

Q-132 You can't help yourself?

A- Can't help myself.

-BY THE COURT:

Q-133 In detention you say you passed out. Was that as a result of this feeling of wanting to get away and not being able to, is that why you passed out?

A- I was just sitting on my bunk, sir, and thinking, and thinking I wanted to get out, and knew I couldn't get out.

Q-134 If you had been able to get out is that the time you would have gone, do you think?

A- I very likely would have, sir, I think. I am not trying to deny any charges that are against me, as the evidence shows I am guilty; but I did not intend desertion, as I would have come back myself in time. I would like to show that I cannot help myself in this respect. I am different from other people I know, and I have always been ashamed to admit it to anyone. I don't know whether I am just queer, but I have always had strong impulses to do things I know afterwards I should not have done, and am sorry for; but I just can't help myself. Several times under these spells or impulses I have attempted to take my own life. In civilian life I could never hold a job. I was the same in school; I would get strappings for being absent, but as much as I was afraid of the punishment, I would get the feeling that I must go.