

Why Do Some Men Fight When Others Quit? Army Study Of Korean Vets Gives Answer

Washington—The fighting heart of a first-rate combat infantryman is backed up by a lively brain and stable emotions, a U. S. psychological study reveals.

The Human Resources Research Office of George Washington University, working under Army contract, has given the lie to the popular conception that brawn, not brains, is what counts on the field of battle.

A study of personality characteristics of 310 infantrymen fresh from the line in Korea shows that fighters,

when compared with non-fighters, are more intelligent, more stable emotionally, and have a higher degree of social responsibility.

In addition, the men who acquitted themselves well under enemy fire showed greater leadership potential and more masculine toughness.

There was nothing haphazard about the way the researchers went about locating 165 men with good combat records and 145 "ineffective fighters" for their test groups.

A research team went to Korea in

the summer of 1953 and interviewed 647 members of the Second, Seventh, and 45th Infantry divisions. All had seen action in the Christmas Hill, Kumba Valley and Porkchop areas and knew the difference between a fighter and what the researchers dub "non-fighters."

Out of the pooled experiences of these reliable eye-witnesses emerged the names of men finally selected for testing of abilities, interests and personality.

On intelligence ratings alone, the soldiers who were in there firing when the enemy was advancing had an average score 14 points higher than the non-fighters. They scored considerably higher also on tests designed to measure how much military information they had retained from basic training.

Results of seven tests used to measure emotional stability showed the typical fighter to be a healthy, well-adjusted person. The typical non-fighter tends to be depressed, worries about his health and exaggerates any symptoms he may have.

As a social human being, the fighter is concerned about the welfare of his fellow citizens as well as his own family. He demonstrates a greater interest in such subjects as national preparedness and reducing death by accident and disease and is tolerant of other people's beliefs.

On both leadership and masculine toughness, the good combat infantryman—to the surprise of no one—scored high. In addition, he was shown to be more poised, spontaneous, independent, sociable, adaptive and resourceful.

In short, the same kind of man who helped put through the new school bond issue would be a mighty handy fellow to have around when the enemy fire is heaviest.

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Columbia—Alvonna Allen Alexander.
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Woodland—Mrs. Sara Ellen Skiles.
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Tyner—Sarah White.

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Elizabeth City—Doris Spencer.
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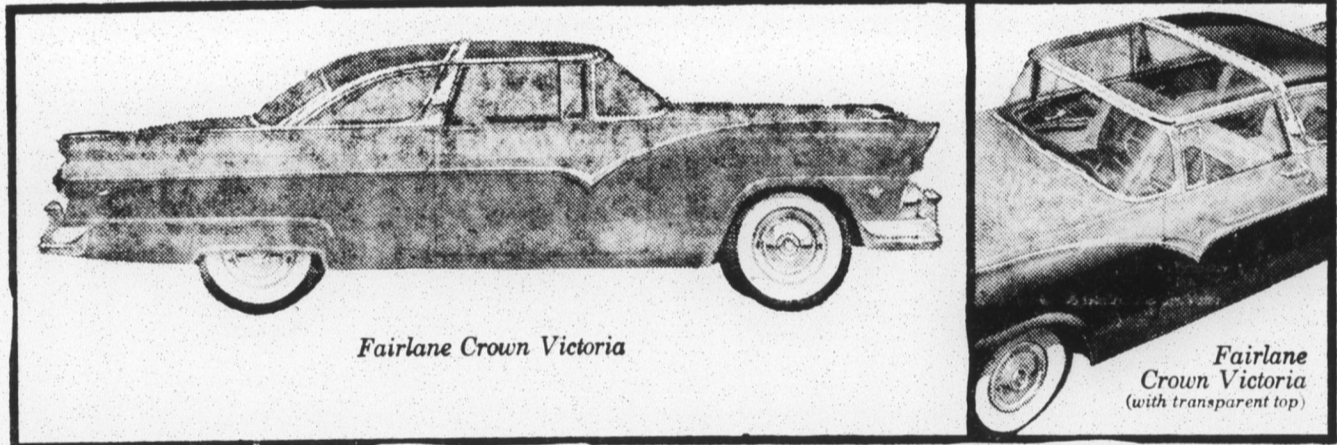
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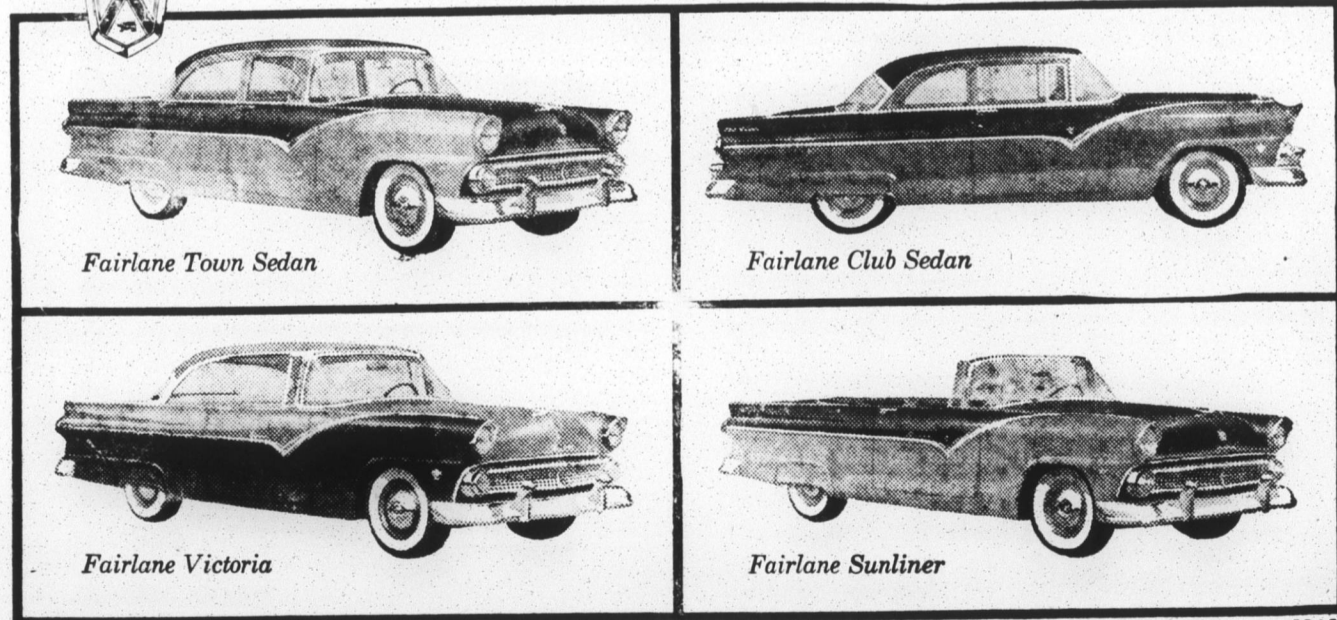


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