311 Y 2 No answer

Q. 32 (Col. 41)

41

211 1 77 No
122 2 12 Yes, doctor
713 1 " , enlisted man
4 X " , nurses
415 1 " , doctors and dispensary
416 1 " , officers or NCO - not medical
151 X 2 Yes, no reason or don't know
311 Y 4 No answer

READ EVERY QUESTION AND ANSWER EACH ONE THAT APPLIES

(Select your answer to each question and put an "X" in the box next to this answer.)

Q.1 (a) Are you a "buck" private?

2421 ☒ Yes (Put an X in the box before "yes" or the box before "no")
☐ No

(b) If not, what is your rank or grade?

2422 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private First Class	2425 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technician 3rd Grade
2423 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technician 5th Grade	2426 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staff Sergeant
2424 <input type="checkbox"/> Corporal	2427 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Sergeant
2425 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technician 4th Grade	2428 <input type="checkbox"/> First Sergeant
2426 <input type="checkbox"/> Sergeant	2429 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master Sergeant
	2430 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (State specifically)

112 1 No ans.

(c) What is your base pay per month? \$ Not coded

Q.2 How old were you on your last birthday?

2431 ☒ 19 years or under
 2432 ☒ 20 years
 2433 ☒ 21 to 24 years
 2434 ☒ 25 to 27 years
 2435 ☒ 28 to 29 years
 2436 ☒ 30 to 34 years
 2437 ☒ 35 years and over

112 1 No ans.

Q.3 When did you enter the Army?

2438 ☒ Before October, 1940
 2439 ☒ October, 1940 to June, 1941
 2440 ☒ July, 1941 to December, 1941
 2441 ☒ January, 1942 to June, 1942
 2442 ☒ July or August, 1942
 2443 ☒ September or October, 1942

112 1 No ans.

NOTE: If you have served previously in the Army, check last time you entered. If you were a National Guardsman, check when your outfit entered Army.

Q.4 In what state did you spend most of the last five years of your civilian life? _____

Q.5 Is your home:

- 11 1 ☒ 23 On a farm or in the country?
 22 2 ☒ 15 In a town, with fewer than 2500 people?
 9 13 ☒ 19 In a city - 2,500 to 25,000?
 11 4 ☒ 42 In a city - over 25,000?
 51 12 ☒ No ans.

Q.6 How far did you go in school? (Put an X opposite the highest grade completed.)

- 12 1 ☒ 4 Less than 6th grade
 13 2 ☒ 2 Finished 6th grade
 3 3 ☒ 6 Finished 7th grade
 8 4 ☒ 17 Finished 8th grade
 12 5 ☒ 25 Some high school or trade school
 11 6 ☒ 30 Graduated from high school
 3 7 ☒ 10 Some college but did not finish
 13 8 ☒ 4 College graduate
 13 12 * No ans.

Q.7 What Branch or Arm of Service are you in?

- 13 1 ☒ 4 Corps of Engineers
 6 2 ☒ 13 Field Artillery
 8 3 ☒ 18 Infantry
 2 4 ☒ 7 Armored (Tanks)
 3 5 ☒ 6 Quartermaster Corps
 3 6 ☒ 5 Medical Department
 1 7 ☒ 4 Signal Corps
 1 8 ☒ 3 Ordnance Department
 5 9 ☒ 1 Military Police
 9 10 ☒ 19 Air Corps
 4 11 ☒ 9 Coast Artillery Corps or Army Mine Planter Service
 2 12 ☒ 4 Other: ~~What~~ and No ans.

Q.8 What is your main Army job or duty? (What is your job called?
For example, rifleman, radio operator, machine gunner, half-track driver.)

Not Coded

Q.9 How well satisfied are you about being in your present Army job
instead of some other Army job?

11/1 ☒ 25 Very satisfied

11/2 ☒ 43 Satisfied

14 11/3 ☒ 9 It does not make any difference to me

11/4 ☒ 15 Dissatisfied

11/5 ☒ 6 Very dissatisfied

11/12 *No ans.*

Q.10 (a) What do you think of the Army medical examination you got at
the Induction Center when you first came into the Army? (Put
an X in the box before the word which most nearly represents
your opinion.)

15 Was it 1 ☒ 46 good, 2 ☒ 39 fair, or 3 ☒ 12 poor?

11/12 ☒ 3 No ans.

(b) Now put an X before one of these below.

1 Was it 1 ☒ 43 thorough, or 2 ☒ 49 hurried?

11/12 ☒ 8 No ans.

Q.11 Since you have been in the Army how many times have you had some-
thing wrong with you for which you went on sick call? (Don't count
back further than a year.)

17 Times in past year (Write in how many times)

 None in past year

See Tab "A"

Q.12 What was the last thing that was wrong with you for which you went
to the dispensary? (State briefly whether you had a headache,
broken bone, cut, etc., but DON'T INCLUDE shots, routine inspections
or prophylaxis.)

Q.13. Who examined you or discussed your case with you at the dispensary?

(Check two answers if necessary.)

- 1 ☒ 1 A doctor (Medical Officer)
 2 ☒ 2 An enlisted man
 3 ☐ 3 Someone else (Who? _____)
 4 ☒ 4 Don't know who it was

— 3 — Nurse

— 5 — Any other combination

1154 2 Doc. + E.M.

1252 Y 26 Something else, not a combination

Q.14 (a) Were you given any treatment or medicine at the dispensary?

- ☐ Yes
 1154 1 ☒ No

(b) If you received treatment at the dispensary who gave it to you?

- 1 ☒ 1 A doctor (Medical Officer)
 2 ☒ 2 An enlisted man
 3 ☒ 3 Someone else (Who? _____)
 4 ☒ 4 Don't know who it was

115 1 2 & 3 both checked

12512 26 No ans.

Q.15 (a) If you received treatment at the dispensary, what was it?

Not coded

(b) If you received dispensary treatment, do you think it was what should have been done in your case?

- 1 ☒ 1 Yes
 2 ☒ 2 No
 3 ☒ 3 Right as far as it went but more should have been done
 4 ☒ 4 Don't know

1124 No ans.

Q.16 What happened when you left the dispensary? (Check two answers if necessary.)

- 1 ☒ 1 Sent to hospital clinic
 2 ☒ 2 Put in hospital
 3 ☒ 3 Sent back to light or limited duty, confined or sick in quarters
 4 ☒ 4 Sent back to regular, general duty
 5 ☒ 5 Told to return for further or later treatment

6 1 3 + 5 both checked

7 2 4 + 5 both checked

9 3 impossible combination 1 or 2 and 3, 4 or 5; 3 and 4

12 26 No ans.
 18 - 21

Q.45 The following statements have been made by soldiers and others, at various times and places, about the Army medical service. Next to each statement with which you agree, put an X in the box next to true. If you think it is not true, put an X in the box next to not true. If for any reason you cannot definitely say it is true or not true, put an X in the box next to ?.

- | | 1 | 0 | 2 | 12 |
|--|---|--|---|-------|
| (a) "The Army does not have enough doctors to provide good medical service." . . . | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 24 True | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 33 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 41 Not True | 90 2 |
| (b) "Army doctors usually take as much interest in their patients as doctors do in civilian life." | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 47 True | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 32 Not True | 77 2 |
| (c) "When Army doctors hurry their examinations and treatment it's almost always because they have a lot of patients." | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 64 True | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14 Not True | 102 2 |
| (d) "In general, Army doctors are as good as doctors in civilian life." | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 74 True | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9 Not True | 150 3 |
| (e) "Army doctors usually have as many enlisted men as they need to help them in the dispensaries." | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 71 True | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7 Not True | 97 2 |
| (f) "Too many Army doctors are young and inexperienced." | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 21 True | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 41 Not True | 116 2 |
| (g) "Too many enlisted assistants in the dispensaries take a "don't care" attitude toward patients." | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 41 True | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 32 Not True | 142 |
| (h) "The Army doctors are not good enough to provide good medical service." . . | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 True | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75 Not True | 112 2 |
| (i) "Most enlisted assistants in the dispensaries seem well trained for their jobs." | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 41 True | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19 Not True | 112 2 |
| (j) "Army medical treatment is strictly G.I., castor oil, pills and iodine for everything." | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 41 True | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 47 Not True | 136 3 |
| (k) "Army dentists prefer to pull teeth rather than to fill them." | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 True | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 45 Not True | 120 2 |

VALIDATION NOTES

(MEDICAL SURVEY)

AMS.PS04.CLEAN (AMSPS04.CDBK)

The layout and codes for the survey are available in machine-readable form (AMSPS04.CDBK). Marginal distributions are included on the layout. Open-response questions are not coded here but are available in the textual records of the NARA Military Reference Division.

The raw data appears to be all right with hand validation. There are no columns used for open-response questions. Each record is 78 columns in length. It appears from the documentation that there had originally been a possible total of three cards per respondent (a "Medical" card, a "Hospital" card and a "Recreation" card) and a total number of 5528 cases. NARA has raw data for only 3001 cases. There is no data for the sample of hospitalized men.

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***FI18 PRINT OF HEADER LABELS:

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