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Fear of Insanity Cause of Rejection of Numerous Men In Army.

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Brain Specialists Are Carefully Scrutinizing Every Trooper For Signs of Mental Disease—Weeding Them Out.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. From one and one half to fifty per cent of all American troops that have examined have been discharged because war service abroad probably would drive them insane.

That statement is made on the authority of Major Pearce Bailey, medical reserve corps. Disclosure in these figures today show the first concrete result of Surgeon General Gorgas' determination to weed out the potentially insane from American fighting forces before they get into action.

Two hundred neurological brain specialists are carefully examining every trooper for signs of mental disease which would drive him to sane in action, but which ordinary medical examiners would overlook.

Among British troops where the forehanded weeding out was not done, Major Bailey declared, one seventh of all discharges are due to mental or nervous disorders.

The diseases for which these sanity specialists look include mental defects, epilepsy, psychopathic personality, potential insanity and generally diseased condition of the central nervous system.

Many of these borderland cases Bailey said, were passed by examinations just before the men sailed for France:

"By such preparatory methods," said Major Bailey, the army is now developing from of the hurried professional training, who, when the war, will go back to their civil employments far more competent than when they left them.

General Gorgas was led to establish these examinations, Major Bailey said, because statistics showed three out of every thousand soldiers go insane at home in peace time, six to seven at every thousand in war service at home and on mobilization, though larger number among troops serving in foreign land.

German insanity on the Russian campaign Major Bailey said, reached fifty men per thousand.

Fears were, he added, more than 1,000 cases of insanity among the Japanese troops at the siege of Port Arthur.

"There is a large class of people," said Major Bailey, who will be in under the [illegible] of modern warfare. By keeping them out the army [illegible] greater power and [illegible] personnel [illegible] expense and trouble."

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