

TABLE 3.—GRADING OF SHOCK*

Degree of Shock	Blood Pressure (approx.)	Pulse Quality	Skin			Thirst	Mental State
			Temperature	Color	Circulation (response to pressure, blanching)		
None	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Clear and distressed.
Slight	Decreased 20% or less	Normal	Cool	Pale	Definite slowing	Normal	Clear and distressed.
Moderate	Decreased 20 to 40%	Definite decrease in volume	Cool	Pale	Definite slowing	Definite	Clear and some apathy unless stimulated.
Severe	Decreased 40% to non- recordable	Weak to im- perceptible	Cold	Ashen to cyanotic (mot- tling)	Very sluggish	Severe	Apathetic to coma- tose; little distress except thirst.

* It will be observed that sweating, nausea, and vomiting are not included, although these criteria were frequently referred to in World War I reports. In the Board's experience they were found to be uncommon and of no value in estimating the extent of shock. They are probably more closely related to psychologic factors, to the nature of the wound, or to reaction to morphine

than they are to shock. The pulse rate can be influenced by too many unimportant factors to have value in estimating degree of shock; pulse quality, however, is important. The last three columns of the table include items not ordinarily considered in evaluating a patient's condition; since we found them useful, they are included.