

THE CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM OF THE BRITISH
MEDICAL HISTORY COMMITTEE FOR THE COL-
LECTION OF WAR SPECIMENS.

The revised Memorandum issued by the British War Office, at the instance of the Medical History Committee, upon the preservation and disposal of War Specimens has reached us through the courtesy of Dr. Arthur Keith, Curator of the Royal College of Surgeons. It is accompanied by a letter addressed to "*The General Officer Commanding Abroad Commands at Home*", and bearing the signature "*M. W. Russell, Surgeon General for the Director General, Army Medical Service*", which requests that the instructions given therein "be brought to the notice of the Officers in Charge of all Military and Territorial Hospitals, and Civil Hospitals admitting Military Patients, in your Command, in order that suitable arrangements may be made for the selection of specimens and their despatch to *The Medical History Committee, Royal College of Surgeons of England, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W. C.* Officers should be encouraged to send specimens of the nature mentioned in the annexed Memorandum."

An examination of the Memorandum shows that the directions given therein follow closely the principles laid down in an article on "The Preservation of War Material" by Lt.-Col. J. G. Adami, (A. D. M. S. for the Canadian Forces Abroad,) and E. L. Judah, published in the last number of this Bulletin. We would here draw attention to the further communication by E. L. Judah upon the same subject, on page 21 of this issue, which gives a summary of the technique practicable in War, and supplies a commentary upon such points in the Circular Memorandum as the author considers might be improved upon. This criticism is especially useful in regard to the care of bone specimens. In