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the responsibility of providing for himself and weaker ones who might be dependent upon him, food, clothing and shelter, including the decent comforts of a home according to his station in life. The moment he dons the uniform he is relieved of all such responsibility. The government contracts to provide everything: food, clothing, shelter, medical attention, support for those dependent upon him and funeral expenses if necessary. But these responsibilities are primal and form the incentive for nearly all the world's activity. In fact, it is a safe assertion that in normal peace times the desire for, or necessity of, providing the above requisites, drives nine-tenths of the world's population to its daily occupation. Not only does it drive them to work, but it keeps them there until quitting time, whether the day be eight hours long or eighteen.

Now just as no sane citizen will concern himself over the supply of air to the county or town in which he lives, so no normal soldier will waste his time thinking over the provision of requirements, the supply of which is already fully and adequately guaranteed.

The first important effect of military training then, is that the mind, often in its most formative or receptive state, is habituated, through a period of from one to four years, to neglect, or, rather, to eliminate certain processes of thinking, which in civilian life are primary, basic and vitally necessary.

Restricted Use of The Initiative

Quite as important as a detrimental influence of military training on the man who must again enter the labour market, is what may be termed the re-