

LOCAL WAR MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION.

Sir Whitworth Wallis.

HONORARY ADVISERS.

Firearms—Captain Pollard.

Medals—Sir Arthur Evans.

Models—Charles Ricketts, Esq.

Folklore—Edward Lovett, Esq.

Art—Robert Ross, Esq. (Trustee, National Gallery of British Art).

Temporary office accommodation has been obtained for the Secretariat and Library in the Office of Works building, Great George Street, and the other sections are housed at No. 9 Queen Anne's Gate. The War Trophies Store is at 149 Lupus Street, S.W. 1.

The Committee have laid down that all male members of the Staff should be over military age, and wherever possible that they should have served in some branch of His Majesty's Forces before taking up an appointment on the staff of the Imperial War Museum.

The Staff of the Museum has worked with great assiduity and smoothness under the direction of Lieutenant Charles Foulkes, who has manifested unflagging energy and organizing-capacity, to which much of the credit for the results thus far attained must be ascribed.

MARTIN CONWAY,
Director-General.

April, 1918.

REPORTS OF SECTIONS.

War Trophies.

The Lords of the Admiralty, acting on the advice of the Sub-Committee of the Imperial War Museum, appointed by them to deal with Naval matters, have issued instructions pending the acquisition of a central Naval Trophies store, that all Naval trophies shall be collected in the several stores, harbours, and dockyards for transmission to the Imperial War Museum as occasion arises. The several Naval stations are visited periodically by Commander Orme-Webb, who has given his services gratuitously.

Among the interesting Naval trophies handed over to the Museum may be noted the following: The wheel and binnacle of H.M.S. "Arethusa"; the locker of H.M.S. "Good Hope"; the Carley float of H.M.S. "Hampshire"; lifebuoys of H.M.S. "Hogue," "Cressy," and the "Lusitania" (the latter presented by L. Sharpe, Esq.); trophies from German submarines U.C. 5, 42, 55, from the "Emden," and from the Naval Forces in the Cameroons; and the racing prizes and Visitors' Book of Herr Krupp's yacht the "Germania." Among written records may be noted the wireless log of H.M. drifter "Floandi," which bears the mark of the bullet which killed its heroic writer.

The War Office has appointed the War Trophies Committee as Sub-Committee for the Imperial War Museum, and has issued instructions that the Imperial War Museum shall have the first choice of all trophies connected with the several fronts. A store has been taken at G.H.Q. for the collection of trophies in France, and these are despatched from time to time as occasion allows. Major-General Donald has been appointed Inspector of War Trophies, and has a small but efficient staff, which includes Major Beekles Willson, Captain Knight, and Lieutenant Adrian Hill, who are achieving very satisfactory results. Store premises have been taken for war trophies at 149 Lupus Street, Pimlico, where there is accommodation for a large number of small exhibits, but at present there is no ground-space available for heavy guns.

War trophies acquired up to the present include Army and corps flags, a large number of trench signboards (amongst which is the historical "On ne passe pas," from Verdun), examples of camouflage, and a representative collection of guns, trench-mortars, arms, armour, and equipments. A series of Ordres du jour, signed by Generals Joffre and Pétain, are among the valued records of our co-operation with the French on the western front. Relief maps and models of certain aspects of the front and of war conditions at home are being prepared by Lieutenant Wilcoxson, R.F.A., who has been released from the Special Works School for this purpose.

The medical exhibits are being dealt with by Major Brereton, who is collecting enemy medical exhibits, and is supervising the making of models to illustrate the work of the R.A.M.C. in France. Interesting exhibits in this section are a German dispensary wagon, dated 1863, which was used in the war between Germany and Austria, and captured recently on the Somme, a Mercedes car, presented to the Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross and Order of St. John by H.M. Queen Alexandra, and the ambulance from Verdun, presented by the British Committee of the Service de Santé Militaire.

Trophies from the Air Services are being collected by the Committee formed by the Air Ministry, and much interesting material, consisting of entire machines, portions of enemy machines and aircraft, and technical exhibits has already been collected. Accommodation has been taken for storing the exhibits in London. These include famous machines from the Jutland Battle, and others of historic interest, trophies from the enemy airships, L. 15 (brought down in the Thames), L. 33 (brought down at Cuffley), and from Gotha aeroplanes brought down in England, besides a large number of British exhibits of important technical interest.

The Ministry of Munitions will deposit a representative collection of munitions of war when the Museum takes definite shape.

Library.

The library contains over 7,000 items, of which about 5,500 are gifts and about 2,000 purchases. These include books, pamphlets, documents, paper money, war-tokens, postage-stamps,