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THE MEASUREMENT AND UTILIZATION OF BRAIN POWER IN THE ARMY¹

History of Psychological Service.—The psychologists of America, of whom upward of two hundred served in the Army or Navy, have rendered conspicuously important assistance to the government in organizing an efficient fighting machine. Chief among the civilian agencies responsible for the development of this new and unexpectedly significant variety of service are the American Psychological Association and the Psychology Committee of the National Research Council. Nearly a score of committees or subcommittees of these organizations functioned during the military emergency.

Within the Army three principal groups of psychologists appear: one attached to the Office of The Adjutant General of the Army (specifically known as the Committee on Classification of Personnel in the Army), another in the Office of the Surgeon General of the Army (known as the Division of Psychology of the Medical Department), and a third in the Division of Military Aeronautics (the Psychological Section of the Medical Research Board). Although the several tasks of these groups of psychologists differed markedly, the primary purpose of each was the increase of military efficiency through improved placement with respect alike to occupational and mental classifications.

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