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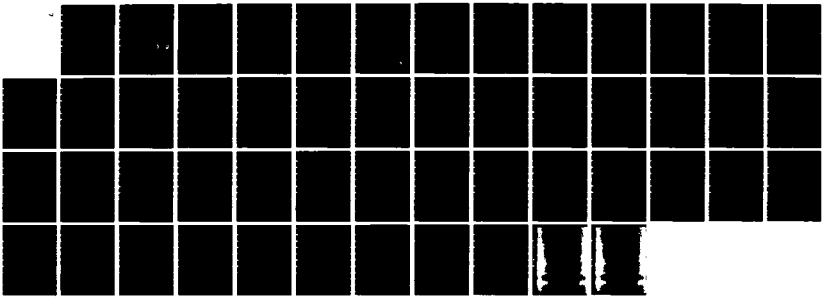

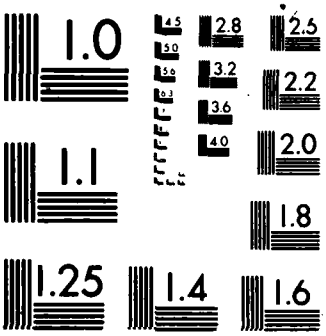

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Purpose

This report provides demographic information about the officers and enlisted personnel of the United States Army as of 30 November 1978. For purposes of comparison, it also includes selected information gathered from Army-wide surveys in 1973, 1974, 1975, and 1976. Individuals who desire more detailed reports on 1973, 1974, 1975, and 1976 data should consult DAPC-PMP Report No. 4-74-S, Army Personnel Composite as of 30 November 1973, DAPC-PMP Report No. 3-75-S, Army Personnel Composite as of 30 November 1974, DAPC-MSF Report No. 21-76-S, Army Personnel Composite as of 30 November 1975, and DAPC-MSF-S Report No. 58-76, Army Personnel Composite as of 30 November 1976.

Method

The Army Sample Survey is a multipurpose instrument administered worldwide on a triannual basis. Most of the data in this report was collected as part of the 30 November 1978 Army Sample Survey. Statistics from any other sources besides the 30 November 1978 Army Sample Survey are noted on the particular tables.

Sample Population

The sample for all surveys cited in this report consisted of a randomly selected group of active duty officer and enlisted personnel.

FACTORS AFFECTING ACCURACY OF SURVEY DATA

Reliability

a. Definition. Survey precision (reliability) is generally expressed in terms of confidence probability and error intervals. Confidence probability (e.g., 95%) refers to the fact that a certain percentage (95%) of the time the population value will fall within a specified error interval. The error interval (e.g., ± 4%) is the range of percentage points above and below a given value in which the population value would be expected to fall.

To illustrate, assume the following: the true population value for a survey question is 70% "Yes" and 30% "No". If reliability is 95% ± 4%, then 95 out of 100 samples would fall within the intervals: "Yes" 66% - 74%, "No" 26% - 34%. For proportions, the major determinent of such error is the size of the sample.

b. Assumptions underlying the reliability levels. Three important assumptions underlie the reliability figures expressed for this survey.

It is assumed that the sample was random. The sampling plan required that respondents be selected by social security numbers so that this assumption would be supported. Although selection procedures differ at the installations, any error is assumed to be randomly distributed.

Secondly, because sampling error is largely a function of sample size, the larger the sample the higher the reliability of its estimates.

Reliability for proportions is also partly determined for each multiple choice response by the degree of unanimity on a given question or item. The greater the unanimity the smaller the standard error. For proportions this source of variation is severely limited since the departure from unanimity can never be more than a 50-50 split. The third assumption is that the data is split 50%-50%. The effect of the 50% assumption is to apply a "worst case" standard of upper limit sample size requirements. Normally, as survey respondents approach unanimity by collectively favoring one choice over another, reliability increases somewhat. For example, for a given sample size, an item on which 90 percent (or 10 percent) of the sample agrees is more reliable than one on which 50 percent agree.

c. Meaning of column notations on crosstabulation tables. The accuracy of the independent variables generally is 95% $\pm$ 5% or better. However, if a column of an independent variable is annotated (i.e., $\pm$ 6%, $\pm$ 7%, etc.) then the reliability level of data in that column is 95% $\pm$ X% indicated.

Data having a precision of 95% $\pm$ 10% to 90% $\pm$ 10% are marked with an asterisk.

Nonresponse Bias

The overall nonresponse rate was 56%. It was not possible to determine if personnel who did not respond to the survey differed significantly from those who did. Differences between the two groups could bias the results.

Personal Bias of the Respondent

Individual respondents may have had a conscious or unconscious desire to take sides for or against the organization sponsoring the survey, and to protect any personal interest at variance with those of the proponent.

Variable Responses to Items

Included in this factor are different interpretations of the same situation given by the same person or given by different persons. Variability of response may be due to many factors: the psychological state of the respondent, a mismarked response, an intended distortion of the truth, misunderstanding of the question, or computer processing errors.

Comments or Information Request

Comments on this report or requests for other reports cited within should be forwarded to:

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Other demographic data on active duty Army personnel is available in the following reports:

DCSPER 46
DCSPER 338
Selected Manpower Statistics, OSAD, (Comptroller), Directorate for Management Information Operations and Control.
Defense Management Summary, OSAD, (Comptroller), Directorate for Management Information Operations and Control.

BACKGROUND OF ARMY PERSONNEL

TABLE 1
YEARLY INCOME OF FAMILY IN WHICH PERSONNEL GREW UP AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO THE ARMY, OFFICERS (MALE/FEMALE) BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978
(ADJUSTMENTS IN DOLLAR VALUES BETWEEN THE PRESENT & PAST HAVE NOT BEEN MADE)

Yearly Income of Family in Which Personnel Grew Up at Time of Entry into Army	Total	Grade					
		COL/LTC	MAJ	CPT	1LT	2LT	WO
$5000 yearly or less	7.8	13.0	9.6	4.0	3.4	4.8	13.9
$5000 to $9,999 yearly	26.0	32.5	30.5	20.0	18.5	17.4	39.5
$10,000 to $14,999 yearly	25.9	29.2	28.2	29.8	22.4	20.7	19.1
$15,000 to $19,999 yearly	15.9	11.1	15.2	15.1	22.4	23.6	11.4
$20,000 or Over	20.7	9.9	11.6	27.5	30.2	32.4	11.1
Unknown	3.7	4.3	4.9	3.6	3.1	1.1	5.0
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample size	2365	561	499	452	295	255	303
					± 6	± 7	± 6

TABLE 2
YEARLY INCOME OF FAMILY IN WHICH PERSONNEL GREW UP AT
TIME OF ENTRY INTO ARMY, OFFICERS, 1976, 1977, 1978
(ADJUSTMENTS IN DOLLAR VALUES BETWEEN THE PRESENT & PAST HAVE NOT BEEN MADE)

Yearly Income of Family in Which Personnel Grew Up at Time of Entry into Army	NOVEMBER 1976 MALE/FEMALE	NOVEMBER 1977 MALE/FEMALE	NOVEMBER 1978 MALE/FEMALE
$5000 yearly or less	10.5	9.9	7.8
$5000 to $9,999 yearly	30.3	24.7	26.0
$10,000 to $14,000 yearly	28.1	25.7	25.9
$15,000 to $19,999 yearly	16.1	16.4	15.9
$20,000 or Over	15.0	18.7	20.7
Unknown	-	4.6	3.7
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample size	2892	3138	2365

TABLE 3
YEARLY INCOME OF FAMILY IN WHICH PERSONNEL GREW UP AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO THE ARMY, ENLISTED PERSONNEL (MALE/FEMALE) BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978
(ADJUSTMENTS IN DOLLAR VALUES BETWEEN THE PRESENT & PAST HAVE NOT BEEN MADE)

Yearly Income of Family in Which Personnel Grew Up at Time of Entry into Army	Total	Grade							
		SGM MSG 1SG	SFC SP7	SSG SP6	SGT SP5	CPL SP4	PFC	PV2	PV1
$5000 yearly or less	11.3	30.5	18.1	15.7	9.5	8.2	11.2	10.0	9.1
$5000 to $9,999 yearly	26.2	36.0	46.5	34.5	27.1	22.3	20.6	21.3	22.0
$10,000 to $14,999 yearly	21.4	14.3	16.5	23.3	27.0	20.6	20.8	19.0	19.2
$15,000 to $19,999 yearly	11.5	6.5	6.5	8.3	10.4	15.0	10.8	12.1	12.7
$20,000 or Over	11.1	4.1	5.0	7.5	11.3	13.4	12.5	14.0	10.5
Unknown	18.5	8.6	7.4	10.7	14.7	20.5	24.1	23.6	26.5
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample size	3439	304	328	495	439	626	563	348	336
		± 6	± 6					± 6	± 6

TABLE 4
YEARLY INCOME OF FAMILY IN WHICH PERSONNEL GREW UP AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO THE ARMY, ENLISTED PERSONNEL, 1976, 1977, 1978

(ADJUSTMENTS IN DOLLAR VALUES BETWEEN THE PRESENT & PAST HAVE NOT BEEN MADE)

Yearly Income of Family In Which Personnel Grew Up at Time of Entry into Army	NOVEMBER 1976 MALE/FEMALE	NOVEMBER 1977 MALE/FEMALE	NOVEMBER 1978 MALE/FEMALE
$5000 yearly or less	21.3	15.2	11.3
$5,000 to $9,000 yearly	33.0	22.7	26.2
$10,000 to $14,999 yearly	25.8	21.0	21.4
$15,000 to $19,999 yearly	11.2	12.8	11.5
$20,000 or Over	8.7	9.8	11.1
Unknown	-	18.5	18.5
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	3646	4322	3439

TABLE 5
TYPE OF COMMUNITY IN WHICH MOST OF LIFE WAS SPENT,
OFFICERS (MALE/FEMALE) BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Type of Community in Which Most of Life was Spent	Total	Grade					
		COL/LTC	MAJ	CPT	1LT	2LT	WO
Large City	15.8	18.5	14.6	16.0	17.1	11.9	16.1
Suburb near a large city	15.5	10.3	12.6	20.7	16.9	18.8	9.7
Medium city	15.8	13.4	14.8	17.5	15.8	19.8	12.8
Suburb near a medium sized city	7.0	4.9	5.9	6.1	13.3	9.7	4.6
Small city, Town	28.8	35.9	32.9	26.6	23.9	22.1	31.0
Farm, Ranch	8.1	11.1	9.2	5.9	4.7	5.0	13.7
Rural	9.0	5.9	10.0	7.2	8.3	12.7	12.1
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample size	2380	563	503	455	299 ± 6	257 ± 7	303 ± 6

TABLE 6
TYPE OF COMMUNITY IN WHICH MOST OF LIFE WAS SPENT,
OFFICERS, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976

Type of Community in Which Most of Life was Spent	NOVEMBER 1973		NOVEMBER 1974		NOVEMBER 1975		NOVEMBER 1976	
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
Rural, small town, or village (under 500 population)	16.1	17.2	14.9		14.1		14.3	
Town (500 to 25,000 population)	31.9	28.7	33.6		33.2		32.7	
Suburb or small city (25,000 to 100,000 population)	28.7	29.3	28.9		29.6		29.6	
Large city (over 100,000 population)	23.3	24.8	22.6		23.1		23.4	
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		100.0%		100.0%	
Sample Size	-	-	-		2575		3044	

TABLE 7
TYPE OF COMMUNITY IN WHICH MOST OF LIFE WAS SPENT,
ENLISTED PERSONNEL (MALE/FEMALE) BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Type of Community in Which Most of Life Was Spent	Total	Grade							
		E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8-9
Large City	20.6	16.0	22.7	23.2	23.5	20.1	17.0	17.1	16.5
Suburb Near a Large City	11.8	15.0	12.2	11.8	12.1	11.1	12.9	7.4	7.0
Medium City	15.9	16.0	14.3	17.7	15.5	17.8	13.9	14.2	14.6
Suburb Near a Medium Sized City	5.0	6.6	5.1	4.5	5.7	4.3	5.6	2.8	2.3
Small City, Town	25.8	28.1	26.0	23.0	25.6	26.7	24.2	27.8	28.0
Farm, Ranch	8.3	7.5	6.9	7.4	7.4	5.9	9.8	17.6	16.4
Rural	12.6	10.8	12.8	12.4	10.2	14.1	16.7	13.1	15.2
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	3456	339 ± 6	351 ± 6	571	630	439	494	328 ± 6	304 ± 6

TABLE 8
TYPE OF COMMUNITY IN WHICH MOST OF LIFE WAS SPENT,
ENLISTED PERSONNEL, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976

Type of Community in Which Most of Life was Spent	NOVEMBER 1973		NOVEMBER 1974		NOVEMBER 1975		NOVEMBER 1976	
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
Rural, small town, or village (under 500 population)	20.1	17.4	18.5		18.5		17.2	
Town (500 to 25,000 population)	31.4	32.4	31.8		33.4		33.7	
Suburb or small city (25,000 to 100,000 population)	24.7	26.9	27.4		26.6		25.1	
Large city (over 100,000 population)	23.8	23.3	22.3		21.5		24.0	
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		100.0%		100.0%	
Sample Size	-	-	-		3436		3667	

TABLE 9
FAMILY MEMBER HAD PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE,
OFFICERS (MALE/FEMALE) BY GRADE,
NOVEMBER 1978

Family Member had Previous Military Service	Total	Grade					
		COL/LTC	MAJ	CPT	1LT	2LT	WO
No	30.0	43.8	40.3	25.4	20.2	19.9	28.8
Yes, Army Only	34.9	28.6	30.2	40.2	38.7	38.9	29.7
Yes, In Either Navy, Marine, Air Force, or Coast Guard Only	17.1	11.7	14.7	19.1	21.1	19.4	16.4
Yes, In Both Army and Other Service	18.0	15.9	14.8	15.3	20.0	21.8	25.1
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	2383	564	504	456	298 ± 6	258 ± 7	303 ± 6

TABLE 10
FAMILY MEMBER HAD PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE,
OFFICERS, 1976, 1977, 1978

Family Member had Previous Military Service	NOVEMBER 1976 MALE/FEMALE	NOVEMBER 1977 MALE/FEMALE	NOVEMBER 1978 MALE/FEMALE
No	31.6	29.7	30.0
Yes, Army Only	32.5	33.5	34.9
Yes, In Either Navy, Marine, Air Force, or Coast Guard Only	20.3	19.4	17.1
Yes, in Both Army and Other Service	15.6	17.4	18.0
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	3040	3143	2383

TABLE 11
FAMILY MEMBER HAD PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE,
ENLISTED PERSONNEL (MALE/FEMALE)
BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Family Member had Previous Military Service	Total	Grade							
		SGM MSG 1SG	SFC SP7	SSG SP6	SGT SP5	CPL SP4	PFC	PV2	PV1
No	28.5	37.5	31.1	26.9	29.1	28.0	28.6	26.7	28.1
Yes, Army Only	31.8	26.1	31.4	34.3	30.4	32.6	32.2	31.1	30.3
Yes, In Either Navy, Marine, Air Force, or Coast Guard Only	16.6	10.0	12.1	14.5	18.3	16.4	17.0	17.0	21.0
Yes, In Both Army and Other Service	23.1	26.4	25.4	24.3	22.2	23.0	22.2	25.2	20.6
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	3461	304	328	494	440	634	571	352	338
		± 6	± 6					± 6	± 6

TABLE 12
FAMILY MEMBER HAD PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE,
ENLISTED PERSONNEL, 1976, 1977, 1978

Family Member had Previous Military Service	NOVEMBER 1976 MALE/FEMALE	NOVEMBER 1977 MALE/FEMALE	NOVEMBER 1978 MALE/FEMALE
No	26.1	28.8	28.5
Yes, Army Only	28.6	30.7	31.8
Yes, In Either Navy, Marine, Air Force, or Coast Guard Only	22.8	18.5	16.6
Yes, In Both Army and Other Service	22.5	22.0	23.1
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	3664	4350	3461

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF ARMY PERSONNEL

TABLE 13
AGE OF ARMY PERSONNEL, OFFICERS (MALE/FEMALE)
BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Age	TOTAL	COL/LTC	MAJ	CPT	1LT	2LT	WO
				Grade			
17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	.2	-	-	-	-	-	1.4
21	.1	-	-	-	-	.8	-
22	2.1	-	-	-	2.5	13.2	1.1
23	4.1	-	-	-	1.9	29.3	1.1
24	5.5	-	-	1.4	20.7	19.4	1.1
25	5.5	-	-	1.3	27.9	11.2	2.4
26	3.8	-	-	4.8	10.9	6.5	2.4
27	5.7	-	-	9.8	15.0	5.9	2.7
28	4.3	-	.2	8.6	4.5	5.5	4.1
29	5.2	-	-	11.6	6.4	2.6	5.8
30	6.1	-	1.2	13.2	4.2	2.6	9.1
31	5.7	-	3.0	12.4	3.3	1.9	7.2
32	5.[illegible]	-	3.2	11.4	1.7	.8	5.7
33	4.9	-	9.4	7.4	1.1	.4	7.2
34	4.0	-	10.6	5.4	-	-	4.6
35	3.7	-	12.0	3.3	-	-	5.3
36	4.2	.6	14.4	3.4	-	-	4.7
37	3.6	1.9	13.0	2.4	-	-	3.3
38	3.6	3.2	11.2	1.6	-	-	5.2
39	3.2	9.2	5.2	1.2	-	-	3.9
40-41	6.1	18.8	9.3	.6	-	-	9.9
42-43	4.9	22.5	3.2	-	-	-	5.0
44-45	3.0	14.0	1.4	-	-	-	4.0
46-47	2.3	11.2	1.2	-	-	-	2.2
48-49	1.5	8.5	.4	-	-	-	.6
50-51	1.0	6.1	-	-	-	-	-
52-53	.3	2.1	-	-	-	-	-
54-55	.1	.9	-	-	-	-	-
56-57	.2	1.1	-	-	-	-	-
58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
60 and Over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	2388	564	506	458	299	258	303

TABLE 14
MEDIAN AGE
OFFICERS (MALE/FEMALE) BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Year	Total	Grade					
		COL/LTC	MAJ	CPT	1LT	2LT	WO
NOV 1978 (Male/Female)	32.0	43.0	36.0	30.0	25.0	24.0	33.0

Sample Size 2388

TABLE 15
AGE OF ARMY PERSONNEL, ENLISTED PERSONNEL (MALE/FEMALE)
BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Age	Total	SMG/MSG 1SG	SFC/SP7	SSG/SP6	SGT/SP5	CPL/SP4	PFC	PV2	PV1
17	1.2	-	-	-	-	.2	.4	3.9	8.3
18	7.9	-	-	-	-	2.0	8.8	21.4	40.9
19	11.5	-	-	-	.5	8.9	26.2	29.2	24.9
20	11.5	-	-	-	1.2	18.2	24.6	18.0	9.2
21	9.5	-	-	-	4.0	17.7	15.6	12.5	4.4
22	7.9	-	-	-	11.5	13.9	8.3	4.6	3.6
23	7.2	-	-	.8	14.4	12.1	4.4	3.4	2.5
24	5.7	-	-	2.3	13.5	7.4	3.7	2.5	2.8
25	5.2	-	-	5.0	11.9	6.8	2.8	1.1	1.4
26	4.4	-	-	7.3	9.9	5.4	1.4	1.4	-
27	3.4	-	-	6.7	8.4	2.6	1.4	1.2	1.3
28	3.0	-	.7	9.2	6.5	1.4	1.2	.6	.8
29	2.5	-	1.2	10.9	5.1	.9	.2	-	-
30	2.6	-	4.0	9.4	4.6	1.3	.2	-	-
31	2.2	-	4.3	10.6	3.3	-	.5	-	-
32	1.8	-	7.6	7.5	2.4	-	-	-	-
33	1.3	-	7.8	4.7	.2	.6	-	-	-
34	1.4	1.8	5.9	5.6	.7	.5	-	-	-
35	1.5	4.3	11.5	3.5	1.2	-	-	-	-
36	1.5	6.3	11.2	4.2	.7	-	-	-	-
37	1.0	4.9	7.6	2.9	-	-	-	-	-
38	1.5	8.1	11.2	4.2	-	-	-	-	-
39	.9	6.9	8.7	1.1	-	-	-	-	-
40-41	1.5	17.1	10.2	2.7	-	-	-	-	-
42-43	.8	20.8	2.8	.2	-	-	-	-	-
44-45	.6	12.7	3.1	.4	-	-	-	-	-
46-47	.4	8.9	1.6	.6	-	-	-	-	-
48-49	.2	5.0	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
50-51	.1	3.4	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
52-53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56-57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
60 & Over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	3477	305 ± 6	328 ± 6	498	440	637	577	353 ± 6	339 ± 6

TABLE 16
MEDIAN AGE
ENLISTED PERSONNEL (MALE/FEMALE) BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Year	Total	Grade							
		SGM/MSG/1SG	SFC SP7	SSG SP6	SGT SP5	CPL SP4	PFC	PV2	PV1
NOV 1978* (Male/Female)	23.0	42.0	36.0	30.0	25.0	22.0	20.0	19.0	19.0

*Sample Size 3477

TABLE 17
ACTIVE FEDERAL MILITARY SERVICE (AFMS) OF ARMY OFFICERS (MALE/FEMALE) BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Active Federal Military Service	Total	COL/LTC	MAJ	CPT	1LT	2LT	WO
1 year or less	4.2	-	.7	.4	1.8	29.6	.3
2 years	8.5	-	.5	3.5	15.4	42.9	2.2
3 years	6.1	-	.2	4.4	33.2	7.2	.4
4 years	4.5	-	.6	2.6	25.6	3.7	1.1
5 years	5.0	-	.2	9.9	10.4	5.0	1.8
6 years	4.3	.4	1.2	9.7	5.8	2.8	1.4
7 years	5.1	.2	.4	12.6	3.8	4.0	2.8
8 years	4.0	.4	.6	8.7	2.6	.8	6.3
9 years	4.0	.4	.6	11.0	.9	1.3	2.7
10 years	5.8	.4	2.4	12.6	.6	2.5	9.2
11 years	4.1	-	3.9	8.9	-	.4	6.0
12 years	4.6	.4	16.4	3.5	-	-	4.8
13 years	5.4	1.5	17.8	3.3	-	-	7.7
14 years	3.5	.2	12.3	2.4	-	-	4.8
15 years	3.1	.8	12.3	1.7	-	-	2.7
16 years	3.4	4.9	8.4	1.2	-	-	6.2
17 years	4.0	10.2	5.4	1.1	-	-	8.2
18 years	3.4	11.2	4.6	.2	-	-	5.3
19 years	3.9	12.2	5.4	.9	-	-	5.9
20 thru 24	9.9	40.2	6.1	1.4	-	-	15.1
25 thru 29	3.3	16.7	-	-	-	-	5.1
30 thru 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	2345	545	506	449	293	252	300
					± 6	± 7	± 6

TABLE 18
MEDIAN ACTIVE FEDERAL MILITARY SERVICE (AFMS)
OFFICERS (MALE/FEMALE) BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Year	Total	Grade					
		COL/LTC	MAJ	CPT	1LT	2LT	WO
NOV 1978* (MALE/Female)	10.0	20-24	14.0	8.0	3.0	2.0	14.0

*Sample size 2345

TABLE 19
ACTIVE FEDERAL MILITARY SERVICE (AFMS) OF ARMY
ENLISTED PERSONNEL (MALE/FEMALE) BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Active Federal Military Service	Total	SGM MSG 1SG	SFC SP7	SSG SP6	SGT SP5	CPL SP4	PFC	PV2	PV1
1 year or less	18.4	-	-	-	-	2.7	31.0	72.7	80.7
2 years	22.2	-	-	-	2.0	41.6	54.7	17.7	11.3
3 years	12.2	-	-	-	10.1	31.0	8.1	4.8	3.5
4 years	7.5	-	-	-	17.1	12.5	3.1	1.8	4.2
5 years	4.8	-	-	.6	16.3	5.6	1.6	.7	.3
6 years	5.2	-	-	3.0	21.0	3.3	.2	2.4	-
7 years	4.7	-	-	13.3	15.0	1.1	.2	-	-
8 years	2.8	-	-	9.8	6.9	1.1	.4	-	-
9 years	2.0	-	.6	11.0	2.6	.2	.6	-	-
10 years	2.6	-	3.1	14.5	2.8	.4	-	-	-
11 years	1.9	-	2.2	10.0	2.6	.2	-	-	-
12 years	1.9	-	5.6	9.2	1.3	.4	-	-	-
13 years	1.2	-	5.1	5.9	.5	-	-	-	-
14 years	1.3	-	6.6	5.6	.8	-	-	-	-
15 years	1.4	.7	10.3	4.5	.3	-	-	-	-
16 years	1.5	.7	12.1	3.2	.8	-	-	-	-
17 years	1.7	4.0	14.1	3.9	.3	-	-	-	-
18 years	1.7	12.1	14.3	1.7	-	-	-	-	-
19 years	1.4	14.4	8.7	2.2	-	-	-	-	-
20 thru 24	2.6	42.6	15.5	1.5	-	-	-	-	-
25 thru 29	.9	25.4	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 thru 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample size	3318	305	327	479	407	617	551	322	310
		± 6	± 6					± 6	± 6

TABLE 20
MEDIAN ACTIVE FEDERAL MILITARY SERVICE (AFMS)
ENLISTED PERSONNEL (MALE/FEMALE) BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Year	Total	Grade						
		SGM/MSG/1SG	SFC SP7	SSG SP6	SGT SP5	CPL SP4	PFC	PV2/PV1
NOV 1978*	3.0	20-24	17.0	10.0	6.0	3.0	2.0	1 yr or less

*Sample size 3318

TABLE 21

MARITAL STATUS, MALE OFFICERS BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Marital Status	Total	Grade					
		COL/LTC	MAJ	CPT	1LT	2LT	WO
Married	84.4	95.7	94.9	83.9	72.7	59.0	87.4
Single	15.6	4.3	5.1	16.1	27.3	41.0	12.6
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	2265	551	494	422	267 ± 6	229 ± 7	302 ± 6

TABLE 22

MARITAL STATUS, MALE OFFICERS, 1976, 1977, 1978

Marital Status	NOVEMBER 1976	NOVEMBER 1977	NOVEMBER 1978
Married	83.4	84.7	84.4
Single	16.6	15.3	15.6
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	2503	-	2265

TABLE 23

MARITAL STATUS, ENLISTED MEN BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Marital Status	Total	SGM MSG 1SG	SFC SP7	SSG SP6	SGT SP5	CPL SP4	PFC	PV2	PV1
Married	53.8	93.1	90.7	87.8	76.9	48.1	25.0	19.7	12.1
Single	46.2	6.9	9.3	12.2	23.1	51.9	75.0	80.3	87.9
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	3173	299	321	485	403	551	496	305	313
		± 6	± 6					± 6	± 6

TABLE 24

MARITAL STATUS, ENLISTED MEN, 1976, 1977, 1978

Marital Status	NOVEMBER 1976	NOVEMBER 1977	NOVEMBER 1978
Married	52.8	63.8	53.8
Single	47.2	36.2	46.2
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	3480	3445	3173

TABLE 25
MARRIED TO MEMBER OF ARMED SERVICE
MARRIED OFFICERS (MALE/FEMALE) BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Married to a Member of the Armed Service	Total	Grade					
		COL/LTC	MAJ	CPT	1LT	2LT	WO
No, I am not married to a member of an armed service	94.7	97.5	97.9	95.2	86.7	89.0	94.5
Yes, to a member of the Army	5.2	2.5	2.1	4.8	12.0	11.0	5.5
Yes, to a member of another service	.1	-	-	-	1.3	-	-
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	1969	528	469	364	204	144	260
				± 6	± 7	± 9	± 6

TABLE 26
MARRIED TO MEMBER OF ARMED SERVICE
MARRIED ENLISTED PERSONNEL (MALE/FEMALE) BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Married to a Member of the Armed Service	Total	Grade							
		SGM MSG 1SG	SFC SP7	SSG SP6	SGT SP5	CPL SP4	PFC	PV2	PV1
No, I am not married to a member of an armed service	90.0	97.1	95.7	95.1	91.0	86.3	78.3	86.8	81.5
Yes, to a member of the Army	9.3	2.5	3.9	4.9	8.7	11.9	21.0	13.2	16.4
Yes, to a member of another armed service	.7	.4	.3	-	.3	1.9	.7	-	2.1
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	1878	277	209	419	321	309	155	63*	44*
		± 6	± 7		± 6	± 6	± 8		

*The sample size yields a reliablity level between 95% ± 10% and 90% ± 10%.

TABLE 27
DEPENDENTS OF ARMY PERSONNEL,
MALE OFFICERS BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Number of Dependent Children	Total	COM OFF	COL	LTC	MAJ	CPT	1LT	2LT	TOTAL WO
No Children	32.3	34.4	12.0	9.3	9.6	33.7	63.8	77.8	20.0
1 Child	16.3	16.3	21.3	13.5	12.2	19.6	20.6	11.9	16.8
2 Children	30.3	29.9	24.6	33.7	47.3	34.7	11.1	8.4	32.3
3 Children	14.0	12.8	23.3	26.3	22.9	8.1	3.1	.8	20.9
4 Children	5.0	4.6	12.6	11.8	5.6	2.9	.3	.8	7.7
5 Children	1.8	1.7	6.0	5.0	2.1	.7	.7	-	2.0
6 or More	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

TABLE 28
DEPENDENTS OF ARMY PERSONNEL
ENLISTED MEN BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Number of Dependent Children	Total	Grade							
		E9-E8	E-7	E-6	E-5	E-4	E-3	E-2	E-1
No children	59.2	12.3	13.9	24.1	39.6	70.5	86.7	88.1	90.1
1 Child	16.6	14.7	17.0	23.0	27.4	18.6	6.7	8.4	6.3
2 Children	14.3	36.2	30.3	31.1	24.1	6.5	4.8	1.8	2.4
3 Children	6.8	18.5	24.9	16.7	6.4	3.3	1.1	1.1	.7
4 Children	2.1	14.3	8.8	3.4	2.3	.4	.4	-	.3
5 Children	.7	2.9	4.4	1.3	-	.4	-	.3	-
6 or More	-	.7	.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

TABLE 29
HEIGHT, MALE OFFICERS BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Height	Total	Grade					
		COL/LTC	MAJ	CPT	1LT	2LT	WO
Less than 5'	.2	-	-	-	1.6	-	-
5'1" to 5'2"	1.2	.2	.3	.5	4.1	3.9	-
5'3" to 5'5"	4.7	1.3	2.1	6.3	8.8	6.9	2.9
5'6" to 5'8"	19.7	19.6	15.6	17.8	29.5	21.2	19.3
5'9" to 5'11"	37.9	40.8	37.5	38.1	29.1	37.6	42.3
6' to 6'2"	29.6	31.3	36.8	30.9	21.3	23.9	28.5
6'3" to 6'5"	6.0	5.6	6.7	6.0	4.8	6.1	6.3
Over 6'5"	.7	1.2	1.0	.4	.8	.4	.7
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	2375	563	503	453	297	256	303
					± 6	± 7	± 6

TABLE 30
WEIGHT, MALE OFFICERS BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Weight	Total	Grade					
		COL/LTC	MAJ	CPT	1LT	2LT	WO
Less than 100 lbs.	.2	-	-	.3	.8	.5	-
100 to 124 lbs	3.1	.4	.5	2.6	10.1	7.4	.3
125 to 149 lbs	14.7	8.6	9.1	18.3	25.7	16.9	9.7
150 to 174 lbs	36.6	36.2	36.6	34.5	33.1	41.0	39.8
175 to 199 lbs	34.2	43.0	40.3	33.3	21.9	25.5	37.2
200 to 224 lbs	9.2	9.9	12.1	8.6	6.7	8.3	9.3
225 to 249 lbs	1.8	1.6	1.4	2.4	1.4	.4	3.0
Over 250 lbs	.2	.3	-	-	.3	-	.7
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	2378	564	504	454	297	257	302
					± 6	± 6	± 6

TABLE 31
HEIGHT AND WEIGHT, FEMALE OFFICERS

NOVEMBER 1978

Height	Total	Weight	Total
Less than 5'	2.5	Less than 100 lbs	3.1
5' to 5'2"	14.6	100 to 124 lbs	34.8
5'3" to 5'5"	36.5	125 to 149 lbs	52.6
5'6" to 5'8"	38.2	150 to 174 lbs	6.6
5'9" to 5'11"	7.8	175 lbs and over	2.9
6' and over	.4	Total	100.0%
Total	100.0%		
Sample Size	110*		118*

*The sample size yields a reliability level between 95% ± 10% and 90% ± 10%.

TABLE 32
HEIGHT, ENLISTED MEN BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Height	Total	SGM MSG 1SG	SFC SP7	SSG SP6	SGT SP5	CPL SP4	PFC	PV2	PV1
Less than 5'	.3	-	-	.2	-	.5	.6	-	.3
5' to 5'2"	1.0	.4	.9	.8	1.2	.7	.4	2.6	1.0
5'3" to 5'5"	4.1	2.4	1.6	3.8	3.5	5.1	3.3	7.3	4.2
5'6" to 5'8"	25.0	20.9	20.6	25.1	22.6	25.5	25.6	28.1	28.9
5'9" to 5'11"	41.0	43.4	46.4	41.7	44.7	40.7	40.6	33.2	37.6
6' to 6'2"	23.6	28.0	25.5	23.8	23.6	22.6	22.6	24.5	23.8
6'3" to 6'5"	4.4	4.5	4.7	3.6	4.2	4.2	5.5	4.3	4.2
Over 6'5"	.6	.4	.3	1.0	.2	.7	1.4	-	-
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	3155	299	321	478	403	549	492	302	311
		± 6	± 6					± 6	± 6

TABLE 33
WEIGHT, ENLISTED MEN BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Weight	Total	Grade							
		SGM MSG 1SG	SFC SP7	SSG SP6	SGT SP5	CPL SP4	PFC	PV2	PV1
Less than 100 lbs	.3	-	-	.4	.2	.2	.6	.7	.6
100 to 124 lbs	1.7	.4	.3	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.2	4.3	3.2
125 to 149 lbs	19.9	5.8	9.0	13.7	15.6	22.1	23.5	27.0	32.3
150 to 174 lbs	42.2	31.3	32.0	35.8	41.8	47.4	43.5	46.7	41.8
175 to 199 lbs	26.3	42.6	40.4	35.1	29.0	21.7	23.5	16.1	19.2
200 to 224 lbs	7.9	18.0	14.3	11.2	9.4	6.1	5.9	4.9	2.9
225 to 249 lbs	1.3	.9	3.4	1.7	2.0	.9	1.0	.3	-
Over 250 lbs	.4	1.0	.6	.2	.5	.2	.8	-	-
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	3170	299	322	482	404	553	493	304	313
		± 6	± 6					± 6	± 6

TABLE 34
HEIGHT AND WEIGHT, ENLISTED WOMEN
NOVEMBER 1977

Height	Total
Less than 5'	2.2
5' to 5'2"	20.9
5'3" to 5'5"	39.5
5'6" to 5'8"	28.2
5'9" to 5'11"	7.4
6' and over	1.8
Total	100.0%
Sample Size	929

Weight	Total
Less than 100 lbs	1.3
100 to 124 lbs	37.5
125 to 149 lbs	47.4
150 to 174 lbs	12.0
175 lbs and over	1.8
Total	100.0%
Sample Size	938

TABLE 35
EDUCATIONAL LEVEL, ENLISTED MEN BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Educational Level	Total	SGM MSG 1SG	SFC SP7	SSG SP6	SGT SP5	CPL SP4	PFC	PV2	PV1
Less than eighth grade	.1	-	-	-	-	-	.2	-	.3
Eighth grade graduate	.1	-	-	-	.3	-	.2	.7	-
One year high school (9th grade)	1.4	-	-	-	.3	2.0	2.2	3.7	1.6
Two years high school (10th grade)	3.8	-	-	.4	1.0	4.9	6.5	9.7	5.2
Three years high school (11th grade)	4.6	-	-	.4	.3	4.2	8.2	10.0	15.2
Four years high school (non-graduate)	3.1	1.4	.9	.6	.5	3.8	3.7	7.4	7.4
High school graduate	48.6	25.2	27.2	33.7	53.0	53.1	55.0	53.9	58.0
GED credits for high school graduate	16.6	23.1	30.2	22.9	20.3	15.0	9.8	7.7	9.4
One year college	9.5	17.4	16.2	17.4	11.3	7.5	6.7	4.0	2.6
Two years college (no associate degree)	4.6	10.8	8.4	10.2	4.8	3.3	3.3	2.0	-
GED credits for 2 years college	.5	3.3	1.9	.8	.3	-	.4	.3	.3
Two years college or more (associate)	2.8	7.1	5.6	6.7	2.3	2.6	1.6	-	-
Three years college (no degree)	1.2	4.3	3.7	2.3	.5	.9	1.0	.3	-
Four years college (non-graduate)	1.0	.3	1.6	1.9	1.8	.9	.2	-	-
College degree (B.A,B.S. or equivalent)	1.8	6.1	3.4	1.7	2.5	1.8	1.0	.3	-
Advanced Degr (LL.B, J.D.,M.S.,M.A., PhD., MD)	.3	1.0	.9	.8	.8	-	-	-	-
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	3144	298 ± 6	321 ± 6	480	400	546	490	299 ± 6	310 ± 6

TABLE 36
EDUCATIONAL GROUP, ENLISTED MEN BY GRADE, 1976, 1977, 1978

	Less than H.S. Graduate			H.S. Graduate or GED Equivalent			Some College			College Degree		
	NOVEMBER			NOVEMBER			NOVEMBER			NOVEMBER		
	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
[illegible]	[illegible]	6.8	1.4	54.4	51.0	48.3	39.0	39.5	43.2	3.3	2.7	7.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	6.0	.9	62.7	61.7	57.4	30.7	30.5	37.4	4.4	1.8	4.3
[illegible]	3.0	4.6	1.4	57.0	55.5	56.7	35.6	37.8	39.4	4.5	2.1	2.5
SGT/SP5	4.0	5.6	2.4	61.4	65.8	73.3	30.6	25.8	21.0	4.0	2.9	3.3
CPL/SP4	9.8	12.8	14.9	67.1	66.6	68.1	19.8	17.9	15.2	3.3	2.8	1.8
PFC	15.5	25.3	21.0	65.7	56.5	64.8	17.5	16.8	13.2	1.3	1.4	1.0
*PV2	36.0	33.3	31.5	51.7	55.7	61.6	10.6	11.0	6.6	1.7	-	.3
*PV1	45.5	38.8	29.7	43.5	50.0	67.4	10.5	10.4	2.9	.5	.7	-
TOTAL	15.4	16.9	13.1	59.6	59.8	65.2	22.2	21.4	19.6	2.8	1.9	2.1

*The sample size yields a reliability level between 95% ± 6% and 95% ± 9%.

TABLE 37
EDUCATIONAL LEVEL, ENLISTED WOMEN
1974, 1975, 1976, 1977

Educational Level	NOVEMBER 1974	NOVEMBER 1975	NOVEMBER 1976	NOVEMBER 1977
High School Graduate	66.5	63.2	57.5	60.8
GED Credits for High School Graduate	9.6	5.7	6.9	8.9
One Year College	10.8	18.1	17.4	13.2
Two Years College (non-associate)	2.5	4.1	8.3	6.6
GED Credits for 2 Years College	.4	.4	.6	.5
Two Years College or More (associate)	2.0	1.6	2.6	3.2
Three Years College (no degree)	2.5	1.7	.9	1.5
Four Years College (no degree)	.4	.8	.3	.6
College Degree (B.A. or equivalent)	3.7	3.9	5.1	3.4
Advanced Degree (LL.B, J.D., M.S., M.A., PhD., MD)	1.6	.5	.3	1.3
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	-	233	999	937
		± 6		

TABLE 38
RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE, OFFICERS (MALE/FEMALE)
BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Religious Preference	Total	Grade					
		COL/LTC	MAJ	CPT	1LT	2LT	WO
Protestant	57.1	62.4	61.0	59.6	49.2	50.1	54.0
Latter Day Saints (Mormon)	1.6	.5	1.0	1.1	3.9	2.3	2.0
Roman Catholic	27.1	27.2	27.1	26.2	30.9	30.2	22.7
Eastern (Greek) Orthodox	.4	.7	-	.3	.6	.4	.3
Jewish	.9	1.2	.6	1.3	.8	.5	.7
Moslem (Islam, Mohammedan)	-	.2	-	-	-	-	-
Buddhist	.2	-	.4	.2	-	-	.3
Other religion not listed	3.1	1.9	1.0	2.4	2.8	6.6	5.8
No religious preference	9.6	5.9	8.9	8.9	11.8	9.9	14.2
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	2374	564	501	454	296	256	303
					± 6	± 7	± 6

TABLE 39
RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE, OFFICERS 1976, 1977, 1978

Religious Preference	NOVEMBER 1976 MALE FEMALE	NOVEMBER 1977 MALE FEMALE	NOVEMBER 1978 MALE FEMALE
Protestant	57.8	56.1	57.1
Latter Day Saints (Morman)	2.2	2.2	1.6
Roman Catholic	24.9	26.0	27.1
Eastern (Greek) Orthodox	.5	.3	.4
Jewish	1.2	1.6	.9
Moslem (Islam, Mohammedan)	.1	.1	.0
Buddhist	.3	.5	.2
Other religion not listed	2.9	3.3	3.1
No religious preference	10.1	9.9	9.6
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	3036	3142	2374

TABLE 40
RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE, ENLISTED PERSONNEL (MALE/FEMALE) BY GRADE, NOVEMBER 1978

Religious Preference	Total	SGM MSG 1SG	SFC SP7	SSG SP6	SGT SP5	CPL SP4	PFC	PV2	PV1
Protestant	41.7	63.1	59.0	48.6	43.5	37.5	33.8	35.7	41.5
Latter Day Saints (Morman)	1.9	1.3	1.5	1.7	3.2	1.3	2.0	1.7	2.5
Roman Catholic	21.2	22.1	19.3	19.3	20.3	22.2	24.8	18.8	19.6
Eastern (Greek) Orthodox	.1	.4	.3	.2	-	-	.2	.3	-
Jewish	.8	-	.6	.6	.9	.9	1.0	.8	.3
Moslem (Islam, Mohammedan)	.6	.6	-	-	.2	1.1	1.0	.6	-
Buddhist	1.0	.7	.6	.8	.5	1.9	.5	1.1	1.1
Other religious preference not listed	17.2	4.0	4.0	10.7	14.1	19.9	22.1	26.1	20.9
No religious preference	15.4	8.1	14.5	18.1	17.4	15.1	14.6	14.8	14.1
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	3460	305	328	494	440	635	569	351	338
		± 6	± 6					± 6	± 6

TABLE 41
RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE, ENLISTED PERSONNEL
1976, 1977, 1978

Religious Preference	NOVEMBER 1976 MALE FEMALE	NOVEMBER 1977 MALE FEMALE	NOVEMBER 1978 MALE FEMALE
Protestant	43.7	39.2	41.7
Latter Day Saints (Mormon)	2.0	3.6	1.9
Roman Catholic	20.4	22.5	21.2
Eastern (Greek) Orthodox	.5	.9	.1
Jewish	.6	.8	.8
Moslem (Islam, Mohammedan)	.5	.6	.6
Buddhist	1.5	1.0	1.0
Other religion not listed	14.9	16.0	17.2
No religious preference	15.9	15.4	15.5
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sample Size	3657	4348	3460

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