

Q-127 In other words, you feel that it is something that draws you away that you have no control over yourself, is that it?

A- Yes, sir; it just seems that something drives me, or just the way I am, that is all, sir.

Q-128 You can't help yourself?

A- Can't help myself.

---BY THE COURT:

Q-129 In detention you say you passed out. Was that as a result of that 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-130 If you had been able to get out is that the time you would have gone, do you think?

A- Yes, very likely would have, sir, I think.

---THE WITNESS: I would like to make the following statement, sir: 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 it is my nerves, as my folks always said, or 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.