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TRENDS IN GERMAN PRISONER MORALE

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The aim of this study was to explore possible downward trends in German troop morale as they might be revealed by prisoner attitudes.

M E T H O D . . .

The information on which this study was based was obtained from personal interrogations of German prisoners-of-war made by trained American military personnel according to the standard SHAEF schedule of questions.

It consists largely of a comparison of two groups of privates captured early and late in July on various items of morale information. They were all captured in the general Carentan - St. Lo area. Complete details on the dates of capture and the military units represented is shown in the appendix.

C O N G L U S I O N S . . .

- (1) By late July very few prisoners had any faith in a German victory, and this attitude underwent the greatest proportionate drop of any measure of morale during July.  
*Ps/W Interrogation*
- (2) Favorable attitudes toward National Socialism and German propaganda, already low, also suffered considerable drops during July.
- (3) However, trust in their officers and belief in Hitler still existed among the majority of prisoners, and least deterioration was noted on these scores.
- (4) Morale varied with type of military unit, but declined among all. Morale among the infantry was lowest, and also suffered the greatest decline. Paratroopers were outstandingly high in most respects, but their faith also declined somewhat. The greater the proportion of older men in a unit, the greater was the drop in morale.

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## CONCLUSIONS

(1) Electrostatic Discharge Induced by the Motion of a Charged Particle

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## FINDINGS . . .

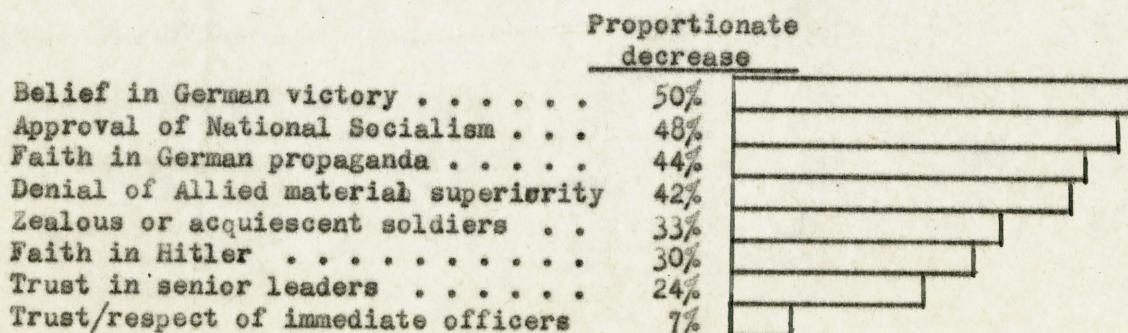
### MORALE OF GERMAN PRISONERS DROPPED PRECIPITATELY DURING JULY . . .

Troops captured late in July showed consistent worsening of morale on eight different measures when compared with fairly similar troops captured earlier in the month. This may be seen in the following figures:

	<u>Early July</u>	<u>Late July</u>
Proportion thinking war will end with German victory or a stalemate . . . . .	22%	11%
Proportion having faith in German propaganda . . . . .	34%	19%
Proportion with complete faith (or belief with reservations) in National Socialism . . . . .	56%	29%
Proportion denying decisive Allied material superiority . . . . .	53%	31%
Proportion who are zealous or at least acquiescent soldiers . . . . .	66%	44%
Proportion devoted to Hitler or at least generally approving of him . . . . .	76%	53%
Proportion trusting senior leaders . . . . .	68%	53%
Proportion trusting or respecting immediate officers . . . . .	68%	63%
Total prisoners interrogated	126	195

The decline has been statistically reliable in every instance except in trust and respect for immediate officers.

The numerical percentage decline on the various items is not as illuminating as is the proportionate decrease. For example, faith in victory, or at least a stalemate was so low early in July that a numerical drop of 11% (from 22% to 11%) actually constituted a 50% decline. The proportionate decrease in morale on each item is shown below:



Greatest proportionate drops in morale occurred in belief in victory, National Socialism, and German propaganda.

(2) Firmest German prisoner faiths are still in their officers and Hitler

## ИМЕННИЕ

GERMAN PRISONERS DROPPED PRECIPITATELY DURING JULY

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THE DECLINE MAY HAVE SET IN BEFORE JULY . . .

Evidence on this point is scanty. Comparison of prisoners captured in June and July is difficult because of the varying caliber and function of divisions met. Most of the June prisoners were captured in Cherbourg, and were generally low class units. The morale of the combatant troops captured later around Carentan was found to be higher -- not because German morale had gone up -- but undoubtedly because of the static character of the troops stationed in the Cherbourg area.

It is extremely desirable, therefore, to find some comparable basis for measuring morale during June and July. There were actually no troops in Cherbourg of the same caliber as those deployed in the Carentan-St. Lo region. The nearest approach to strict comparability seemed to be among the paratroopers. But even there, at least half the parachutists captured in Cherbourg were from Ausbildung (training) regiments, and are not considered as high class as the others.

Nevertheless, even with this fairly unsatisfactory comparison, the results show in most instances a steady decline in morale from June to the early part of July. This difference might have been even greater had the Cherbourg parachutists been from crack regiments. The groups are small, but the decreases are sufficiently consistent to be impressive.

It is possible, therefore, that the general trend in morale among German prisoners has been downward ever since the first Allied successes in Normandy.

The attitudes of paratroopers on the same eight morale measures is shown below:

<u>Attitude</u>	PARATROOPERS		
	<u>June</u>	<u>Early July</u>	<u>Late July</u>
Belief in a German victory or stalemate . . .	41%	38%	29%
Belief in German propaganda . . . . .	90%	50%	39%
Denial of decisive Allied material superiority	74%	59%	51%
Approval of National Socialism . . . . .	74%	76%	58%
Zealous or acquiescent soldiers . . . . .	89%	80%	69%
Faith in Hitler . . . . . . . . .	86%	90%	74%
Trust in senior leaders . . . . . . . . .	89%	74%	75%
Trust or respect for immediate officers . . .	92%	61%	53%
Total number of prisoners	27	42	45

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MORALE DROPPED IN ALL TYPES OF UNITS . . .

Further evidence that the decline in morale during June was bona fide, is the fact that it was possible to compare certain units for the two periods. In practically every instance, each unit showed a drop.

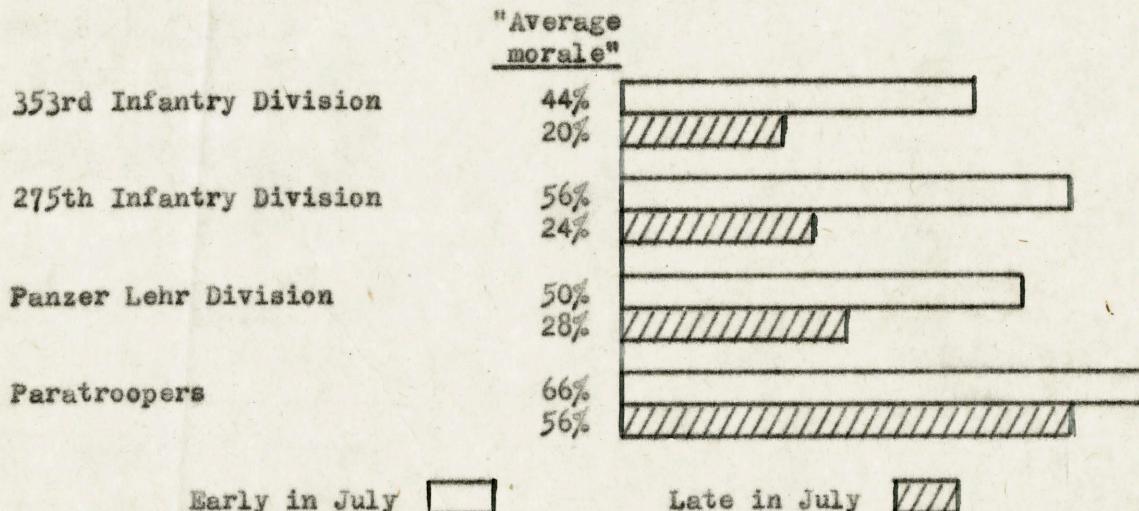
In spite of the small number of cases on which comparisons were possible for the two time periods, the consistency of the decline lends credence to the findings.

Paratroopers were head and shoulders above other fighting units in nearly all aspects of morale, and among them decreases were slight.

Late in July the Panzer Lehr Division prisoners were higher than the infantry on the measured morale factors, but were still considerably lower than the paratroopers.

Although the infantrymen were consistently lowest in morale, there were some differences in morale between the two divisions compared. The 275th seemed to be higher than the 353rd Division on practically every measure.

The average of the eight morale questions for each unit on which it was possible to make comparisons for early and late July was as follows:



The figures on which the above averages were calculated are shown on the next page.

It is interesting that the proportion of older men found in each unit late in July was related to the amount of decrease in morale.

Men over 30

Greatest decrease -	275th Infantry Division . . . . .	47%
in morale	353rd Infantry Division . . . . .	38%
	Panzer Lehr Division . . . . .	30%
Least decrease in #	Paratroopers . . . . .	0%
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COMPARISON OF MORALE MEASURES EARLY AND LATE IN JULY BY DIVISION . . .

	<u>Infantry</u>			<u>Para-</u> <u>troop-</u> <u>ers</u>
	<u>353rd</u> <u>Div.</u>	<u>275th</u> <u>Div.</u>	<u>Panzer</u> <u>Lehr</u>	
<u>Faith in German victory</u>				
Early July	18%	18%	15%	38%
Late July	5	6	8	29
<u>Faith in German propaganda</u>	18%	34%	40%	50%
Early July				
Late July	10	*13	16	39
<u>Belief in National Socialism</u>				
Early July	53%	60%	50%	76%
Late July	*19	*18	*18	58
<u>Denial that Allied material</u>				
<u>superiority is decisive</u>				
Early July	35%	63%	55%	57%
Late July	16	*16	*22	49
<u>Zealous or acquiescent soldiers</u>				
Early July	47%	74%	65%	80%
Late July	21	*32	*37	69
<u>Favorable to Hitler</u>				
Early July	65%	78%	70%	90%
Late July	38	*47	*33	74
<u>Trust in senior leaders</u>				
Early July	56%	78%	65%	74% <sup>a</sup>
Late July	42	*41	52	75
<u>Trust in immediate officers</u>				
Early July	59%	46%	40%	67%
Late July	*30	*21	35	53
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AVERAGE OF EIGHT QUESTIONS				
Early July	44%	56%	50%	66%
Late July	20	*24	28	56
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TOTAL NUMBER OF PRISONERS				
Early July	17	27	20	42
Late July	21	45	27	45

\*Difference is statistically reliable (e.g., the standard deviation of the difference is equal to 2.0 sigma).

<sup>a</sup>This is the only instance out of the 32 comparisons (eight questions for each of four different types of units) in which there was no drop.

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APPENDIX

During July, 365 standardized reports of individual interrogations were received by the Intelligence Section of the Psychological Warfare Division.

Dates of capture

The dates of capture of these 365 prisoners divided the group naturally into two groups for purposes of comparison, as may be seen in the following table:

	N.C.O.'S and officers	Soldiers	Total
July 1 to 4	13	22	35
5 to 8	19	15	34
9 to 12	12	84	96
13 to 16	-	4	4
17 to 20	-	1	1
<b>TOTAL FOR EARLY JULY</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>170</b>
July 21 to 24	-	-	-
25 to 28	-	<u>195</u>	<u>195</u>
<b>TOTAL FOR LATE JULY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>195</b>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>365</b>

Officers were omitted

Because no officers were either interrogated or captured with the late July group, the few officers were omitted from the earlier group so that the comparisons could be made for the two parts of the month on fairly comparable groups of men.

The groups compared

The basis of this report is, therefore, a comparison of the 126 private soldiers captured July 20th or before, most of whom were captured between July 9th and 12th in the general Carentan and St. Lo area -- with 195 men captured from July 25th and 28th, all of whom came from the St. Lo region.

Military units represented

	<u>Early in July</u>	<u>Late in July</u>
Paratroopers	Largely 3rd Div. 9th Reg. 42	Largely 5th Div., 14th Reg. and misc. 3rd Div. regiments . . . . . 45
Panzer Infantry	Lehr Division . . . . . 20 353rd Infantry Division . 17 (largely 942nd Regiment) 275th Infantry Division . 27 (largely 984th Regiment) 265th Infantry Division . 16 (largely 894th Regiment) 77th Infantry Division . 4	Lehr Division . . . . . 27 353rd Infantry Division . 21 (largely 942nd Regiment) 275th Infantry Division . 45 (largely 983rd & 985th) 266th Infantry Division . 57 (largely 897th Regiment)
Total	126	195

X I Q U E Y S A

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Total	Goldmine	Collected	Spent	Total Goldmine
35	25	13	4	July 1 to 4
35	12	10	8	2 to 8
36	48	15	15	8 to 15
4	4	-	16	15 to 16
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140	136	44	44	TOTAL FOR MARY JULY
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Date of Capture	Place of Capture	Percent who saw leaflets	Total Number of Ps/W	Percent believ- ing contents of leaflets (Based on number who saw leaflets)
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June 26 - 28	Cherbourg	77	363	
July 1 - 17	From Carenton to St. Lo	69 ) St. Lo	155 165	
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Aug 1 - 10	From St. Malo to Le Mans		160	
Sept	Western Front	30	634	45
Oct 15 - 19	Aachen	64	603	63
Early Nov	1st U.S. Army Front	80	315	
Dec 15 - 31	1, 3, 9, US Army Fronts	66	108	78
Jan 1 - 31	"	69	319	75
Feb 1 - 28	"	87	328	72
March 1 - 15	"	90	110	79

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