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# FIGHTING MORALE

PSYCHOLOGY NOW PLAYS ITS PART IN ARMY TRAINING.

Morale is one of the most important factors in the efficient functioning of an army and, in training the soldier, morale is included under the general heading of psychology.

The study of types is practically inexhaustible, but for the purpose of this subject it may be accepted that are three main psychological differentiations in mankind; there is the type which may be termed "muscular" (the moving and doing kind), with physical strength an outstanding characteristic, not highly emotional, nor very intellectual. This type comes to the army from various civilian occupations—they may have been iron-workers, builders, navvies, stevedores, etc.



"Come back? What! and get a bashing? Not ruddy likely! — I know when I'm safe!"

—"Daily Mirror."

Then there is the "intellectual" type, interested in facts and figures, not always exceptionally well developed physically (although training can quickly do much to remedy this), probably coming from a profession—Law, Medicine, Accountancy, Science of one kind or another, etc. These usually are not particularly emotional people.

Finally, there is the emotional type, and the civilian occupations which contain most of these are the theatrical and allied professions, politics, etc., or they may have been quite successful commercial travellers.

These three classifications give only the "pure" types, and in between each of them are an infinite number of mixtures of the basic types, with predominance of one feature or another—and the army has to deal with them all and be in a position to foretell how they will act, when they are trained, both as individuals or en masse, in given circumstances.

In the army of the past, the physical and emotional characteristics of the men were considered most important. It is quite obvious that a soldier should be fit and strong, of course, and in the days of physical combat, with sword against sword, bayonet against bayonet, charges, etc., certain ferocity was considered advisable. In very old text books it was even stated that "when the order to charge is given bugles shall be blown, drums shall be beaten, and the men should cheer loudly."

To-day, however, while the soldier still needs to be fit, his intellect is the next important feature to be trained. Generally he will have control of some form of mechanization, and for this he requires a knowledge of how best to use his instrument of warfare, and a cool, calm, calculating brain when he is in action.

The most necessary result to be attained in army training is a degree of automatism, but this word must not be confused with the popular conception of an unthinking robot. It is used in its deeper and fundamental meaning: "Auto"—self; "matic"—acting.

This is the reason for what is so often considered excessive and monotonous drill of one kind or another; visual and aural instruction both have to play their part, also. For instance, for most people it is not sufficient to hear that a machine gun is loaded in such and such a way.

There is much more chance that

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