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INTRODUCTION

History and Mission of Army Sports

Military leaders have long known that an army's effectiveness is largely dependent upon its morale. Our own leaders have always been aware that troops with high morale make a more effective fighting force, but they have not always been in accord as to the best methods to achieve high morale. Aside from food, clothing, shelter, and pay, commanders have varied greatly in their opinions as to what other things are essential to morale. It is only since World War I that there has been organized effort to provide guidance for a systematic Army-wide approach to all factors bearing on troop morale. One result of this effort is the special services program, which provides off-duty recreation and entertainment for military personnel, and, under some circumstances, for their dependents.

Even though the term "special services" was not used officially until 1942, recreational activities in the Army can be traced as far back as the Civil War. There were crafts, soldier shows, and soldier music activities during this period; however, there were mostly spontaneous and initiated by the troops themselves with little direction or support from higher headquarters. During the Civil War period sports were popular. Army units at times competed with each other in team sports. Even as early as the Civil War period, baseball appeared to have been the most popular of all competitive sports.

The Red Cross and the Y.M.C.A. were organizations that contributed to the morale of the men during the late 1800's and the early 1900's.

However, there is no evidence of an organized sports program during this period.¹

It was not until World War I that the need for some type of morale service was fully realized and the first steps were taken toward providing it. At this time the Army was mainly concerned with the on-duty activities of the soldier, and it exercised little control over his free-time activities. Many public agencies rushed to fill this need in the soldier's life, and the public gave liberally to support these agencies through contributions to the United War Work Campaign. To reduce duplication of effort and eliminate confusion, seven civilian agencies during World War I were authorized to work with the Army and the American National Red Cross on recreational needs. They were further authorized to work among the troops in France. These agencies, coordinated by the War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities, were the YMCA, the YWCA, the Knights of Columbus, the National Jewish Welfare Board, the Salvation Army, the American Library Association, and the War Camp Community Service.

During World War I, the task of developing an athletic program for the troops was assigned to the War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities and to civilian agencies. It was during this period that the value of sports and exercises was fully recognized as a means of promoting military efficiency. A program of organized physical training and sports in the Army took shape for the first time. It was also during this war that Congress appropriated money for an athletic program. Athletic directors and instructors were hired, facilities constructed, and

¹U.S. Army Adjutant General School, Memorandum 44-2, Special Services Programs, Indianapolis: U.S. Army Adjutant General School, 1965.

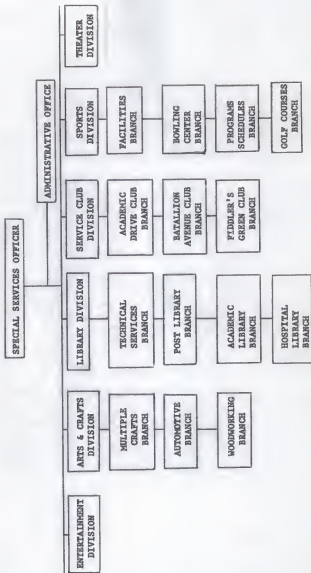
transportation and other expenses authorized. Early in 1918, fourteen men who had been working as athletic instructors were given direct commissions as captains in the Army. The first school for training physical directors to carry out a uniform program was established at Princeton, New Jersey in September 1918. This program grew steadily until athletics and physical training activities were extended, when possible, to the combat lines.

The term "special services" made its first official appearance in March 1942 when the morale branch became a staff division of Services of Supply, and was renamed the Special Services Division.

In January 1947, the Special Services Division became a separate administrative service known as the Office of the Chief of Special Services. In the same year the Special Services School was reactivated at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Special Services today includes the Entertainment Division, the Arts and Crafts Division, the Library Division, the Service Club Division, the Theater Division, and the Supply and Maintenance Division as well as the Sports Division. The following page will illustrate a typical organization chart for Special Services at an Army installation.

The sports program is probably the best known and most widely discussed of the special services programs. Individual sports and team competitions are found wherever United States Army personnel are stationed. The mission of the sports program, therefore, is to give all military personnel an opportunity to participate in a sport of his or her choice during off-duty hours. The program is designed to develop and maintain individual and group morale and increase combat effectiveness by developing esprit de corps, will to win, aggressiveness, confidence, and teamwork. The sports program does not replace, but supplements the military physical

TABLE I
TYPICAL ORGANIZATION CHART FOR AN ARMY INSTALLATION



training program. It has three phases: instructional, self-organized, and competitive.²

The instructional phase is the first step toward accomplishing the mission of the sports program. In this phase, selected personnel give instruction, both basic and advanced, in techniques and rules of various sports. As the individual's skill and abilities improve, their interest increases, and the quality of play improves.

The self-organized phase encompasses all spontaneous, impromptu, and informal sports activities. Facilities should be located in readily accessible areas with equipment immediately available, and those areas should be well publicized. When facilities and equipment are not used, it is usually because the troops do not know of their availability.

The competitive phase consists of all scheduled sports contests between individuals or units, including tournaments. Competition is conducted on the interservice, army area, installation, and small unit levels. The emphasis is on intramural participation (that is, between units within the installation) with individual and team competition organized at the lowest level possible. Also commanders are encouraged to include on-duty sports in the physical conditioning program in order to stimulate the interest of individuals who might not otherwise participate or be interested in sports.

²U.S. Army Adjutant General School, Memorandum 44-3, Nonappropriated Funds and Supply Accountability, Indianapolis: U.S. Army Adjutant General School, 1965.

Major commands, or Army areas, such as the Fifth Army, serve as implementing agencies for carrying out the sports policies established by higher headquarters, The Department of the Army. They organize and conduct command championship competitions; conduct conferences and sports clinics for sports personnel within the command; give advisory services on command-sponsored championships, the selection, procurement, and utilization of personnel, facilities, equipment, and supplies; make frequent visits to all installations within the command; and process budgetary requirements and requests for grants.

Following are Policies taken from Regulation No. 28-8, the Fifth United States Army Sports Policy.³

INSTALLATION SPORTS PROGRAM. The commanders of installations and activities are responsible for the establishment of the intramural sports program to include funding, personnel staffing, facilities, supplies, equipment and transportation support.

a. The intramural sports program, aimed at maximum soldier participation, requires planning, promotion and actual supervision by unit officer personnel assisted by qualified noncommissioned officers.

(1) Sports program schedules, equipment and facilities available through special services will assist unit commanders in attaining desired participation.

(2) To achieve maximum benefits of this program, it is essential that constant coordination be maintained between unit physical

³Fifth U.S. Army Sports Department, Regulation No. 28-8, Fifth U.S. Army Sports Policy, Chicago, Ill., 1967.

training programs and special services activities.

b. Personnel requirements for the intramural program must not conflict with current manpower regulations. Most duties connected with the program can be assigned as additional duty or from voluntary personnel.

c. The amount of funds directed toward the intramural sports program will be determined locally by installation and activity commanders. As a minimum, commanders should fund an average of \$3.50 per man per year for essential items to support the intramural program.

d. Purchase of awards for presentation to individuals and teams will be made from nonappropriated funds. (Authors note: Nonappropriated funds are moneys not appropriated by Congress but which are generated from the operation of authorized morals, recreation, and welfare activities, such as bowling alleys, theaters, and the like.)

FIFTH UNITED STATES ARMY COMPETITIONS. Fifth United States Army will conduct competitions for those sports announced annually by The Adjutant General, Department of the Army. As announcements are received from Department of the Army, installations and activities will be informed as to sports involved, host installations, dates of competitions and other matters related to the competitions.

a. Fifth United States Army competitions will be classified as Class A and Class AA. Installations are classified as follows:

(1) Class A.

- (a) Fort Carson, Colorado - 20,000 troops
- (b) Fort Riley, Kansas - 8,000 troops
- (c) Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri - 35,000 troops

(2) Class AA.

(a) Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana - 6,200 troops

(b) Fort Sheridan, Illinois - 2,000 troops

(c) Fort Leavenworth, Kansas - 3,000 troops

(Note: For some sports, small detachments, such as Supply Depots, will enter Class AA competition.)

b. Class A competitions will be conducted as double round robin tournaments.

c. Class AA competitions will be conducted as double elimination tournaments.

d. Host installations will be responsible for the conduct of Fifth United States Army competitions.

e. Commanders are encouraged to permit participants entering competitions a reasonable amount of free time during duty hours for practice and preparation for scheduled events and Fifth United States Army competitions.

f. At least 50 per cent of a team representing an installation in basketball, volleyball or softball will be composed of enlisted personnel.

g. When installations do not enter teams for wrestling, track and field and boxing in a Fifth United States Army competition, individuals who have demonstrated proficiency in these sports will be encouraged and assisted to represent their installations as individuals.

h. Officials for Fifth United States Army competitions will be appointed by this headquarters.

i. Reimbursement from Fifth United States Army Command Welfare Fund for expenses incurred will be submitted not later than 30 days after

completion of event.

j. Awards for presentation to individuals and sports teams for Fifth United States Army competitions will be provided by Headquarters Fifth United States Army.

k. A meeting of officers in charge, coaches, and Fifth United States Army representatives will be conducted by the host installation prior to the first scheduled day of competition. Discussion of rules which govern the event, and a drawing for positions of teams, or individuals, will be accomplished at this meeting. A disinterested party will draw for a team or individual enroute.

All Fifth United States Army competitions will be given maximum local publicity.

ALL-ARMY AND INTERSERVICE COMPETITIONS. Department of the Army fund limitations and geographical location limit the opportunities for many organizations to participate in All-Army or Interservice competition. Installations and activities will encourage individuals to try out for teams which will participate in All-Army and Interservice competitions.

e. Selection of representatives for All-Army and Interservice competitions will be made by The Fifth United States Army Sports Director and a panel appointed by him.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS. Men and women whose records indicate outstanding performance in Olympic-type sports will be given ample opportunity to train for and compete in authorized international sports competitions.

SPORTS CLINICS. Installation commanders are responsible for conducting semi-annual sports officials' clinics to train and qualify

military personnel as officials. Sports clinics and instruction in fundamental skills and techniques should be conducted in as many sports as practical. Installations in the same geographical area should combine and coordinate their program of sports clinics to provide more effective use of personnel and avoid duplication.

SPORTS OFFICIALS. Men and women who are or have been participants in sports will be encouraged and afforded ample opportunity to qualify themselves as officials through installation and Fifth United States Army officials' clinics and should apply for membership as a Fifth United States Army sports official.

a. Competent officials, men and women, at all echelons of competition except intramural, will be selected and trained as Fifth United States Army sports officials.

b. Individuals whose applications are approved will become members of the Fifth United States Army Sports Officials' Association and will be issued appropriate registration cards and distinctive emblems.

c. Individuals must have been issued an Official's Registration Card by an accredited national, state or local official's organization during a period not to exceed three years prior to date of application.

d. This headquarters will select and assign personnel to officiate command level sports competition from the Fifth United States Army Sports Officials' Association. If qualified military officials are not available competent civilian officials will be appointed.

e. Fifth United States Army sports officials who officiate a minimum of three Fifth United States Army sports competitions will be presented a distinctive sports award jacket with appropriate emblem and

will be recommended to Department of the Army to officiate in higher level competitions.

Purpose

The purpose of this report was to determine the content, administration and organization of The Fifth United States Army Sports Program. The following installations compose the Fifth United States Army areas: Fort Carson, Colorado; Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Sheridan, Illinois; and Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. It is hoped that this report will be of use to the athletic directors at the respective installations for use in evaluation and summary of their own programs.

Method of Study

A four page questionnaire was constructed to inquire about the sports offered at each installation, the level of competition, the number of participants, the type of tournament or meet for each sport, the number and type of facilities, and questions were asked regarding the operation of the program.

The questionnaires were sent to each installation athletic director. Personal interviews were also held with Mr. Frank Brumgerdt, Fort Riley, Kansas athletic director, and Mr. Tom McCann, Fifth United States Army athletic director.

One hundred per cent of the questionnaires were returned within two weeks. One page of one questionnaire was returned for clarification

of the figures presented. The figures were then tabulated to get a total picture of the sports program in the Fifth Army area.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Factors Influencing Sports Competition

It must be noted that the participation figures represented do not necessarily depict the true yearly figures, even if all the installations' populations were to remain constant. An interview with Mr. Frank Brungardt, Fort Riley, Kansas athletic director, revealed that there are factors which influence the sports program at any installation. These factors have a bearing on whether or not a program can be conducted at all, the amount of participation in the program, and even the type of tournament or meet that is conducted.

Aside from normal factors such as weather, which might influence any program, there are factors peculiar to the Army that can influence an Army sports program. The following are factors that will influence the scope and operation of an Army program.

1. Training Commitments. A good example, according to Mr. Brungardt, would be the 9th Infantry Division, which received their training at Fort Riley last year, and is now in Viet Nam.⁴

From March 1966, until January 1967, the 9th Division troops received their training to prepare them for action in Viet Nam. Of necessity, this training took preference over all other Army activities. As a result, there were many times when only a small percentage of available

⁴Brungardt, Frank. Athletic Director, Fort Riley, Kansas. Personal interview, January 1967.

troops were able to participate in a sport. Along the same lines, there were also games forfeited as a result of field maneuvers and training.

Because of small numbers of entries in some activities, tournaments might be changed from double elimination type to round robin type tournament, or to a single elimination tournament. There were even times, as during the swimming and diving meet at Fort Riley in June of 1966, that the entire meet had to be cancelled. This was caused by a lack of participants due to military commitments. Sometimes, to avoid this, competition would be changed from company level to battalion level. This would allow more troops from which to select participants.

Other times troops might have to act in support of ROTC or National Guard units during a summer training program, and this would make them unavailable to participate in a program.

2. Troop Movements. On some occasions, large or small units might be suddenly moved to another installation for various military reasons. Most of the time, however, advance information would be received by the installation athletic director. He could plan his program accordingly.

3. Command Support. The interview with Mr. Brungardt also revealed that there are times when strong or extra support from unit commanders has a positive effect on the sports program. This support is often in the form of a direct order. Sometimes the commander's enthusiasm will generate the same to his subordinates. This same situation can also occur conversely, although this is rare.

After the questionnaires were received from the athletic directors, the information was compiled in table form. It is presented in the body of the paper.

TABLE II
FORT SHERIDAN LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Sport	Levels of Competition		
	Company	Instructional	Inter-Post
Track and Field			x
Fast Pitch Softball	x		
Slow Pitch Softball			
Baseball			
Physical Conditioning			
Golf		x	
Swimming and Diving		x	
Tennis			
Handball	x	x	x
Squash			
Touch Football	x		
Tackle Football			
Cross Country			
Badminton		x	
Basketball	x		x
Boxing			
Wrestling			
Skiing			
Judo		x	
Karate			
Bowling	x		
Soccer			
Volleyball	x		

Fort Sheridan, Illinois, participated in fast-pitch softball on a company level, golf on an instructional level, swimming and diving on an instructional level, handball on a company, instructional, and inter-post level, touch football on a company level, badminton on an instructional level, basketball on a company and inter-post level, judo on an instructional level, bowling on a company level, and volleyball on a company and inter-post level. They did not participate in other sports on a formal level.

TABLE III
FORT SHERIDAN TYPES OF TOURNAMENTS

Sports	Types of Tournaments				
	Meet	Single Elim.	Double Elim.	Round Robin	Challenge
Track and Field	x				
Fast Pitch Softball			x	x	
Slow Pitch Softball					
Baseball					
Physical Conditioning					
Golf					x
Swimming and Diving					
Tennis		x			x
Handball			x		x
Squash					
Touch Football				x	
Teckle Football					
Cross Country					
Badminton					
Basketball			x		
Boxing					
Wrestling					
Skating					
Judo					
Karate					
Bowling					
Soccer					
Volleyball			x		

Fort Sheridan, Illinois, conducted track and field on a meet level, fast pitch softball on a double elimination and round robin level, golf on a challenge level, tennis on a single elimination and challenge level, handball on a double elimination and challenge level, touch football on a round robin level, basketball on a double elimination level, and volleyball on a round robin level. A tournament was not conducted in judo. Other sports were not conducted.

TABLE IV
FORT SHERIDAN SPORTS FACILITIES

Facility	Yes	No	Number
Field House or Gym	x		1
Baseball Field		x	
Softball Field	x		1
Football Stadium		x	
1/4 Mile Track		x	
Handball Court	x		2
Squash Court		x	
Tennis Court (outdoor)	x		2
Swimming Pool (outdoor)	x		1
Swimming Pool (indoor)		x	
Weight Room		x	
Volleyball Court	x		1
Soccer Field		x	
Horse Stable		x	
Ski Trail or Run		x	
Golf Course (9 holes)		x	
Golf Course (18 holes)	x		1
Golf Driving Range	x		1
Miniature Golf		x	
Wrestling Room		x	
Boxing Room		x	
Bowling Lane	x		8
Indoor Track		x	
Touch Football Field	x		1

Fort Sheridan, Illinois, has the following facilities: 1 field house or gym, 1 softball field, 2 handball courts, 2 outdoor tennis courts, 1 outdoor swimming pool, 1 volleyball court, 1 eighteen hole golf course, 1 golf driving range, 8 bowling lanes, and 1 touch football field. Other facilities are not provided.

TABLE V
FORT SHERIDAN NUMBER AND PER CENT OF PARTICIPANTS

Sport	Number of Participants	Per Cent of Participants
Track and Field	10	1
Fast Pitch Softball	150	8
Slow Pitch Softball	0	
Baseball	0	
Physical Conditioning	0	
Golf	0	
Swimming and Diving	0	
Tennis	0	
Handball	30	1.5
Squash	0	
Touch Football	75	3.7
Tackle Football	0	
Cross Country	0	
Badminton	0	
Basketball	125	6.2
Boxing	0	
Wrestling	0	
Skiing	0	
Judo	0	
Karate	0	
Bowling	0	
Soccer	0	
Volleyball	150	7.5

Fort Sheridan had the following number and per cent of participants: track and field, 10 (1%), fast pitch softball, 150 (8%), handball, 30 (1.5%), touch football, 75 (3.7%), badminton, 125 (6.2%), and volleyball, 150 (7.5%). The other sports did not have participants.

TABLE VI
FORT LEAVENWORTH LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Sport	Levels of Competition			
	Company	Instructional	Inter-Post	Outside
Track and Field			x	
Fast Pitch Softball			x	x
Slow Pitch Softball	x			
Baseball		x		x
Physical Conditioning	x			
Golf	x	x		
Swimming and Diving	x			
Tennis	x	x		x
Handball	x			
Squash	x			
Touch Football	x			
Tackle Football				
Cross Country				
Basketball	x	x	x	x
Badminton	x			
Boxing	x			
Wrestling				
Skiing	x			
Judo		x		
Karate				
Bowling	x	x		x
Soccer				
Volleyball	x		x	

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, participated in sports on the following levels: track and field-inter-post, fast pitch softball-inter-post and outside, slow pitch softball-company, baseball-instructional and outside, physical conditioning-company, golf-company and instructional, swimming and diving-company, tennis-company, instructional, and outside, handball-company, squash-company, touch football-company, badminton-company, basketball-company, instructional, inter-post, and outside, boxing-company, skiing-company, judo-instructional, bowling-company, instructional, and outside, and volleyball-company and inter-post. They did not participate in other sports on a formal level.

TABLE VII
FORT LEAVENWORTH TYPES OF TOURNAMENTS

Sports	Types of Tournaments				
	Meet	Single Elim.	Round Robin	Challenge	Other
Track and Field					
Fast Pitch Softball		x	x		
Slow Pitch Softball		x			
Baseball			x		
Physical Conditioning					
Golf	x				
Swimming and Diving	x				
Tennis		x			
Handball		x			
Squash		x			
Touch Football			x		
Tackle Football					
Cross Country					
Badminton		x			
Basketball		x	x		
Boxing					Smoker
Wrestling					
Skiing					
Judo	x				
Karate					
Bowling			x	x	
Soccer					
Volleyball			x		

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, participated in sports on the following levels: fast pitch softball-double elimination and round robin, slow pitch softball-double elimination, baseball-round robin, golf-meet, swimming and diving-meet, tennis-double elimination, handball-double elimination, squash-double elimination, touch football-round robin, badminton-double elimination, basketball-double elimination and round robin, boxing-smoker, judo-meet, bowling-round robin and challenge, and volleyball-round robin.

TABLE VIII
FORT LEAVENWORTH SPORTS FACILITIES

Facility	Yes	No	Number
Field House or Gym	x		2
Baseball Field	x		3
Softball Field	x		6
Football Stadium		x	
1/4 Mile Track		x	
Handball Court	x		6
Squash Court	x		5
Tennis Court (outdoor)	x		10
Swimming Pool (outdoor)	x		2
Swimming Pool (indoor)	x		1
Weight Room	x		3
Volleyball Court	x		6
Soccer Field		x	
Horse Stable	x		2
Ski Trail or Run	x		1
Golf Course (9 holes)	x		1
Golf Course (18 holes)	x		1
Golf Driving Range	x		1
Miniature Golf		x	
Wrestling Room		x	
Boxing Room	x		1
Bowling Lane	x		18
Indoor Track		x	
Touch Football Field	x		1

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, has the following sports facilities:

2 field houses or gyms, 3 baseball fields, 6 softball fields, 6 handball courts, 5 squash courts, 10 tennis courts, 2 outdoor swimming pools, 1 indoor swimming pool, 3 weight rooms, 6 volleyball courts, 2 horse stables, 1 ski trail, 1 9-hole golf course, 1 18-hole golf course, 1 golf driving range, 1 boxing room, 18 bowling lanes, and 1 touch football field.

TABLE IX

FORT LEAVENWORTH NUMBER AND PER CENT OF PARTICIPANTS

Sport	Number of Participants	Per Cent of Participants
Track and Field	0	
Fast Pitch Softball	528	17.2
Slow Pitch Softball	2,674	89.3
Baseball	1,474	49.3
Physical Conditioning	0	
Golf	176	5.4
Swimming and Diving	172	5.4
Tennis	216	7.6
Handball	168	5.5
Squash	144	5.2
Touch Football	1,572	52
Teckle Football	0	
Cross Country	0	
Badminton	64	2.5
Basketball	1,372	47.5
Boxing	150	5
Wrsstling	0	
Skiing	0	
Judo	300	10
Karete	0	
Bowling	4,572	152
Soccer	0	
Volleyball	6,050	200

Fort Leavenworth had the following number and per cent of participants: fast pitch softball, 528 (17.2%), slow pitch softball, 2,674 (89.3%), baseball, 1,474 (49.3%), golf, 176 (5.4%), swimming and diving, 172 (5.4%), tennis, 216 (7.6%), handball, 168 (5.5%), squash, 144 (5.2%), touch football, 1,572 (52%), badminton, 64 (2.5%), basketball, 1,372 (47.5%), boxing, 150 (5%), judo, 300 (10%), bowling, 4,572 (152%), and volleyball, 6,050 (200%).

TABLE X
 FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Sport	Levels of Competition		
	Company	Inter-post	Outside
Track and Field		x	
Fast Pitch Softball	x	x	x
Slow Pitch Softball	x		
Baseball			
Physical Conditioning			
Golf		x	
Swimming and Diving			
Tennis	x		
Handball	x		
Squash			
Touch Football	x		
Tackle Football			
Cross Country			
Badminton	x		
Basketball	x	x	
Boxing			
Wrestling			
Skiing			
Judo			
Karate			
Bowling		x	
Soccer			
Volleyball	x	x	

Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, participated in track and field on an inter-post level, fast pitch softball on a company, inter-post, and outside level, slow pitch softball on a company level, golf on an inter-post level, tennis on a company level, handball on a company level, touch football on a company level, badminton on a company level, basketball on a company and inter-post level, bowling on an inter-post level, and volleyball on a company and inter-post level.

TABLE XI
 FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON TYPES OF TOURNAMENTS

Sports	Types of Tournaments				
	Meat	Singla Elim.	Doubla Elim.	Round Robin	Challenga
Track and Field	x				
Fast Pitch Softball			x	x	
Slow Pitch Softball				x	
Baseball					
Physical Conditioning					
Golf		x		x	
Swimming and Diving					
Tennis		x	x		x
Handball		x	x		
Squash					
Touch Football				x	
Tackle Football					
Cross Country					
Badminton		x	x		
Basketball				x	
Boxing					
Wrestling					
Skiing					
Judo					
Karate					
Bowling				x	
Soccer					
Volleyball			x	x	

Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, conducted track and field on a meat level, fast pitch softball on a double elimination and round robin level, slow pitch softball on a round robin level, golf on a single elimination and round robin level, tennis on a single and double elimination level, handball on a single and double elimination level, touch football on a round robin level, badminton on a single and double elimination level, basketball on a round robin level, bowling on a round robin level, and volleyball on a double elimination and a round robin level.

TABLE XII
FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON SPORTS FACILITIES

Facility	Yes	No	Number
Field House or Gym	x		1
Baseball Field		x	
Softball Field	x		2
Football Stadium		x	
1/4 Mile Track	x		1
Handball Court	x		1
Squash Court		x	
Tennis Court (outdoor)	x		6
Swimming Pool (outdoor)	x		1
Swimming Pool (indoor)		x	
Weight Room	x		1
Volleyball Court	x		1
Soccer Field		x	
Horse Stable	x		1
Ski Trail or Run		x	
Golf Course (9 holes)	x		1
Golf Course (18 holes)		x	
Golf Driving Range	x		1
Miniature Golf		x	
Wrestling Room		x	
Boxing Room		x	
Bowling Lane	x		8
Indoor Track		x	
Touch Football Field	x		1

Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, has the following sports facilities: 1 field house or gym, 2 softball fields, 1 1/4 mile track, 1 handball court, 6 tennis courts, 1 outdoor swimming pool, 1 weight room, 1 volleyball court, 1 horse stable, 1 9-hole golf course, 1 golf driving range, 8 bowling lanes, and 1 touch football field.

TABLE XIII

FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON NUMBER AND PER CENT OF PARTICIPANTS

Sport	Number of Participants	Per Cent of Participants
Track and Field	80	1.5
Fast Pitch Softball	300	4.7
Slow Pitch Softball	60	1
Baseball	0	
Physical Conditioning	0	
Golf	80	1.5
Swimming and Diving	0	
Tennis	80	1.5
Handball	125	2
Squash	0	
Touch Football	328	4.7
Tackle Football	0	
Cross Country	0	
Badminton	40	1
Basketball	200	3.3
Boxing	0	
Wrestling	0	
Skiing	0	
Judo	0	
Karate	0	
Bowling	160	3
Soccer	0	
Volleyball	200	3.3

Fort Benjamin Harrison had the following number and per cent of participants: track and field, 80 (1.5%), fast pitch softball, 300 (4.7%), slow pitch softball, 60 (1%), golf, 80 (1.5%), tennis, 80 (1.5%), handball, 125 (2%), touch football, 328 (4.7%), badminton, 40 (1%), basketball, 200 (3.3%), bowling, 160 (3%), and volleyball, 200 (3.3%).

TABLE XIV
FORT CARSON LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Sport	Levels of Competition				
	Company	Battalion	Major Unit	Inter-Post	Outside
Track and Field				x	
Fast Pitch Softball		x		x	x
Slow Pitch Softball					
Baseball			x	x	x
Physical Conditioning					
Golf			x	x	
Swimming and Diving					
Tennis					
Handball					
Squash					
Touch Football		x			
Tackle Football					
Cross Country					
Badminton					
Basketball	x	x		x	x
Boxing					x
Wrestling					x
Skating					
Judo					
Karate					
Bowling	x				
Soccer					
Volleyball	x		x	x	

Fort Carson, Colorado, participated in track and field on an inter-post level, fast pitch softball on a battalion, inter-post, and outside level, baseball on a major unit, inter-post and outside level, golf on a major unit and inter-post level, touch football on a battalion level, basketball on a company, battalion, inter-post, and outside level, boxing on an inter-post level, wrestling on an inter-post level, bowling on a company level, and volleyball on a company, major unit, and inter-post level.

TABLE XV
FORT CARSON TYPES OF TOURNAMENTS

Sports	Types of Tournaments			
	Meet	Single Elim.	Double Elim.	Round Robin
Treck and Field	x			
Fast Pitch Softball			x	
Slow Pitch Softball				
Baseball				x
Physical Conditioning				
Golf				
Swimming and Diving				
Tennis		x		
Handball		x		
Squash		x		
Touch Football			x	
Tackle Football				
Cross Country				
Badminton		x		
Basketball			x	x
Boxing				
Wrestling				
Skiing				
Judo				
Karate				
Bowling	x			
Soccer				
Volleyball			x	

Fort Carson, Colorado, conducted track and field on a meet level, fast pitch softball on a double elimination level, baseball on a round robin level, tennis on a single elimination level, handball on a single elimination level, squash on a single elimination level, touch football on a double elimination level, badminton on a single elimination level, basketball on a double elimination and round robin level, bowling on a meet level, and volleyball on a double elimination level.

TABLE XVI
FORT CARSON SPORTS FACILITIES

Facility	Yes	No	Number
Field House or Gym	x		2
Baseball Field	x		1
Softball Field	x		4
Football Stadium		x	
1/4 Mile Track	x		1
Handball Court	x		2
Squash Court	x		1
Tennis Court	x		4
Swimming Pool (outdoor)	x		1
Swimming Pool (indoor)	x		1
Weight Room	x		1
Volleyball Court	x		2
Soccer Field		x	
Horse Stable	x		1
Ski Trail or Run		x	
Golf Course (9 holes)	x		1
Golf Course (18 holes)		x	
Golf Driving Range	x		1
Miniature Golf		x	
Wrestling Room	x		1
Boxing Room	x		1
Bowling Lane	x		40
Indoor Track		x	
Touch Football Field	x		3

Fort Carson, Colorado, has the following sports facilities:

2 gymnasiums, 1 baseball field, 4 softball fields, one 1/4 mile track, 2 handball courts, 1 squash court, 4 tennis courts, 1 outdoor swimming pool, 1 indoor swimming pool, 1 weight room, 2 volleyball courts, 1 horse stable, 1 9-hole golf course, 1 golf driving range, 1 wrestling room, 1 boxing room, 40 bowling lanes, and 3 touch football fields.

TABLE XVII
 FORT CARSON NUMBER AND PER CENT OF PARTICIPANTS

Sport	Number of Participants	Per Cent of Participants
Track and Field	40	.2
Fast Pitch Softball	475	2.3
Slow Pitch Softball	0	
Baseball	90	.4
Physical Conditioning	0	
Golf	35	.2
Swimming and Diving	0	
Tennis	25	.2
Handball	28	.2
Squash	14	.1
Touch Football	380	2
Tackle Football	0	
Cross Country	0	
Badminton	0	
Basketball	520	2.3
Boxing	30	.2
Wrestling	24	.2
Skiing	0	
Judo	0	
Karate	0	
Bowling	275	1.7
Soccer	0	
Volleyball	775	4

Fort Carson, Colorado, had the following number and per cent of participants: track and field, 40 (.2%), fast pitch softball, 475 (2.3%), baseball, 90 (.4%), golf, 35 (.2%), tennis, 25 (.2%), handball, 28 (.2%), squash, 14 (.1%), touch football, 380 (2%), basketball, 520 (2.3%), boxing, 30 (.2%), wrestling, 24 (.2%), bowling, 275 (1.7%), and volleyball, 775 (4%).

TABLE XVIII
FORT LEONARD WOOD LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Sport	----- Levels of Competition -----					
	Platoon	Company	Battalion	Major Unit	Inter-Post	Out-side
Track and Field			x	x	x	x
Fast Pitch Softball		x			x	x
Slow Pitch Softball	x					
Baseball				x		
Physical Conditioning						
Golf			x	x		
Swimming and Diving			x	x		
Tennis			x	x		
Handball			x	x		
Squash			x	x		
Touch Football		x				
Tackle Football				x		
Cross Country				x		
Badminton				x		
Basketball		x		x	x	x
Boxing				x		
Wrestling				x		
Skating						
Judo						
Karate						
Bowling				x		
Soccer		x				
Volleyball		x	x			

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, participated in sports on the following levels: track and field-battalion, major unit, inter-post, and outside, fast pitch softball-company, inter-post, and outside, slow pitch softball-platoon, baseball-major unit, golf-battalion and major unit, swimming and diving-battalion and major unit, tennis-battalion and major unit, handball-battalion and major unit, squash-battalion and major unit, touch football-company, tackle football-major unit, cross country-major unit, badminton-major unit, basketball-company, major unit, and outside, boxing-major unit, wrestling-major unit, bowling-major unit, soccer-company, and volleyball-company and battalion.

TABLE XIX
FORT LEONARD WOOD TYPES OF TOURNAMENTS

Sports	Types of Tournaments				
	Meet	Single Elim.	Double Elim.	Round Robin	Other
Treck and Field	x				
Fast Pitch Softball			x	x	
Slow Pitch Softball			x	x	
Baseball				x	
Physical Conditioning					
Golf					Match
Swimming and Diving	x				
Tennis	x		x	x	
Handball			x		
Squash			x		
Touch Football			x	x	
Teckle Football				x	
Cross Country	x				
Badminton			x		
Basketball			x	x	
Boxing		x			
Wrestling		x			
Skiing					
Judo					
Karate					
Bowling			x	x	
Soccer			x	x	
Volleyball					x

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, participated in sports on the following levels: track and field-meet, fast pitch softball-double elimination and round robin, slow pitch softball-double elimination and round robin, baseball-round robin, golf-match, swimming and diving-meet, tennis-meet, double elimination and round robin, handball-double elimination, squash-double elimination, touch football-double elimination and round robin, teckle football-round robin, cross country-meet, badminton-double elimination, basketball-double elimination and round robin, boxing-single elimination, wrestling-single elimination, bowling-double elimination and round robin, soccer-double elimination and round robin, and volleyball-round robin.

TABLE XI
FORT LEONARD WOOD SPORTS FACILITIES

Facility	Yes	No	Number
Field House or Gym	x		3
Baseball Field	x		1
Softball Field	x		5
Football Stadium	x		1
1/4 Mile Track	x		1
Handball Court	x		9
Squash Court	x		9
Tennis Court	x		24
Swimming Pool (outdoor)	x		2
Swimming Pool (indoor)		x	
Weight Room	x		4
Volleyball Court	x		12
Soccer Field	x		5
Horse Stables	x		1
Ski Trail or Run		x	
Golf Course (9 holes)		x	
Golf Course (18 holes)	x		1
Golf Driving Range	x		1
Miniature Golf		x	
Wrestling Room	x		1
Boxing Room	x		1
Bowling Lanes	x		32
Indoor Track		x	
Touch Football Field	x		5

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, has the following sports facilities:

3 gymnasiums, 1 baseball field, 5 softball fields, 1 football stadium, 1 1/4-mile track, 9 handball courts, 9 squash courts, 24 tennis courts, 2 outdoor swimming pools, 4 weight rooms, 12 volleyball courts, 5 soccer fields, 1 horse stable, 1 18-hole golf course, 1 golf driving range, 1 wrestling room, 1 boxing room, 32 bowling lanes, and 5 touch football fields.

TABLE XXI

FORT LEONARD WOOD NUMBER AND PER CENT OF PARTICIPANTS

Sport	Number of Participants	Per Cent of Participants
Track and Field	300	.8
Fast Pitch Softball	1,800	5
Slow Pitch Softball	6,000	16
Baseball	1,800	5
Physical Conditioning	0	
Golf	3,600	9.6
Swimming and Diving	26,000	74
Tennis	3,200	8.8
Handball	2,100	5.3
Squash	1,200	3.2
Touch Football	1,800	5
Tackle Football	900	2.2
Cross Country	0	
Badminton	3,000	8
Basketball	7,200	11
Boxing	1,200	3.2
Wrestling	800	2
Skating	0	
Judo	0	
Karate	0	
Bowling	26,000	74
Soccer	18,000	51.2
Volleyball	7,200	11

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, had the following number and per cent of participants: track and field, 300 (.8%), fast pitch softball, 1,800 (5%), slow pitch softball, 6,000 (16%), baseball, 1,800 (5%), golf, 3,600 (9.6%), swimming and diving, 26,000 (74%), tennis, 3,200 (8.8%), handball, 2,100 (5.3%), squash, 1,200 (3.2%), touch football, 1,800 (5%), tackle football, 900 (2.2%), badminton, 3,000 (8%), basketball, 7,200 (11%), boxing, 1,200 (3.2%), wrestling, 800 (2%), bowling, 26,000 (74%), soccer, 1,800 (51.2%), and volleyball, 7,200 (11%).

TABLE XXII
FORT RILEY LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Sport	Levels of Competition					
	Platoon	Company	Battalion	Major Unit	Inter-Post	Out-side
Track and Field		x			x	
Fast Pitch Softball		x			x	x
Slow Pitch Softball	x	x				
Baseball			x			
Physical Conditioning		x	x			
Golf						
Swimming and Diving			x			
Tennis						
Handball						
Squash						
Touch Football		x	x			
Tackle Football				x		
Cross Country			x			
Badminton						
Basketball		x			x	x
Boxing			x		x	
Wrestling			x		x	
Skiing						
Judo						
Karate						
Bowling						
Soccer						
Volleyball		x				

Fort Riley, Kansas, participated in sports on the following levels: track and field-company and inter-post, fast pitch softball-company, inter-post and outside, slow pitch softball-platoon and company, baseball-battalion, physical conditioning-company and battalion, swimming and diving-battalion, touch football-company and battalion, tackle football-major unit, cross country-battalion, basketball-company, inter-post and outside, boxing-battalion, and inter-post, wrestling-battalion and inter-post, and volleyball-company.

TABLE XXIII
FORT RILEY TYPES OF TOURNAMENTS

Sports	Types of Tournaments				
	Meet	Single Elim.	Double Elim.	Round Robin	Other
Track and Field	x				
Fast Pitch Softball		x		x	
Slow Pitch Softball			x		
Baseball				x	
Physical Conditioning	x				
Golf					
Swimming and Diving	x				
Tennis					
Handball					
Squash					
Touch Football			x		
Tackle Football				x	
Cross Country	x				
Badminton					
Basketball			x		
Boxing					Smoker
Wrestling		x			
Skiing					
Judo					
Karate					
Bowling					
Soccer					
Volleyball			x		

Fort Riley, Kansas, participated in sports on the following levels: track and field-meet, fast pitch softball-single elimination and round robin, slow pitch softball-double elimination, baseball-round robin, physical conditioning-meet, swimming and diving-meet, touch football-double elimination, tackle football-round robin, cross country-meet, basketball-double elimination, boxing-smoker, wrestling-single elimination, and volleyball-double elimination.

TABLE XXIV
FORT RILEY SPORTS FACILITIES

Facility	Yes	No	Number
Field House or Gym	x		5
Baseball Field	x		2
Softball Field	x		56
Football Stadium	x		2
1/4 Mile Track	x		1
Handball Court	x		4
Squash Court	x		2
Tennis Court	x		7
Swimming Pool (outdoor)	x		4
Swimming Pool (indoor)		x	
Weight Room	x		4
Volleyball Court	x		10
Soccer Field	x		3
Horse Stable		x	
Ski Trail or Run		x	
Golf Course (9 holes)	x		1
Golf Course (18 holes)		x	
Golf Driving Range	x		1
Miniature Golf		x	
Wrestling Room	x		3
Boxing Room	x		1
Bowling Lane	x		40
Indoor Track		x	
Touch Football Field	x		8

Fort Riley, Kansas, had the following sports facilities: 5 gymnasiums, 2 baseball fields, 56 softball fields, 2 football stadiums, 1 1/4-mile track, 4 handball courts, 2 squash courts, 7 tennis courts, 4 outdoor swimming pools, 4 weight rooms, 10 volleyball courts, 3 soccer fields, 1 9-hole golf course, 1 golf driving range, 3 wrestling rooms, 1 boxing room, 40 bowling lanes, and 8 touch football fields.

TABLE XXV
FORT RILEY NUMBER AND PER CENT OF PARTICIPANTS

Sport	Number of Participants	Per Cent of Participants
Track and Field	38	.2
Fast Pitch Softball	510	6.5
Slow Pitch Softball	635	7.8
Baseball	140	1.7
Physical Conditioning	75	1
Golf	0	
Swimming and Diving	0	
Tennis	0	
Handball	0	
Squash	0	
Touch Football	168	1.7
Tackle Football	80	1
Cross Country	0	
Badminton	0	
Basketball	80	1
Boxing	18	.2
Wrestling	18	.2
Skiing	0	
Judo	0	
Karate	0	
Bowling	96	1
Soccer	0	
Volleyball	200	2.2

Fort Riley, Kansas, had the following number and per cent of participants: track and field, 38 (.2%), fast pitch softball, 510 (6.5%), slow pitch softball, 635 (7.8%), baseball, 140 (1.7%), physical conditioning, 75 (1%), touch football, 168 (1.7%), tackle football, 80 (1%), basketball, 80 (1%), boxing, 18 (.2%), wrestling, 18 (.2%), bowling, 96 (1%), and volleyball, 200 (2.2%).

TABLE XXVI
 ADMINISTRATIVE HELP, GYMNASIUM PERSONNEL, AND SUPPLY PERSONNEL

	Administrative Help	Gymnasium Personnel	Supply Personnel
Fort Carson	4	2	2
Fort Riley	4	0	1
Fort Leonard Wood	7	9	4
Fort Benjamin Harrison	4	4	1
Fort Leavenworth	9	0	3
Fort Sheridan	0	2	0

Fort Carson, Colorado, had 4 administrative assistants, 2 gymnasium managers, and 2 supply personnel. Fort Riley, Kansas, had 4 administrative assistants, 0 gymnasium managers, and 1 supply employee. Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, has 7 administrative assistants, 9 gymnasium managers, and 4 supply personnel. Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, had 4 administrative assistants, 4 gymnasium managers, and 1 supply employee. Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, had 9 administrative assistants, no gymnasium managers, and 3 supply personnel. Fort Sheridan, Illinois, had no administrative assistants, 2 gymnasium managers, and no supply personnel.

TABLE XXVII
TOTAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR

Post	Total Budget
Fort Leonard Wood	\$ 236,000
Fort Riley	\$ 112,000
Fort Carson	\$ 75,000
Fort Leavenworth	\$ 55,000
Fort Sheridan	\$ 44,000
Fort Benjamin Harrison	\$ 20,000

Fort Carson had a total budget of \$75,000. Fort Riley had a total budget of \$112,000. Fort Leonard Wood had a total budget of \$236,000. Fort Benjamin Harrison had a total budget of \$20,000. Fort Leavenworth had a total budget of \$55,000. Fort Sheridan had a total budget of \$44,000.

SUMMARY

Army Special Services, of which sports is a division, formally came into being in 1942, although recreational activities in the Army can be traced back to the Civil War. Special Services includes the Entertainment Division, the Arts and Crafts Division, the Library Division, the Service Club Division, the Theater Division, and the Sports Division.

The sports program has three phases: instructional, self-organized, and competitive. The mission of the sports program is to give all military personnel an opportunity to participate in a sport of his or her choice during off-duty hours.

Fort Carson, Colorado, Fort Riley, Kansas, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, comprised the Fifth United States Army area. The Fifth United States Army conducted championships in various sports each year.

The following factors had an influence on an Army installation sports program: training commitments, troop movements, and command support.

A survey questionnaire was sent to the six installations comprising the Fifth United States Army area. One hundred per cent of the questionnaires were returned. Interviews were also conducted with Mr. Tom McCann, Fifth Army Athletic Director, and Mr. Frank Brungardt, Fort Riley, Kansas.

The population of the posts were as follows:

Fort Leonard Wood	- 35,000 troops
Fort Carson	- 20,000 troops

Fort Riley	- 8,000 troops
Fort Benjamin Harrison	- 6,200 troops
Fort Leavenworth	- 3,000 troops
Fort Sheridan	- 2,000 troops

The most extensive sports program proved to be at Fort Leonard Wood, where seventeen different sports were conducted. The other posts' programs ranged from ten to sixteen sports.

All of the posts concentrated primarily on the small units for competition. This was mostly on the company level, with three posts participating in slow pitch softball on a platoon level. Sports were also conducted on battalion, major unit, instructional, inter-post, and outside level. Individual sports were the only ones conducted on an instructional level. Softball, track and field, boxing, wrestling, basketball and volleyball were conducted on the Fifth Army level, with championships held for men and women at various installations in the area.

Sports were conducted on various tournament levels, the most prominent being the round robin level. Other types of tournaments were: meet, double elimination, single elimination, challenge and boxing smoker.

All of the installations showed extensive sports facilities. The facilities in order of prominence and apparent importance were: bowling lanes, followed by softball fields. Four installations had horse stables, and two had ski runs. All had nine hole golf courses, with Fort Leonard Wood also having an eighteen hole course.

The number of participants and the per cent participating in each sport were both very low. The highest per cent of participants in all sports was at Fort Leavenworth. The lowest per cent was at Fort Carson.

Fort Leonard Wood had the highest number of participants, and Fort Sheridan had the lowest number of participants.

All of the posts had civilian administrative assistants except Fort Sheridan. They ranged in number from nine at Fort Leavenworth to four at Fort Riley and Fort Carson.

All of the posts had civilian gymnasium managers except Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth. The number ranged from nine at Fort Leonard Wood to two at Fort Carson.

All of the posts except Fort Sheridan had civilian employees working in their supply section. The number of employees ranged from four at Fort Leonard Wood to one at Fort Riley and Fort Benjamin Harrison.

The total sports budgets for the current fiscal year in order of highest to lowest at each post were as follows:

Fort Leonard Wood	- \$236,000
Fort Riley	- \$112,000
Fort Carson	- \$ 75,000
Fort Leavenworth	- \$ 55,000
Fort Sheridan	- \$ 44,000
Fort Benjamin Harrison	- \$ 20,000

CONCLUSIONS

The following conclusions, based on this study were made concerning the Fifth United States Army Sports Program.

1. Army Special Services was first organized in March 1942.
2. Civilians administer the sports programs in the Fifth Army area.
3. The Army seeks to have maximum participation in all sports.
4. The mission of the Army sports program is to improve the individual's skills and abilities.
5. Almost every possible type of tournament is conducted in Fifth Army sports.
6. Fifth Army sports facilities are very extensive, providing for most popular sports.
7. Training commitments, troop movements, and command support, have a bearing on participation in the Fifth Army sports program.
8. The sports budgets at the various installations were also very high, ranging from \$236,000 at Fort Leonard Wood, to \$20,000 at Fort Benjamin Harrison.
9. The total number of sports at Fifth Army installations ranged from seventeen at Fort Leonard Wood to ten at Fort Sheridan.
10. The Fifth Army conducts championships in softball, basketball, track and field, boxing, wrestling, and volleyball.
11. Sports officials for organized sports were provided by the installations.

12. Fifth Army championships were conducted at various posts in the area.

13. The sports program was the best known of all the Special Services programs.

14. Sports were also conducted on a self-organized level.

15. All the posts but one had civilians administering their supply programs.

16. An average of \$3.50 per man per year at the minimum, was allocated for the intramural program.

17. It is possible that this study may be used by athletic directors in any Army area as a guide and as a basis for improvement in their own programs.

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APPENDIX A

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please check the type of tournament conducted for each sport.

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>TYPE OF TOURNAMENT</u>					
	<u>Meet</u>	<u>Single Elim.</u>	<u>Double Elim.</u>	<u>Round Robin</u>	<u>Challenge</u>	<u>Other</u>
Track and Field	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fast Pitch Softball	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Slow Pitch Softball	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Baseball	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Physical Conditioning	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Golf	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Swimming and Diving	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tennis	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Handball	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Squash	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Touch Football	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Teckle Football	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cross Country	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Badminton	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Basketball	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Boxing	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wrestling	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Skating	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Judo	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Karate	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Bowling	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Soccer	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other (please name)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please list the number of sports facilities which are presently provided by your department.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No.</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No.</u>
Field House or Gym	_____	_____	_____	Soccer Field	_____	_____	_____
Baseball Field	_____	_____	_____	Horse Stable	_____	_____	_____
Softball Field	_____	_____	_____	Ski Trail or Run	_____	_____	_____
Football Stadium	_____	_____	_____	Golf Course (9 holes)	_____	_____	_____
1/4 Mile Track	_____	_____	_____	Golf Course (18 holes)	_____	_____	_____
Handball Court	_____	_____	_____	Golf Driving Range	_____	_____	_____
Squash Court	_____	_____	_____	Miniature Golf	_____	_____	_____
Tennis Court (outdoor)	_____	_____	_____	Wrestling Room	_____	_____	_____
Swimming Pool (outdoor)	_____	_____	_____	Boxing Room	_____	_____	_____
Swimming Pool (indoor)	_____	_____	_____	Bowling Lane	_____	_____	_____
Weight Room	_____	_____	_____	Indoor Track	_____	_____	_____
Volleyball Court	_____	_____	_____	Touch Football Field	_____	_____	_____

Please estimate the total number of participants for the past year in each team or individual sport conducted by your department. This will not include daily informal or unorganized participation.

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
Track and Field	_____
Fast Pitch Softball	_____
Slow Pitch Softball	_____
Baseball	_____
Physical Conditioning	_____
Golf	_____
Swimming and Diving	_____
Tennis	_____
Handball	_____
Squash	_____
Touch Football	_____
Tackle Football	_____
Cross Country	_____
Badminton	_____
Basketball	_____
Boxing	_____
Wrestling	_____
Skiing	_____
Judo	_____
Karate	_____
Bowling	_____
Soccer	_____
Other (please name)	_____

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. Please estimate how many troops are stationed at your post?

2. How many civilians do you have that assist you in organizing and administering your program (as opposed to a gym manager or supply clerk)?

3. What is the approximate total of your sports budget for the present fiscal year?

4. Do you have civilians operating or managing your gyms? _____

How many? _____

5. Do you have civilian personnel working in your supply section?

_____ How many? _____

A STUDY OF THE FIFTH
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Although recreational activities in the Army can be traced as far back as the Civil War, the term "Special Services" was not officially used until 1942. At this time the Special Services Division became a separate administrative service.

The mission of the Army sports program was to give all military personnel an opportunity to participate in a sport of his or her choice during off-duty hours. The sports program did not replace, but supplemented the military training program. The sports program had three phases: instructional, self-organized, and competitive.

The purpose of this report was to determine the content, administration and organization of the Fifth United States Army Sports Program. The following installations composed the Fifth United States Army Area: Fort Carson, Colorado; Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Sheridan, Illinois; and Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

A four page questionnaire was constructed to inquire about the sports offered at each installation, the level of competition, the number of participants, the type of tournament or meet for each sport, the number of type of facilities, and questions were asked regarding the operation of the program.

Interviews with Mr. Tom McCann, Fifth Army Sports Director, and Mr. Frank Brungerdt, Fort Riley Sports Director, revealed that there are factors peculiar to the Army that can influence an Army sports program. They were training commitments, troop movements, and command support.

The most extensive sports program proved to be at Fort Leonard Wood, the largest post, where seventeen different sports were conducted.

All of the posts concentrated on the small units for competition. This was mostly on the company level, with a few sports conducted on the platoon level. Sports were also conducted on battalion, major unit, instructional, inter-post, and outside levels. Individual sports were the only ones conducted on an instructional level. Softball, track and field, boxing, wrestling, basketball and volleyball were conducted on the Fifth Army Level, with championships held for men and women at various installations in the area each year.

The following types of tournaments were conducted: round robin, single elimination, double elimination, challenge, meet, and a boxing smoker. On the team level, the round robin type tournament was the most prominent. For individual competition the most common tournaments were single and double elimination.

All of the installations had extensive facilities. The most numerous facility was bowling lanes, followed by softball fields. Four installations had horse stables, and two had ski runs.

The number of participants was very low, in relation to the number of troops at each post.

All of the posts had civilian administrative assistants except Fort Sheridan. Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth were the only posts that did not have civilian gymnasium managers. Fort Sheridan was the only post that did not have civilians working in their supply section.

The total sports budgets for the current fiscal year at each post were as follows:

Fort Leonard Wood	- \$236,000
Fort Riley	- \$112,000

Fort Carson	- \$ 75,000
Fort Leavenworth	- \$ 55,000
Fort Sheridan	- \$ 44,000
Fort Benjamin Harrison	- \$ 20,000