

confessions of repatriated prisoners who used this means to convince their captors permanent disability for further service. Under other circumstances, such confessions would be impossible to obtain, as they redound to the patient's discredit.

*Perseverating Pseudomotivity.* It is a very delicate task to persuade these patients that though they originally had justification for their manifestations, the physical states which caused them have long since ceased, and their present manifestations are illegitimate, and to enlist their aid in the restoration of their own health.

*Influences Adverse to the Cure and Welfare of these Men.* The policy of the army towards functional nervous diseases, and of the country towards causes of cerebral commotion, and the pernicious effect of popular articles on shell shock combine to interfere with the soldiers' recover, and even encourage him in efforts to remain ill.

*The Mechanism of Some Fear States.* Most people become inured to accustomed dangers because they feel they are not apt to happen to them. This same wise direction of the imagination very soon lessens the soldier's first fears. Few men feel that an impending battle is to be their last. In cases of desperate enterprise where the men face the chance of almost certain death other motives such as a high sense of duty, fear of seeming afraid, desire for glory, or belief in luck remove fear. Collective suggestion, which depends largely upon the officers, is a most important factor in keeping up the courage of troops. When a man does not respond to this influence the neurologist tries to explain to him that he really has no legitimate excuse for not going into battle, and is mistaken in the motivation of his illness. If he is rational this suffices. Some men are reached more easily by persuasion, and some can be touched only by the certainty of disagreeable effects. There is more than a suspicion of dishonesty in some of these latter patients, but it is wiser for the physician not to expose the patient's guilty motives because they must be able to hold up their heads among their companions.

It must not be forgotten that many men flinch morally because they are suffering from a reduction of the resiliency of the organism, which prevents them responding to a difficulty which they could normally submit with ease. The greatest attention should be paid in the beginning of cases to the milder functional incapacities of circulation, internal secretions, metabolism, and neurone reaction. Even disorders of the associational systems may be dependent upon purely physical functional disorders. It is only through attention to details of mental examination