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Confronting “Shell Shock”: The American Experience during World War I

During World War I, war-related psychological trauma was considered a new manifestation of psychiatric breakdown. American military medicine was challenged by establishing an entirely new medical specialty while treating the stricken service member and assuring an anxious public back home. Explore American psychiatrists’ understanding of “shell shock” and what lessons they did – or did not – learn from their experience.



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