## ANTERIOR TIBIAL REGION

however, and reflect it laterally and medially. In the upper part of the leg it will be found closely adherent to the subjacent muscles; where this is the case do not remove the fascia. Note that it becomes continuous with the periosteum of the tibia and that laterally a sheet extends from its deeper surface to be attached to the fibula, the *anterior intermuscular septum*. Dissect away also the dorsal fascia of the foot, being careful not to injure the cutaneous nerves already exposed. Examine the

> Tibialis anterior Extensor digitorum longus Peroneus tertius Extensor hallucis longus.

Clean away the crural fascia from over the peroneal muscles, retaining, however, the superior peroneal retinaculum. Note the *posterior intermuscular septum* and examine the

Peroneus longus. Follow the tendon to the lateral surface of the cuboid. Its furthur course will be traced later. Peroneus brevis.

Separate the tibialis anterior and the extensor digitorum longus and examine the

Anterior tibial artery

Anterior tibial recurrent

Lateral anterior malleolar

Medial anterior malleolar

Deep peroneal (Anterior tibial) nerve.

Trace the artery and nerve upon the dorsum of the foot. The artery becomes the

Dorsalis pedis

Lateral tarsal artery

Medial tarsal arteries

Arcuate (Metatarsal) artery

Second to fourth dorsal metatarsal (interosseous arteries

Digital branches

First dorsal metatarsal (interosseous) artery

Digital branches

Deep plantar (Communicating) branch.