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LETTERS

from

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SOCIETIES

DEANS OF THE MEDICAL COLLEGES OF CLASS A

and from

EMINENT PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

of the

UNITED STATES

MAKING AN APPEAL TO CONGRESS

for an

APPROPRIATION TO BE APPLIED TO THE

BUILDING AND EQUIPPING OF THE PROPOSED

NEW

ARMY MEDICAL MUSEUM

WASHINGTON D.C.

MAY 1918.

University of California

Medical School

Office of the Dean

Second and Parnassus Avenues
San Francisco, Cal.

April 22, 1918.

From: Herbert C. Moffitt, Dean
University of California Medical School,

To: Major R. W. Shufeldt, M.R.C., U.S.Army,

Subject: Importance of an Army Medical Museum.

1. A meeting of our Faculty will be held next week to pass a formal resolution on the subject mentioned in your letter of March 23rd.

2. Meanwhile, let me express my personal opinion of the great importance of the development of the Army Museum. I have always endeavored to emphasize the importance of museum establishment in Medical Schools, and the great benefits that come to teaching, from the proper use of museum material.

Signed: Herbert C. Moffitt Dean.

True Copy.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
MEDICAL SCHOOL
Office of the Dean

Second and Parnassus Avenues
San Francisco, California.

April
Twenty-seventh
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From: Herbert C. Moffitt, Dean,
University of California Medical School,

To: Major R. W. Shufeldt, M.R.C., U.S.Army.

Subject: Resolutions adopted by the Faculty of the University of California Medical School, regarding the importance of an Army Medical Museum.

1. At a meeting of the Faculty of the University of California Medical School, held Friday evening April 26, the following resolution was adopted:

2. Resolved

That in the opinion of the Medical Faculty of the University of California it is eminently desirable to carry on vigorously the collection, collation and review of the medical research and of the medical and surgical experience now being acquired in the great war. Timely labors will not only prevent a repetition of the delinquency in this respect which characterized the medical history of our American civil conflict but will be more certain to bestow on Society at large the advantages of advances in medical procedures before or only shortly after the conclusion of peace and will above all, make such advances more certainly and rapidly available to the Army itself.

In view of the magnitude of this task, special and adequate provision should be made therefore be Act of Congress, said provision to be not only for the assembling and issuing of written reports but also of material and specimens used for medical instruction and for further study whereby the necessary great enlargement of the facilities of the Army Medical Museum and the Library of the Surgeon General's Office and the detail of medical editorial experts will be made available for the Surgeon General.

(Signed) Herbert C. Moffitt

Dean

TRUE COPY

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
BOULDER, COLORADO.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Charles H. Meader, A.B., M.D., Dean

Corner Thirteenth and Welton Streets,

Denver, Colorado

March 28, 1918

R.W. Shufeldt,
Major, Medical Corps, U.S.A.,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I have your circular letter of March 23rd and shall be glad to bring this matter to the attention of our Executive Faculty at its next meeting, since I feet sure that they will heartily endorse your plan.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Chas. N. Meader

Dean.

TRUE COPY.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
BOULDER, COLORADO.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Charles N. Meader, A.B., M.D., Dean

Corner Thirteenth and Welton Streets,

Denver, Colorado.

April 4, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt, M.C. U.S.Army,

Army Medical Museum and Library,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of March 26th concerning the establishment of a loan collection of medical historical interest derived from the present war, was read at the last meeting of the Executive Faculty of this school. Your plan was heartily endorsed and the resolution which I enclose herewith passed, and the faculty further endorse the wisdom of making adequate provision for such a collection.

I trust that your efforts may be successful,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Chas. N. Meader.

TRUE COPY.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

BOULDER, COLORADO

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Charles N. Meader, A.B., M.D., Dean

Corner Thirteenth and Welton Streets,

Denver, Colorado.

Whereas, the present great war has brought into action the utmost genius of many great countries in devising new means for wounding and killing men, and whereas this genius has been opposed by the most intensive efforts to combat and mitigate the wounds, and decrease the fatalities produced thereby, it is highly desirable that exhaustive graphic records in the form of specimens and collections, illustrating all phases of this scientific contest be preserved for the instruction of this and future generations,-

Therefore, Be it resolved that the Executive Faculty of the University of Colorado School of Medicine heartily endorses a plan proposed by Major R. W. Shufeldt for the establishment of a great central museum and library presenting a detailed medical history of this war, which may be used as an educational center for future instruction.

Be it further resolved that this Faculty heartily endorses as eminently desirable and proper the expenditure of such moneys as may be necessary to secure housing, arrangement and care for such a collection, commensurate with its importance.

(Signed) Charles N. Meader,
Dean.

True Copy.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
920 H street N.W.
Washington D. C.

April 15, 1918.

To Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical ~~Corps, U.S.A.~~
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of March 23rd relating to the expansion of the Army Medical Museum and the projected Medical and Surgical History of the present war, was presented to the Faculty at a Meeting held on the 11th inst. and inclosed resolutions were adopted.

It may interest you to know that Professor Virchow in the same address referred to in the Resolution also declared "The the French in the Crimea learned from their experiences little or nothing and the Americans in their Civil War so much, that from this time dates a new era in military medicine and medical science - these results were brought about not by the magnitude of the need which the Americans had to suffer - for this was not greater than that experienced by the French in the Crimea, but rather by the critical and truly scientific spirit, the open mind, the healthy and practical understanding which in America gradually permeated all departments of the army organization, and which under the wonderful cooperation of an entire people, reached the point of humane efforts highest ever attained in a great war."

Wishing the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army complete success in its noble Work, Irremain,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Geo. M. Kober.

Dean

(TRUE COPY)

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
920 H Street N.W.
Washington D.C.

April 15th 1918.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE FACULTY OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY AT A MEETING HELD ON APRIL 11th 1918

WHEREAS It is universally conceded that the establishment of the Army Medical Museum and the publication of the Medical and Surgical History of the Civil War has done more than any other factor to advance Medico-Military Service both in this country and abroad - be it

RESOLVED That the Faculty of the Medical School of Georgetwon University hails with delight, that the Surgeon General's Office is engaged in adding to this valuable collection by the material forwarded here from the various battle fronts of Europe, and expects to utilize said material in the preparation of a medical and surgical history of the present War.

RESOLVED That this Faculty fully appreciates the great scientific and practical value of this work, and in the interest of higher medical education most heartily commends the plans of the Surgeon General to the favorable consideration and action of the appropriate Committees in Congress assembled.

RESOLVED That the Faculty is fully aware that the execution of the plans of the Surgeon General may involve the expenditure of considerable sums of money, but it is confidently believed that in the interest of Medical Science and Humanity, it will be a profitable investment. Inthis connection it may not be amiss to refer to the opinion of Professor R. Virchow, one of Germany's greatest scientists and leaders in Democracy, when in 1872 in speaking of the present status of the doctrine of infectious diseases he declared - "Whoever takes up and reads the extensive publications of the American Medical Staff will be constantly astonished at the wealth of experience therein found. The greatest exactness in detail, careful statistics even about smallest matters, and a scholarly statement embracing all sides of medical experience, are here united in order to preserve and to transmit to contemporaries and posterity in the greatest possible completeness the knowledge purchased at so vast an expense."

(Signed) Geo. M. Kober, Dean

True Copy.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
MEDICAL SCHOOL

Edward H. Bradford, M.D.
Dean
McIver Woody, M.D.
Secretary

Boston, Massachusetts
May 13, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt.
Medical Corps U.S.A.
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the Administrative Board of the Harvard Medical School a resolution was passed which expressed its hearty sympathy with the plan for enlarging the Army Medical Museum.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Worth Hale.

Acting Secretary.

(TRUE COPY)

HAHNEMANN MEDICAL COLLEGE
and
HOSPITAL OF CHICAGO

OFFICE OF THE COLLEGE
2811-17 Cottage Grove Ave.

Joseph Pettee Cobb, M.D., Dean
Richard H. Street, M.D. Registrar

April 4th, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt
Army Medical Museum and Library,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 29th addressed to Dr. Charles E. Kahlke has been presented to the Faculty of this institution at a regular meeting held April 2nd, 1918.
The following resolution was unanimously approved:

"Resolved that this work meets our hearty commendation and that we shall use every effort to further its successful progress and do what we can to help in obtaining the proper appropriation."

It gives me pleasure to also assure you that I personally, as well as the other members of the Faculty, recognize the immense value of the work which you are doing and appreciate that the medical museum when completed can be of the greatest practical assistance in our educational work and that we shall be glad to personally assist in any way possible.

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Jos. P. Cobb.
Dean.

True Copy.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
Congress and Honore Streets
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

WILLIAM H. BROWNE
Secretary

March 26, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U.S.A.
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

My dear Major:

In reply to your letter of March 23, I am enclosing with this, a Resolution to Congress which I trust will be of service to you. I think the object which you wish to attain is a very worthy one and I trust you will be successful.

Yours very truly,

Signed: William H. Browne.
Secretary.

True Copy

The following is an expression of opinion of the Faculty of the College of Medicine of the University of Illinois regarding the establishment of a new Army Medical Museum at Washington.

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To the Congress of the United States, Members of the Senate, and the House of Representatives -

The Faculty ot the College of Medicine of the University of Illinois deem it a very worthy purpose that a new Army Medical Museum should be established at Washington, and respectfully petition that sufficient funds be appropriated by the Congress of the United States for the erection and maintenance of such an institution.

True Copy

Office of the Dean

THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

March 26, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,

Army Medical Museum,

Washington D.C.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of March 23, was presented to the Faculty of the College of Medicine at a meeting on March 25, 1918.

The Faculty desires me to express to you the opinion that we are in full accord with you in the matter of building an Army Medical Museum.

Yours truly,

Signed: L. W. Dean

True Copy.

LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Sacramento and Webster Streets
San Francisco, California
April 9, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U.S.A.,
Washington D.C.

Dear Doctor:-

At the meeting of our Medical Faculty held March 30th the enclosed resolution regarding the enlargement of the Army Medical Museum was passed, which I trust will serve your purpose.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) W. Ophuls, Dean.

INASMUCH AS we believe that the Army Medical Museum is and will continue to be (especially after the present war) of great benefit to the advancement of modern medicine and of incalculable value to students of medical and surgical history of the present war:

Be It Therefore Resolved, that we, the Medical Faculty of Leland Stanford Junior University, heartily endorse the movement for the enlargement of the Museum and for the proper aupport of this institution by adequate appropriation from Congress.

W. Ophuls Dean.

(For the Faculty)

TRUE COPY

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
Founded in 1837

Office of the Dean.

LOUISVILLE, KY.
March 26, 1918.

The Executive Committee of the Faculty of the Medical Department of the University of Louisville, at a meeting helf today, passed the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That the Medical Department of the University of Louisville heartily favors the progect advocated by the Army Medical Museum, to enlarge the Army Medical Museum, and to prepare a loan-collection of material which is now being forwarded to the United States from the various battle-fronts of Europe, for teaching purposes.

It is further resolved that Congress be appealed to for the necessary appropriation to carry out the plans advocated by the Army Medical Museum.

(Signed) Henry Enos Tuley Dean.

Medical Department,
University of Louisville.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
Founded in 1837

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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Irvin Abell, A.M., M.D.
F.S. Graves, M.D.

LOUISVILLE, KY.
March 27, 1918.

R.W. Shufeldt,
Major, Medical Corps, U.S.Army,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 23rd, beg to state that the Executive Committee of the Faculty of the Medical Department of the University of Louisville, yesterday passed resolutions favoring the resolutions as outlined in your letter, and I enclose copy in duplicate of the resolutions,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Henry Enos Tuley

Dean

Enclosures.

TRUE COPY.

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Corner of Fourth St. and Reservoir Ave.
Phone Lincoln 237

OFFICE

March 29, 1918.

R.W.Shufeldt,
Major, Medical Corps, U.S.A.,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D. C.

Dear Dr. Shufeldt:-

The Board of Administration of Marquette University School of Medicine, being informed of the introduction in the near future of a bill relating to the Army Medical Museum urges Congress to pass this bill with adequate appropriation for future development.

There is no doubt whatever that a well carried out plan to secure and use the vast amount of medical and surgical material available from the battlefields of Europe will enlarge the scope, enrich the content on Scientific medicine and ultimately enormously benefit the public through more efficient medical service.

Of particular concern to medical colleges is the unquestioned teaching value of loan sets from the Museum's collection as contemplated - a value that cannot be overestimated in view of the crying national need for more and better doctors, that need made more acute by the exigencies of the present war.

On behalf of the Board of Administration.

Signed J. Van de Erve
Associate Dean

True Copy.

J.M.H.Rowland, M.D., Dean

Address
N.E. Corner
Lombard and Greene Sts

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

AND

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

April 10, 1918.

R.W.Shufeldt, Major, Medical Corps, U.S.A.
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir;

At a meeting of the Faculty of the University of Maryland School of Medicine and College of Physicians and Surgeons, held April 2, 1918, the following resolution was adopted:-

RESOLVED:

That the proposal to request an appropriation from Congress for the building of an Army Medical Museum be endorsed, as the establishment of such a museum will be of inestimable advantage to the medical profession and of great assistance in the teaching of medical students particularly along those lines which fit them for service in the Army and Navy.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) J.M.H.Rowland (B) Dean.

True Copy.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL

MINNEAPOLIS

Office of the Asst Dean and Sec'y.

May 3, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,

Medical Corps, U. S. A.,

Army Medical Museum,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

In response to your communication of March 29th, I am directed by the Administrative Board of the Medical School of the University of Minnesota to present to you the enclosed resolution.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) R. O. Beard

Secretary.

TRUE COPY.

Resolved: That the Medical School of the University of Minnesota heartily endorses the proposed development of the Army Medical Museum for the accommodation and development of pathologic material resulting from the present war; that it commends to the United States Congress the provision of adequate financial support for the preservation and housing of such material, which will be of inestimable scientific value and of hreat educational interest to the medical schools and to the medical profession.

Signed: R.O. Beard.

SECRETARY

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

McGILL UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

MONTREAL April 3rd, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,

Medical Corps, U.S.A.

Army Medical Museum, Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

I have your circular letter of March 23rd with regard to collection of War Specimens. This has been handed over to our Professor of Pathology who will report to our Faculty in the near future, the result of which will be communicated to you at an early date.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Jno. W. Scane,

Registrar (M.E.B.)

True Copy

FACULTY OF MEDICINE, McGILL UNIVERSITY,

DEAN'S OFFICE

MONTREAL April 8th, 1918.

Major R.W. Shufeldt, M.C., U.S.A.,

Army Medical Museum, Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your circular letter, dated 23/3/18 with reference to a favourable endorsement of the Medical Faculty of McGill University regarding the collection of war pathological specimens for a central museum.

In regard to this the Medical Faculty is quite in accord with these ideas and wish to warmly support it. Canada herself has already instituted a central museum for war specimens, the organization of which is now in the process of formation. There can be no question as to the advisability of such a scheme being put forward by the Medical Corps of the U.S.Army and it should receive the warmest support.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) H.S.Birkett, Dean.

True Copy.

OBERLIN COLLEGE
OBERLIN, OHIO
THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

ANIMAL ECOLOGY
LYNDS JONES

WHEREAS:

The Director of the Army Medical Museum, of the Surgeon General of the U. S. Army, has begun a movement the object of which is to gather together material from the various battle fields of Europe and with this material to prepare an exhaustive medical and surgical history of the present war in the form of collections which may be loaned to the various universities and colleges throughout the country and to build up a museum which shall be the great medical and research center of the world,

THEREFORE: Be it Resolved, by the Science Division of the Faculty of Oberlin College, that we heartily approve of the gathering of such collections and the establishing of such a Museum, believing that they will greatly encourage a more thorough preparation of medical students for practice in Surgery and thus be of direct benefit to the people,

And, Resolved, further, that we respectfully urge upon the Congress of the United States of America the appropriation of funds sufficient to properly house and care for such collections and such a Museum.

(Signed) Frederick O. Grover
Chairman Science Division of Oberlin College.

April 30, 1918.

(TRUE COPY)

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
1402 South Grand Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

H.W.LOEB,M.D.,DEAN

April 3d, 1918.

Major R.W.Shufeldt,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

Dear Doctor:-

I am heartily in favor of the proposal to erect a proper building for the care of the Army Medical Museum. I have so expressed myself on numerous occasions to Colonel Owen. I shall be very glad to do whatever I can to further the movement.

Awaiting your commands in the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) H.A.Loeb. Dean.
(Major, M.O.R.C.)

True Copy.

THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

307-311 Orange St.

Syracuse, New York

John L. Heffron
Dean

RESLUTION OF THE FACULTY OF THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

The present war offers an unusual opportunity for the collection of material suitable for an army medical museum. Such material when properly prepared and housed would be of inestimable value for medical study and research.

In order that this country may take advantage of these opportunities it is necessary that funds be made available so that collectors may be sent to the battle-fields of Europe and that a suitable building be provided for housing such collections.

Therefore, the Faculty of the College of Medicine of Syracuse University most heartily approves of plans outlined in the communication of Major R. W. Shufeldt and expresses the opinion that Congress should immediately provide funds for completeing this undertaking.

It is resolved, further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to our reprrsentatives in Congress and to Major Shufeldt.

May 17, 1918.

True Copy.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
MEMPHIS

Office of the Dean

March 28, 1918.

Major R.W.Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U.S.A.,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

We are placing ourselves on record as being in favor of any plans to enlarge the museum at the capital to a teaching and research center and should deem it a very shortsighted policy if not all possible aid were being given to make use of the liberal and unusual material furnished by the European battlefields for collection and present and future study.

Very truly yours,

Signed: A.H. Wittenborg

Dean.

True Copy.

Charles F. Painter, A.B., M.D., Dean
Frank G. Wheatley, A.M., M.D. Vice Dean
Frank E. Haskins, Ph.G., M.D., Secretary

TUFTS COLLEGE MEDICAL SCHOOL
416 Huntington Avenue

Boston, Mass. March 27, 1918.

R.W.Shufeldt, Major,

Medical Corps, U.S.A.,

Army Medical Museum,

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

In view of the very great scientific value of the collection now in possession of the Army Medical Museum in Washington, the additions that are being made to it from the battlefields of the present war, and the comprehensive plans of those in charge of this collection looking into its being made available for teaching purposes in all medical schools, be it resolved that:- the Tufts College Medical School desires to urge the Congress, through its Senators and Representatives, to enact such legislation as will make this collection of the greatest use to all who are qualified to use it.

Very truly yours,

Signed: Charles F. Painter Dean
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True Copy.

TUFTS COLLEGE MEDICAL SCHOOL
416 Huntington Avenue

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

Believing that a collection of specimens, illustrating the lesions presented, incident to the present conditions at the European battle-front will prove of great value, not only for preparation of a medical and surgical history of the great war but also for the use of the physician and surgeons of the future and

Believing that the present occasion offers opportunities such as have occurred never in previous world history and

Recognizing that the usefulness of such a collection cannot but prove of inestimable value to the medical and surgical professions throughout the world but particularly to the practitioners in our own country, therefore be it resolved:

That we most heartily approve of the plan to add to the Army Medical Museum at Washington, D.C., a department in which shall be deposited such specimens, forwarded from the battle fronts of Europe, to be used for historical material and for future study by students of medicine and practitioners of the United States.

We also wish to record our enthusiastic endorsement of the plan to arrange the material into loan sets to be available to the various medical schools in the country. Appreciating the overgrowing importance of the usefulness of the Army Medical Museum, and the important place it occupies in the medical educational interestd of the country, we are impressed with the great value of the proposed addition to its already extensive facilities which will make the institution well nigh matchless in the world.

It would seem to us that any expenditure, however great, would be well and judicially administered in providing means for this important addition to the facilities for the greater efficiency of the Army Medical Museum whose fame for usefulness is already world-wide and whose work has reflected so much honor upon American Medical institutions.

No private or localized collection could possibly provide for the administration of such material, even if it were obtainable and to have it available where it may be readily accessible will be a feature at once unique and invaluable and will prove a most useful adjunct to the medical facilities of America.

True Copy

Office of the Dean

THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
P.O. BOX 770
New Orleans, La.

April 19, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt, M.C., U.S.A.,
Army Medical Museum, Washington D.C.

My dear Major Shufeldt:-

It has taken some time to get all of the signatures of the teaching staff of the School of Medicine of the Tulane University of Louisiana, but I am now sending you a formal petition addressed to the members of Congress and signed by all the teaching staff of this school in the hope thatthis may serve the purposes indicated in your communication to me under date of March 23.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Isadore Dyer, Major M.R.C. Dean.

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March 28, 1918.

To the Members of the Congress of the United States:

We, the undersigned members of the teaching staff of the School of Medicine of the Tulane University of Louisiana respectfully urge your consideration of the government support of the Army Medical Library and Museum with especial reference to the assembling of material for the historical and practical accumulation of pathological and anatomical specimens bearing upon the injuries and diseases incident to the part America is taking in this great war. The future value to medical education cannot be too highly estimated and early provision of ways and means should be undertaken.

(Signed)

Isadore Dyer	Dean and Professor
Rudolph Matas	Professor of Surgery
Geo. S. Bel	Professor of Clinical Medicine

(continued)

Joseph Hume	Professor of Venereal Diseases
R.C. Lynch	Professor Oto Laryngology
C.C.Bass	Prof. Experimental Medicine
W.E.Garrey	Prof. of Physiology
A.L.Mertz	Prof. Chemistry and Medical Jurisprudence
Irving Hardesty	Prof of Anatomy
J.P. O'Kelley	Clinical Prof. Oto Laryngology
Herman B. Gessner	Prof. of Clinical Surgery
J. W. Newman	Prof. Obstetrics
S.N.D.Clark	Prof Gyn and Clin Obst.
S.M. Blakshear	Clinical Prof Diseases of the Ear, Nose and Throat
Charles W. Duval	Prof. of Pathology and Bacterology
W.W. Butterworth	Prof. Diseases of Children
R.S. Buys	Clinical Prof. Diseases of Children
H.E. Minare	Clinical Prof. Diseases of Skin
Henry Bayon	Associate Professor of Anatomy
F.P. Chillingworth	Ass't Prof. Pathology and Bacteriology
William C. Smith	Ass't Prof Anatomy
M. Couret	Ass't Professor Path a nd Bacteriology
Paul A. McIlheny	Ass't Prof Orthopedic and Surg D. of Children
Sidney K. Simon	Ass't Prof Clinical Medicine
O.W. Bethea	Ass't Prof Materica Medica and Phar.
William H. Harris	Ass't Prof Pathology and Bacertiology
Randolph Lyons	Ass't Prof Clinical Medicine
Isidore Cohn	Ass't Prof Minor Surgery
	Instructor Clinical Surgery
C. Jeff Miller	Prof. Obstetrics and Clinical Gynecology
Carroll W. Allen	Ass't Prof. Clin Surgery
Victor Smith	Ass't Prof Ophthalmology
Rollin G. Meyers	Ass't Prof of Chem
Henry Daspit	Instructor in Neurology
Charles C. Bass	" " Bacteriology and Pathology
F.M. Johns	" LAB. Clinical Medicine
Charles J. Bloom	" Dept. of Pediatrics
Hilliard E. Miller	" of Obstetrics
G.B. Adams	" Pathology and Bacteriology
H.J. Gondolf	Ass't Instructor, Lab, Clinical Med.
W.A. Love	Instructor in Medicine
D.A. Palmisano	Clinical Assistant Medicine
Theo F. Kron	" " Orthopedics
E.L. King	Instructor Obstetrics
Wm. D. Phillips	" "
L. A. Herbert	" Pathology
P. Graffaguino	Ass't Instructor Gync.
J.C. Cole	Instructor in Medicine
S. Geismar	" " Surgery
E.L. Leckert	Ass't Clinical Surgery
Thomas B. Sellers	Instructor in Anatomy
E.C. Albritton	" " "
Eernest W. Samuel	" " Radiology and Medicine
Hamilton P. Jones	" Medicine
Jas T. Wolfe	Instructor Pediatrics
R. Bernhard	Instructor in Clinical Medicine
E.D. Friedrichs	Assistant in Clinical Surgery
L. Sexton	Ass't Prof. Tuler.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
Charlottesville
Department of Medicine

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 4, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U. S. Army,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

At its regular monthly meeting held this evening--the first since the receipt of your letter of March 25--the Medical Faculty of the University of Virginia passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Medical Faculty of the University of Virginia unanimously endorses the plan for the building of a new Army Medical Museum and to provide for the proper care and study of the material being forwarded from the battle fronts of Europe. There can be no question of the value of this material for future study and research.

We strongly urge upon Congress liberal provision for this work. The experience of the present war emphasizes the vital importance to the nation's welfare of military medicine and surgery. Obviously this study should be concentrated in Washington, We heartily approve of the proposed plan and urge liberal appropriation to carry it into effect.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Theodore Hough

Dean.

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
School of Medicine
Cleveland, Ohio

10 April, 1918.

Major R.W.Shufeldt,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

My dear Major Shufeldt-

In response to your circular letter of March 23rd, the following resolution was adopted by the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Medicine of this school:

Resolved that the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Medicince, Western Reserve University, heartily endorses the project of increasing the space and facilities of the Army Medical Museum. It is believed that such increase will be of great advantage to medical education throughout the country.

Yours very truly,

Howard T. Karsner (Signed)

Secretary of the Faculty.

True Copy.

WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA
North College Ave. and 21st Street
Philadelphia

Office of the Dean
May 10, 1918

Major R. W. Shufeldt

Army Medical Museum

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Faculty of the Woman's Medical College of Penna., on April 17, 1918, your letter of March 23, relative to the work of the Army Medical Museum, was duly presented for discussion.

The following a ction was taken:

Whereas: the proper care of the collections at present contained in the Army Medical Museum, and also those now accumulating from the battlefields of Europe, is of great importance to the physicians and surgeons of future generations; and

Whereas: the proper care of these collections demands that there be built a new and adequate Army Medical Museum

Be it Resolved: that the Faculty of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania endorses such plans as may be devised, including the request for an adequate appropriation by Congress, for accomplishing the above mentioned purposes.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Martha Tracy.

Dean.

(TRUE COPY)

YALE UNIVERSITY

THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Affiliated withthe New Haven Hospital
on the
Anthony N. Brady Memorial Foundation

George Blumer M.D.
Dean of the Medical Faculty

New Haven, Connecticut
April 8, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt, M.C., U.S.A.,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have been instructed by the Faculty of the Yale University School of Medicine to forward to you the following resolution:

Resolved: That it is of the very greatest importance to the medical profession of the United States and to American medical education that the Army Medical Museum at Washington should be suitably provided for.

Resolved: That this Faculty is entirely in sympathy with the recent plans to construct and equip a new Army Medical Museum and that they desire to urge upon the Congress of the United States through you that this matter be given immediate attention as the present building is entirely inadequate, and the conditions created by the war render a new building and equipment an absolute and immediate necessity.

Yours very sincerely,

'Signed) George Blumer,

Dean, Yale University School of Medicine.

True Copy

DR. HENRY BARTON JACOBS
11, Mt. Vernon Place, W.
Baltimore

February 11th, 1918.

Dr. R. W. Shufeldt,
3356 Eighteenth Street,
Washington D.C.

My dear Dr. Shufeldt:

I have your note of February 4th enclosing letter from Dr. Thompason of the Washington Medical Society. I shall be glad to forward the letters to the President of our Baltimore Medical Society in case anything can be done here in the same direction.

Believe me,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Henry Barton Jacobs.

TRUE COPY.

BALTIMORE CITY MEDICAL SOCIETY

1211 Cathedral Street,

Office of the Secretary

Baltimore, Md.,

February 23, 1918.

Dr. R. W. Shufeldt,
3356 Eighteenth Street,
Washington D.C.

Dear Doctor:-

As Secretary of the Baltimore City Medical Society I am writing to inform you that at the regular meeting of the Society, which was held on February 15th, a resolution was unanimously passed and adopted urging Congress to grant an appropriation sufficient in amount to build and equip a new Army Medical Museum in Washington.

I may add that the tenor of the remarks made on this subject at the meeting left no doubt as to the feeling of our members concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

Signed: Emil Noval.

Secretary.

True Copy.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

HAROLD A. PINGREE, M.D., SECRETARY

310 Y.M.C.A. Building

Portland, Me.

April 13, 1918.

Major R.W.Shufeldt, M.C.,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the Cumberland County Medical Society held on April 12, 1918 Dr. F.H. Gerrish moved the adoption of the following resolution and it was so voted by the Society.

Resolved, That this Society earnestly recommends the appropriation by Congress of a sum of money sufficient to carry into effect the proposal for the building of a new Army Medical Museum, and its administration on lines, which will make its collections useful in the education of physicians and surgeons, and, through them, of incalculable benefit to the whole people.

Very truly yours,

Signed: H.A.Pingree.

Secretary.

True Copy.

THE CINCINNATI RESEARCH SOCIETY

March 6, 1918.

Dr. R.W.Shufeldt,
3356 Eighteenth Street,
Washington D.C.

My dear Doctor:

Your letter concerning the need of an appropriation for the new Army Medical Museum in Washington was presented to the Cincinnati Research Society. The Society wishes to go on record as giving its full approval to the movement and its assistance in furthering this most worthy project.

Sincerely yours,

Signed: Raphael Isaacs.

Secretary.

True Copy.

Columbus, Ohio
March 4th, 1918.

To: The Surgeon General, U.S.Army,
War Department,
Washington D.C.

Believing that the Army Medical Museum, built and equipped as suggested by Dr. R.W. Shufeldt, of the Surgeon General's Office, is one of vital importance, both to the public and the profession

Resolved that the Columbus Homeopathic Medical Society of Columbus, Ohio, heartily endorses this project and will aid in any manner which will seem best in furtherance of your plan.

Signed: C.F. Junkermann, Secretary
The Columbus Homeopathic Medical Society.

True Copy.

Columbus, Ohio.
February 25th, 1918.

To The Surgeon General, U.S.Army
Washington D.C.

Believing that the Army Medical Museum, built and equipped as suggested by Dr. R. W. Shufeldt, of the Surgeon General's Office, in a recent article in the Medical Record, is one of vital importance, both to the public and the profession

Resolved that The Columbus Academy of Medicine, of Columbus, Ohio, heartily endorses this project and will aid in any manner which will seem best in furtherance of your plan.

Signed Wm. G. Clark

Secretary of

The Columbus Academy of Medicine.

N.B. Three hundred and eighty-five members in the Columbus Academy of Medicine.

True Copy.

Columbus, Ohio.

February 25th, 1918.

Surgeon General, U.S.Army,
War Department,
Washington D.C.

Believing that the Army Medical Museum, built and equipped as suggested by Dr. R. W. Shufeldt, of the Surgeon General's Office, in a recent article in the Medical Record, is one of vital importance, both to the public and the profession

Resolved that the General Practitioners Medical Society, of Columbus, Ohio, heartily endorse this project and will aid in any manner which will seem best in furtherance of your plan.

Signed George William Keil
Secretary of

The General Practitioners Medical Society

N.B. Two hundred and twenty-five members of the General Practitioners Medical Society.

True Copy.

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A.J. Markey M.D., Library Director

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE CITY
AND COUNTY OF DENVER

1620 Court Place

Denver, Colorado

R.G. Smith, M.D. Sec'y
458 Metropolitan Bldg.

March 7, 1918.

Dr. C. C. McCulloch,
Surgeon General's Library
Washington D.C.

Dear Doctor McCulloch:

Please find enclosed a letter to Dr. Shufeldt. Please read it and if the cause is meritorious and worthy of our support kindly hand or mail it to him.

Dr. Sewall thought it best to refer this matter to you as we knew nothing about it.

Very cordially yours,

Signed: Melville Black.

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January 28, 1918

Dr. R. W. Shufeldt,
3356 Eighteenth Street,
Washington D.C.

My dear Doctor:

Your letter and enclosed copy of your article publish-ed in the Medical Record of New York City, has been presented to the Medical Society of the City and County of Denver, and I am instructed to inform you that the Society is in hearty accord with the movement as suggested by you and will do all in its power to aid in this most worthy and necessary project.

Cordially yours,
Signed: Melville Black.
President, Board of Trustees.

True Copies.

THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Janurary 28, 1918.

Dr. R. W. Shufeldt,
3356 Eighteenth Street,
Washington D. C.

My dear Doctor:-

Your letter and enclosed copy of your article published in the Medical Record of New York City, has been presented to the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, and I am instructed to inform you that the Society is in hearty accord with the movement as suggested by you and will do all in its power to aid in this most worthy and necessary project.

Cordially yours,

Signed: J. Lawn Thompson, M.D.
Corresponding Secretary

(TRUE COPY)

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF HOMEOPATHY

Established April 10, 1844

Administrative Department
829 Marshall Field Building
22 East Washington Street,
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179 Lake Avenue
Rochester, N.Y.

April 11, 1918.

R.W. Shufeldt,

Major, Medical Corps, U.S.Army,

Office of the Surgeon General,

Washington D.C.

My dear Major:

I attended the meeting of the Homeopathic Medical Society of the State of New York on the 9th inst., and at the business session I moved that the society do all within its power to aid in the work of establishing the army medical museum at Washington D.C.

The question was discussed and passed unanimously with applause.

Yours very truly,

John M. Lee (Signed)

True Copy.

ST. LOUIS MEDICAL SOCIETY

3525 Pine Street
St. Louis, Mo.

February
Eighteenth
1918

Dr. R. W. Shufeldt

Major, Medical Corps,

Army Medical Museum.

My dear Doctor Shufeldt:-

Your articles on the Army Medical Museum and on the Initial War Material at the Army Medical Museum published in the Medical Record were called to the attention of the St. Louis Medical Society at its meeting on February 16th and I was instructed to inform you that the Society heartily endorses the establishment of a new Army Medical Museum to contain the material which may be sent from the battle fields.

I shall be glad to do anything within our power to aid you in bringing into existence the new Army Medical Museum.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Arthur Gundlach

Secretary.

True Copy

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

MEDICAL BUILDING

BUSH AND HYDE STREETS
San Francisco, Cal.

March 7th, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U. S. Army,
3356 Eighteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Major Shufeldt:-

Your letter was presented to the Board of Directors of the San Francisco County Medical Society at the meeting of March 5th, and I am instructed to inform you that the Society heartily approves of the movement suggested by you and will be glad to aid in this most worthy project.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Rene Buic M.D.

Secretary.

TRUE COPY

Virginia Hot Springs, Va.

THE BATH COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

VIRGINIA

Feb. 11, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt, M.C., U.S.A.

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of this society called January 30, 1918 it was unanimously resolved to support the plan for a new building for the Army Medical Museum and Library.

The great value of the Museum and Library to the Medical profession and to the country generally can scarcely be overestimated. For teaching, for medical and surgical research and as repository for the medical and surgical literature of the entire world it is of great value.

In a recent visit to the building devoted to these purposed it was immediately edivent that the quarters are long since outgrown and that a new building is very necessary. With regards, I am very truly yours,

(Signed) Guy Hinsdale, M.D.
Secretary.

P.S. I would suggest that at a proper time you call the attention of our representatives, Hon. H.D.Flood, to the action of this society and the attention also of the senators from Virginia.

(True Copy)

Frank F. Dow, M.D.
429 Park Ave.,
Rochester, N.Y.

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Major R.W. Shufeldt-

Dear Sir:-

At a regular meeting last evening of the Rochester Med. Ass'n., I presented the matter of the Med. Museum and Library.

The Ass'n voted to approve your project and the secretary will advise you to that effect.

When you get the matter before Congress, we will assist in a personal way with our Senators and Representatives is you desire.

Having a membership of over 300 we count for something as politicians view such matters.

Yours Res'fy,

Signed: Frank F. Dow.

P.S. I very much regret that the Govenrment will not let men ripe in knowledge and experience, of sound health, help in this great struggle, because of "over age".

True Copy.

The following resolution was adopted by the Cincinnati Research Society, April 4, 1918.

Whereas, in view of the advisability of the establishment and proper equipment of an Army Medical Museum, from an historical, educational and medical point of view, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Cincinnati Research Society go on record as favoring this movement, and urges the passage of the necessary legislation for the establishment and maintenance of such Army Medical Museum.

Signed: Raphael Isaacs,

Secretary.

True Copy.

INDIANA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Muncie, Indiana, April 3, 1918.

R. W. Shufeldt,

Major, Medical Corps, U. S. A.,

Army Medical Museum,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated March 29, 1918, and with it a circular letter for general distribution are at hand. I am in hearty sympathy with this proposed movement as designed to advance medical and surgical science--not only for the present,--but coming generations of students and medical practitioners.

I will seek an early opportunity to bring the matter before our County Medical Society.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) G.W.H. Kemper, M.D.

Formerly Ass't Surg. 17th Reg. Indiana Volunteers.

TRUE COPY

NEW HAVEN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Y.M.C.A. BUILDING

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

March 8th, 1918.

Dr. R. W. Shufeldt,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

Dear Major Shufeldt:-

At the regular meeting of the New Haven Medical Association held March 6th 1918, it was unanimously voted to endorse the proposed appeal to Congress for an appropriation sufficient to build and equip the new Army Medical Museum at Washington D.C. The Association will do all in its power to aid in this most important project.

Very truly yours,

Signed: Frank L. Phillips, M.D.
Secretary.

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April 3d, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

My dear Doctor:

Enclosed you will find the resolutions as requested by you in your letter of March 11th. I am sorry to have been obliged to delay in granting your request, and hope our resolutions may be of service.

Yours very truly,

Signed: Frank L. Phillips,
Secretary.

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WHEREAS:- It was unanimously voted at a recent meeting to endorse the proposed appeal to Congress for an appropriation sufficient in amount to build and equip the New Army Medical Museum and Library at Washington D.C. Be it:-

RESOLVED:- That the New Haven Medical Association desires to be placed on record as heartily favoring the above proposal, and will do all in its power to aid in this most important project.

TRUE COPIES

WESLEY HOSPITAL

RUSH E. CASTELAW, M.D.
Superintendent

Kansas City, Mo.
March 29, 1918.

Major R.W.Shufeldt,

Washington D. C.

Dear Dctor Shufeldt:-

The Jackson County Medical Society have instructed me to write and express our hopes that you will be able to secure all the help necessary to develop the plan that you have in mind to build a Medical Museum. If this is neglected it will be a great loss and a splendid opportunity wasted.

If there is anything we can do please let us know just what it is.

Yours very truly,

Signed: Rush E. Castelaw

Secretary, Jackson County Medical Society.

True Copy.

NEW MEXICO MEDICAL S SOCIETY

Office of the Secretary

Las Cruces, N. Mex.
April 8, 1918.

R. W. Shufeldt,
Major, Medical Corps, U.S.A.
Army Medical Museum, Washington D.C.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 2nd, I beg to state that I am heartily in favor of the project as outlined in your letter and shall place this matter before the meeting of the New Mexico Medical Society for definite action.

Very respectfully yours,

R. E. McBride (Signed)

Secretary.

True Copy.

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THE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE
(Hamilton County Medical Society)

of

Cincinnati, Ohio.

February 27, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Washington D.C.

My dear Sir:-

At the regular meeting of the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine on February 25, 1918, I was instructed to inform you that the society was heartily in accord with the movement as suggestedby you, relative to the establishment of a new Army Medical Museum Building.

Sincerely yours,

Signed: W.R. Abbott.
Secretary, Cincinnati Academy of Medicine.

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April 18, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,

Dear Sir: The following resolution was passed by the Academy at its meeting of April 8.

Resolved: That the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine approves and desires to assist in the movement for the building and equipment of a new Army Medical Museum, and that this resolution be incorporated in a common appeal to Congress for the required appropriation.

Very sincerely,

Signed: W.R. Abbott

True Copy.

Newport R.I.,
20 Feb. 1918

Dear Dr. S.,

Pardon my delay in acknowledging yours of the 4th, but I am but s lowly recovering from a three months illness which my physician supposed was to be my past, and my correspondence is far behind. Add to this that next week I enter my 89th year, and that my right hand is forgetting its former skill.

I am heartily in sympathy with the ambitions of the A.M.M., with whose most excellent work I have been in touch since its very first inception, and will at once send your letters to our local medical Society.

Sincerely yours,

(Written and Signed) H.R. Storer

Hon. Pred. Newport Medical Society
Senior Consulting Surgeon, Newport Hospital.

Surgeon Shufeldt
True Copy.

Newport R.I.
22 March 1918

Dear Dr. S.,

I received the enclosed from Dr. Sanford yesterday and trust that it may prove of aid.

Sincerely yours,

Signed: H.R. Storer.

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NEWPORT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Newport
Rhode Island

H.R.Storer, M.D.,
Newport, R.I.

My dear Doctor:-

At a special meeting of the Newport County Medical Society held March 8, 1918, it was voted that the secretary be instructed to forward to Major R. W. Shufeldt of the Medical Corps of the U.S.Army, through Dr. H.R.Storer, Honorary Presidont of this society its endorsement of the suggestion as contained in a communication from Dr. Shufeldt to Dr. Storer on Feb. 4, 1918 in reference to the Army Medical Museum at Washington D. C.

The Museum has, since the Civil War become recognized by the medical profession of the United States, as an institution of inestimable value, alike for the preservation of a very large number of anatomical and physiological specimens illustrative of both medical and surgical disease, extremely useful in the pursuit of scientific research, and the discovery of new methods of treatment and cure, and as a great center of both military and civil study.

It has long been known that the Museum has reached its limit of reception.

The Newport County Medical Society has learned that suitable space has been secured by the army department for the construction of a much larger and more suitable building, the society therefore most earnestly requests Congress to make such appropriation as may be required for this purpose, to become available as soon as conditions of public affairs may permit. The society would also suggest to all other associations of American medical men that they immediately join in the present movement, in order to make it apparent to the authorities at Washington that the great need above indicated does in reality exist.

Sincerely yours,

Signed: A. Chaw Sanford. Secretary.

True Copies.

Dr. W. Bopp, Sekretar
59 West 89th Street

DEUTSCHE MEDIZINISCHE GESELLSCHAFT
DER STADT NEW YORK

New York, March 7 1918.

Dr. R. W. Shufeldt,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

My dear Doctor:-

Your letter has been presented to the German Medical Society of New York City and I am instructed to inform you that this society is in hearty accord with the movement as suggested by you and will do all in its power to aid in this most worthy and necessary project.

Cordially yours,

Signed: Walter F. Bopp, M.D.
Corresponding Secretary.

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April 4, 1918

Dear Major Shufeldt:

Enclosed please find copy of the resolutions adopted by our society.

Trusting that they may be of assistance to you

Very truly yours,

Signed: Walter F. Bopp, M.D.

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April 4, 1918.

The German Medical Society of the City of New York at its regular meeting does unanimously resolve that it is in hearty support of the movement for Congress to supply an appropriation sufficient in amountm to build and equip the new Army Medical Museum to be located in the city of Washington D.C.

Signed: Walter F. Bopp
Corresponding Secretary,
59 West 89th Street.

True Copies.

MINNESOTA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

President
Arthur J. Gillette M.D.
St. Paul

Secretary
Thomas McDavitt M.D.
St. Paul

SAINT PAUL, MINN.

March 20, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Army Medical Museum,
Surgeon General's Office,
Washington D. C.

Dear Doctor:-

As the House of Delegates of the Minnesota State Medical Association do not meet until August, as Secretary and Executive Officer, I am going to assume the responsibility of saying that I have no doubt that at their coming meeting the State Medical Association will be glad to do anything in its power to assist you in the movement to secure an appropriation to help build and equip the new Army Medical Museum.

It is a most desirable project and one that all physicians individually and collectively in their medical societies should assist in making successful.

Yours truly,

Signed: Thos. McDavitt, M.D.
Secretary.

True Copy.

President
Charles P. Colby, M.D.
Springfield
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H.V. Blankmeyer, M.D.
Springfield
Secretary-Treasurer
Richard F. Herndon, M.D.
Springfield

Office of the Secretary
407 South 7th Street

THE
SANGAMON COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Springfield, Illinois

February 12, 1918.

Dr. R.W. Shufledt
3356 Eighteenth Street
Washington DC.

My dear Doctor:-

Your letter and enclosed copy of your article published in the Medical Record of New York City, has been presented to the Sangamon County Medical Society, and I am instructed to inform you that the Society is in hearty accord with the movement as suggested by you and will do all in its power to aid in this most worthy and necessary project.

Cordially yours,

Signed: R.F. Herndon M.D.

Secretary.

True Copy.

RAMSEY COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

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Lowry Building

Saint Paul

March 29, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
3356- 18th Street,
Washington D.C.

Dear Major:-

Enclosed please find resolution adopted by the Ramsey County Medical Society regarding the building and equipping of a new Army Medical Museum as per your request of recent letter of March 7th, 1918.

Very truly yours,

Signed: E.M.Hammes
Secretary.

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March 28th, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
3356- 18th Street,
Washington D.C.

Dear Major:

At the meeting of the Ramsey County Medical Society held Feb. 25th, 1918, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved:

That the Ramsey County Medical Society heartily approves of the appeal to Congress for an appropriation to build and equip an Army Medical Museum at Washington D. C.

Very truly yours,

Signed: Robert Earl, President

Signed: E.M.Hammes, Secretary.

TRUE COPY

Telephone- Vanderbilt 3043

THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK

INCORPORATED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 138, LAWS OF 1806

Daniel S. Dougherty, M.D., Secretary

17 West 43rd Street

New York

March 19, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U.S.Army,
Washington D.C.

Dear Major Shufeldt:-

Replying to yourcommunication of March 18 I will present same to the Comitia Minora at the April meeting.

Yours very truly,

Signed: Daniel S. Doughtery. (R)

Secretary.

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March 14, 1918.

Major R.W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U.S.Army,
Washington D.C.

Dear Major Shufeldt;

Your letter and enclosed copy of your article published in the Medical Record of New York City, has been presented to The Medical Society of the County of New York, and I am instructed to inform you that the Society is in hearty accord with the movement as suggested by you and will do all in its power to aid in this most worthy and necessary project.

Yours very truly,

Signed: Daniel S. Dougherty. (R)

Secretary.

True Copy

UNIVERSITY, ALA., April 17, 1916.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U. S. A.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of April 13 enclosing a circular letter explaining your endeavor to build up a new Army Medical Museum. I have forwarded these papers to the Dean of the University Medical Department in Mobile, Dr. T. H. Fraser, thinking that he would be the proper person to get resolutions from his board of trustees.

As director of the Geological and Natural History Museum of the University at this place, I write to express my sincere hope that you will be able to secure the funds for the building of the new Army Medical Museum, In order to insure a letter from Dr. Frazer in Mobile, I would suggest that you send him direct, copy of these letters, notwithstanding the fact that I have forwarded those sent to me.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) EUGENE A. SMITH

TRUE COPY

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
Congress and Honore Sts
Chicago, Illinois

Department of Pharmacology
and Therapeutics

April 9, 1918.

R.W. Shufeldt,
Major, Medical Corps, U.S.Army

Dear Sir:-

The educational value of scientifically prepared collections of material from the battle fronts is so obvious that no effort or expense should be spared in making it available for the future. The effort you are making in this line deserves unqualified support.

Sincerely,

Hugh McGuigan (Signed.)

True Copy

PHILADELPHIA

266 South Twenty-First Street

March 28, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U.S.A.,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

Dear Doctor Shufeldt:-

I have your letter of March 26th with enclosure and cannot too highly commend your foresight in arranging to collect the material to illustrate the medical and surgical history of the present war. The study for this material is sure to prove of incalculable value from medical, surgical, hygienic and economic standpoints. The importance of your programme cannot be overestimated, and obviously it should appeal in the strongest way to the most liberal and enlightened consideration of Congress.

Very truly yours,

Signed: I. Minis Hays.

True Copy.

DRS. F. F. & G. P. LAWRENCE
368 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio.

February 19, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt, M.C.,
3356 Eighteenth Street,
Washington
D.C.

Dear Major Shufeldt:-

Your letter in re the Army Medical Museum received. I am heartily in sympathy with the ideas and will be glad to take it up before both of our local Medical Societies, but cannot do so intelligently without a little more information.

I should have two or more reprints or copies of your paper, referred to by Doctor J. Lawn Thompson. Many of our physicians do not take the Medical Record, and, even if they did, you did not give the date of publication. If you will promptly send me all the data connected with the project which you have, so that it reaches me by Saturday of this week, I will have the matter properly presented to the Academy of Medicine next Monday evening, and will also present it to the General Practitioners' Society and to the Homeopathic Society.

I will also see whether it is possible to get an endorsement from the College of Medicine of our State University. I am not certain that this latter can be done, but if your argument is strong and your data complete as to what is necessary and its probable cost, I am inclined to believe that we can get the endorsement of the University. If we succeed in this, it will be practicable to secure the endorsement of our State Medical Society, which meets in May.

You can rest assured that I will give you every support in my power.

Signed: Florus F. Lawrence
1st Lieut. M.R.C. (Inactive)

True Copy.

DRS. F. F. & C. P. LAWRENCE
368 East Broad Street,
Columbus, Ohio

March 6, 1918.

Dr. R. W. Shufeldt, U.S.Army.
Surgeon General's Office,
War Department,
Washington D.C.

My dear Doctor Shufeldt:-

As promised in my letter of March 1st, I had the resolution presented to the Columbus Homeopathic Medical Society, which unanimously adopted the resolution. I am enclosing the resolution, signed by the secretary.

Trusting that these endorsements may be helpful, with the assurance that I am at your command to render any further service in this line, and with the suggestion that it might possible be of benefit if someone could visit a number of the smaller County societies and secure their endorsements, I am

Sincerely yours,

Signed: F.F.Lawrence.

True Copy.

DR. ERNEST LAPLACE
1828 South Rittenhouse Square

Philadelphia April 8, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U.S.A.,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

My dear Major Shufeldt:-

In answer to your circular letter with regard to building a new Army Medical Museum and the receipt of a resolution from the Medico Chirurgical College at Philadelphia approving your plan, let me say that our college has lately been merged with the University of Pennsylvania as its graduate school and that therefore such a letter from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School would be equivalent to one from us.

Assuring you of my hearty cooperation in your praiseworthy plan, believe me,

Very truly yours,

Signed: Ernest Paplace.

True Copy.

T. B. HARTZELL, D.M.D., M.D.

April 10, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,

Medical Corps, U. S. Army,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I will give me undivided support to the proposition outlined in your le tter to me of March 23rd at the earliest meeting of the Dental Society of which I am a member. The endorsement sought for by the Medical Suseum will be without doubt unanimously given. The medical boys will, doubtless, take care of this proposition also.

The Hennepin County Medical Society is meeting this week in the City of Minneapolis, and I will put your letter in the hands of the president in order that he may give his favorable consideration to the proposition.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Thomas B. Hartzell M.D.,D.M.D.

TBH:HL

TRUE COPY.

WALTER KEMPSTER, M.D.
426 Jackson Street
Milwaukee, Wis.

April 3, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt, M.D., U.S.Army,
Washington D. C.

Dear Doctor:-

Your letter enclosing a circular is at hand. I very heartily concur with you as to the necessity for the enlargement of the Army Medical Museum.

In my judgment this should have been begun some time ago, but I well know how difficult it is to secure the necessary appropriations to carry on work of this kind, althou gh of the greatest importance from a scientific standpoint to the medical profession, and anything that I can do to aid you in this respect will be done heartily and cheerfully. In a small way I aided Dr. W. W. Woodward in establishing the present Museum during the war between the States, which resulted, as you know, in the publication of five magnificent volumes full of medical and surgical information.

You will allow me to suggest that it might be a good plan to prepare at this time a work like Circualr No. 6 setting forth the necessity for such an increase in the size of the Army Medical Museum as was done to cause the construction of the present building.

Personally I am very glad to know that such steps are now being taken and if at any time I can be of service to you in this matter, please advise me.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Walter Kempster.

TRUE COPY

THE BOSTON CLUB
NEW ORLEANS

April 8th, 1918.

To Major Shufeldt
Washington, D. C.

Dear Major Shufeldt:

I have read the circular letter sent to the Deans of the Medical Colleges and have no hesitancy in endorsing its aims and purposes. A Medical Museum with the specific object of preserving the Medical and Surgical collections from "the various battle fronts of Europe" will prove of incalculable benefit to the Medical Profession. Far more, I think than we can even now conceive. I shall be glad to assist you in bringing it to a happy conclusion by interesting our Congressmen and Senators.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) E. S. Lewis.

TRUE COPY.

DR. WALTER L. BURRAGE
282 Newbury Street, Boston

Dec. 7, 1917.

R. W. Shufeldt, M.D.,
Major, Medical Corps, U. S. Army,
3356 Eighteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Shufeldt:

Please accept my thanks for the copy of your article on the Army Medical Museum. I shall do what I can to forward the project of building a new museum, for it is plain that one is very much needed at this time.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Walter L. Burrage.

TRUE COPY

OFFICE OF DR. ALFRED MEYER
785 Madison Avenue,
New York.

April
Eighth
1918

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps,
United States Army.

My dear Major:-

The plan to enlarge the Army Medical Museum to receive a large number of medical and surgical specimens available as a result of the world-wide war, must meet with the approval of every thoughtful physician in the United States; more than that it ought to meet the approval of our Government because to it, and to the millions whom it represents, will the davantages go. Even if a new building were required to do the housing of the specimens, their classification and the administrative work for their distribution to the great medical teaching centers of our country, that should be granted also.

And why not appeal for endorsement and moral support to the large lay bodies of our country? If this plan now developing becomes a reality it would be counted one blessing, at least, flowing from the awful carnage and suffering from the war.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Alfred Meyer.

Lieut. M.R.C.
Clinical Prof. Med. N. Y. University
and Bellevue Medical College.

TRUE COPY

EDWIN A. LOCKE M.D.
311 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

April 4, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Office of the Surgeon General,
Washington D.C.

Dear Major Shufeldt:-

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 30th and am deeply interested in the plans which you present for a permanent museum for war material which is now being collected and sent to the United States. I have no hesitation in expressing as my firm conviction that such a permanent museum is of paramount importance and should have the unqualified support of every medical school in the country as well as the medical profession generally. Such an ambitious undertaking will require a large expenditure but any financial outlay however large for such purposes will be well spent.

I am very glad of this opportunity of giving you my hearty endorsement of this project and shall be very glad to assist in furthering it in every way that lies within my power.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Edwin A. Locke.

(TRUE COPY)

Dr. Charles B. Penrose
1331 Spruce Street
Philadelphia

April 5, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 4 with enclosed copy of a letter that has been sent to the Deans of all the American and Canadian medical colleges of Class "A" in the United States and Canada. I am much interested in your proposition to increase the scope of the Army Medical Museum and I highly approve your plan. I have always been interested in museums of this kind and have passed many days in the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons in London, which I believe is the finest museum of its kind in the world.

Several years ago we started at the Zoological Garden in Philadelphia a museum of comparative pathology in which there are now over one thousand wet specimens and very many thousands of microscopic slides. I shall be glad to do what I can to assist in furthering your project.

Will you kindly let me know when the Bill to which you refer is brought before Congress?

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Charles B. Penrose.

(TRUE COPY)

Dr. H. A. Hare
N.W. Cor. Spruce and Eighteenth Streets
Philadelphia

March 27, 1918.

Dr. R. W. Shufeldt,

My dear Dr. Shufeldt:-

I regard to the efforts which are being made to increase the efficiency and usefulness of the collections of specimens in the Museum of the Surgeon General's Office, let me state that, in my opinion, such a collection is not only of infinite value to military surgeons both in the Army and Navy, but to civilian surgeons and, indirectly but effectively, to the whole population, both in peace times and in war. Opportunities such as exist at present should be embraced to the greatest possible extent, since this museum is not a collection of curios but a collection from which the present and future generations may learn much which is of value in preventing disease and saving life.

As one who has been a teacher of medicine for many years, I feel confident of the correctness of the above remarks from personal experience.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) H. A. Hare.

(TRUE COPY)

THE LLOYD LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

OFFICE OF
THE LLOYD LIBRARY
309 Court Street
Cincinnati, O.
U.S.A.

April 1, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U. S. Army,
Washington D.C.

My dear Major Shufeldt:-

In reply to your letter of March 30th I will say that in my opinion it is the duty of the U.S. Government to collect data, together with specimens of all problems that are a matter of educational research in connection with the war's activity that come within the scope mentioned by you.

The work will be prodigious, and needs be carefully systematized, both as regards the materials and data connected therewith. This, in my opinion, should not be left for accomplishment until after the war, but should be instituted as soon as possible. This collection can afterwards be so correlated as to be of immense value to the cause of medicine, in all its outreaches, and should be utilized for the educational opportunities of the coming generations of the professions of medicine, pharmacy and chemistry.

The writer of this remembers the efforts made by the Surgeon General of the United States in the period that followed the war between the States. Indeed, the writer took part in helping to establish the Surgeon General's Library, the catalogue of which alone, is now so complete and has been so useful since its establishment.

Trusting that you will pardon this personal intrusion from my appreciation of the great work with which you are now confronted, and hoping that the plan you have evolved will be consummated for the benefit of America's future, I am

Very truly yours,

Signed: John Uri Lloyd.

True Copy.

MAX MAILHOUSE M.D.
105 Elm Street
NEW HAVEN, CONN.

April 12, 1918.

R. W. Shufeldt,
Major, Medical Corps, U.S.A.,
Washington D. C.

My dear Doctor:-

I am very much interested in the movement going on to properly care for the collections in the Army Medical Museum and Library, to enlarge them to the greatest possible extent and to secure appropriations therefore as well as for a proper and fireproof building for their permanent abode. All of this material will become of inestimable value to the medical students of the future and their instructors; this I know from personal experience with my copies of the medical History of the war of the Rebellion. I shall take pleasure in communicating with our representatives in Congress to urge upon them the necessity of giving the latter their support.

With best wishes for the success of the movement,

I remain

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Max Mailhouse, Clinical Professor
of Neurology, Yale University.
Ex-president Conn. Medical Society.

(TRUE COPY)

Dr. Willy Meyer
700 Madison Avenue
New York

April 5, 1918.

Dear Major Shufeldt:-

Having heard of the plans of the Medical Museum and Library at Washington, with reference to collecting the material that is forwarded to Washington from the various battle fronts of Europe, I would herewith express my conviction that the building of a new Army Medical Museum for housing and taking care of the material mentioned, seems to me to be of the utmost importance. It stands to reason that such collections properly arranged and ready to be loaned to the various colleges for study at all times, will give a tremendous impetus to medical science, particularly the branch of war surgery. It is, therefore, to be hoped that sufficient pressure can be brought to bear upon Congress to appropriate ample funds, and that as soon as possible, not only for building a new Army Medical Museum, but also for keeping it up and providing for the proper arrangement of the collections in question.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Willy Meyer.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Washington D.C.

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April 5, 1918

R. W. Shufeldt,
Major, Medical Corps, U.S.A.,
Washington D.C.

My dear Doctor:

I am in receipt of your favor of April 2nd inclosing a copy of the circular letter sent by you to the Deans of the better class of Medical Schools of the United States and Canada.

I am heartily in favor of the plan therein suggested, and will mention it with editorial comment in the April number of the Journal of Sociologic Medicine.

Very truly yours,

Charles McIntire
per B.G.F. Acting Secretary

(TRUE COPY)

THE JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL
Baltimore

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U.S.Army

My dear Major Shufeldt-

Your letter concerning plans for enlarging and rendering more useful the Army Medical Museum interests me very greatly and I shall do everything I can to help you. I have already sent a series of specimens which resulted from our studies of pneumonia in the Army Camps in Texas and have drafted a circular at the request of Col. Russell giving additional directions to pathologists in Army Camps about the Technique of autopsy work and the importance of carefully preparing and forwarding specimens with data to the Army Medical Museum. I hope that when this circular is completed and sent out it may help in securing much instructive material for the Museum.

Your plan of making the collections available to responsible workers in various parts of the country seems admirable and I have already heard much of it from Colonel Owen. It is obvious that for its success very special emphasis should be laid upon the necessity for careful clinical bacteriological and pathological data in connection with the specimens which are sent in. The technical methods employed in the preservation of the material are most important.

I take it for granted that in the new plans for an enlarged museum you will arrange for adequate laboratory space and facilities for bacteriological and pathological anatomical studies (especially the latter) so that workers may be encouraged to come from far and near to avail themselves of the opportunity of studying the material collected to the greatest advantage. The proximity of the Library of the Surgeon General would be of the utmost value.

Please count on my continued interest and enthusiasm and willingness to help you in any way I am able.

Very sincerely,

Signed: W.G. MacCallum.

April 7, 1918.

True Copy.

DR. LEWIS STEPHEN PILCHER

145 Gates Avenue

Brooklyn

April 8, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt

Medical Corps, U. S. Army

Office of Surgeon General, War Department,

Washington D.C.

My dear Major:-

Yours of April 4 atb hand, with copy of circular letter as to the collection of material for Medical and Surgical History of the present war, as well as for the enlargement of the collections in the Army Museum.

I am glad to know that this work is engaging your special attention. The result of the labors of your predecessors in the Medical Corps of the Army in preparing the Medical and Surgical History of the Rebellion was of the highest importance not only from the scientific standpoint as record of the enormous experience of that war, but also, and even in a more important degree, from the impetus which it gave to the growth and advancement of Medicine and Surgery in this country and the influence which it had in increasing the appreciation of American Medicine throughout the world. In the wonderful advancement which has been made in all departments of Medicine and Surgery in the years that have passed since that time, the Medical and Surgical History of the Rebellion, the collections of the Museum and the Library of the Surgeon General's Office which has grown out of it, have had a very important and distinct share.

I trust that you will meet support and encouragement from Congress, from the War Department and from the country at large in every effort to do for the Medicine and Surgery of the present war what your predecessors did for that of the Sixties.

Very cordially yours,

Lewis S. Pilcher M.D. Signed.

True Copy.

New York,

No. 57 East 77th Street

April fourth, 1918.

R.W. Shufeldt,
Major, Medical Corps, U.S.A.
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I most emphatically endorse the plan to collect and properly house and care for the medical and surgical material which is being forwarded from the battle fronts, and field hospitals of Europe, and the Eastern countries. This material is of unique importance, not only to the present day, but to the henerations to come. Its importance is naturally not limited to the military and medical world, but extends to al science, and to all humanity. I hope that Congress may look favorably on your excellent plans within the near future. The importance of this movement, and the necessity of its early achievement cannot be questioned.

Believe me, Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

Emanuel deM Baruch M.D. (Signed)

True Copy.

Dr. C.G. Jennings

Dr. A. F. Jennings

435 Jefferson Avenue
Detroit

April 20, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U.S.A.
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

Dear Major Shufeldt:-

I wish to add my hearty endorsement to the enterprise that has been started by the Army Medical Museum. This is a project that will provide for the collection, classification, etc., of material from the various battlefields of Europe. Such a collection will be an unusual adjunct to a medical and surgical history of the present war and will be in the future of the greatest value in an educational way.

It should be urged upon the Congress to make adequate appropriation for this great work.

Sincerely yours,

C.G. Jennings (Signed)

True Copy.

Washington D.C.
April 6, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt, U.S.A.,

Dear Major:-

I have always taken a great interest in the Library and Museum of the Surgeon General's Office. For some time it has been evident to many doctors and our enlightened citizens visiting this building that the present structure is inadequate for the pressing needs of the army surgeons and medical profession. Since the present building was constructed medical progress has been rapid. There is a great need for an up-to-date, large laboratory and more space for books to be purchased, and the money to accomplish this end. All other branches of the government have, or will have, large handsome buildings and annexes.

The Army Medical Museum should be a center of research for the medical world. Why not? There will be collected a vast amount of valuable material in Europe. Think of the practical use to which all this will be put for the benefit of our profession, and especially the citizens of the United States.

Congress should stop and consider 20,000 medical men, in active practice, who will sacrifice this practice that has taken years to build up, and possibly their lives and limbs. These doctors will return pauperized and, as a rule, will not be able to re-establish their former practices. In appreciation of all this, what can be more befitting on the part of Congress than to appropriate a paltry sum of six millions of dollars to carry out the Surgeon General's idea for this building which will be a lasting monument to the whole profession. The doctor's future in civil life after the war will be a difficult one. I hope that Congress will be liberal to our profession and provide the amount to carry out this magnificant ideal.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Edwin Lee Morgan. M.D.

(TRUE COPY)

Dr. Thomas W. Huntington
Office, Physicians' Building
516 Sutter Street
Residence 2629 Pacific Avenue
San Francisco

San Francisco, Calif.,
April 4, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U.S.Army,
Washington D. C.

Dear Major:-

In reply to your favor of the twenty-eighth inst., pertaining to the Army Medical Museum, permit me to say that, at the present time, I have no active connection with any university or medical school.

I appreciate the nature of the movement which you are promoting and it is unnecessary to say that it must meet with the approval of any person who has any appreciation of the present needs.

Should it happen that I can be of any assistance to you, in any way, you are quite at liberty to call upon me.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) T.W.Huntington.

(TRUE COPY)

DR. EDWARD MARTIN

1506 Locust Street

Philadelphia

April 4, 1918.

Dear Major Shufeldt:

This is in acknowledgment of your communication of April 1st containing a copy of a letter addressed to the deans of Class A Medical Colleges.

I need scarcely say that the profession, including all scientists, realize the urgent need of immediate provision for the collection, preservation, and exhibition of the material incident ot this war. That its educational value is beyond computation, its historical value will grow with the coming years; that the opportunity for such a collection has never before been presented nor it is ever likely to occur again.

That by generous cooperation upon the part of Congress will be taken now one of those important steps which will assure to America her birthright, i.e. the center of post-graduate instruction and research.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: Edward Martin

True Copy.

Office of
Dr. A. Ravogli
No. 5 Garfield Place

Dr. R. W. Shufeldt,
Major, Medical Corps, U. S. A.
Washington D.C.

My dear Doctor:

In reply to your letter of April 5th, I must sincerely congratulate you for the splendid idea to publish a book on the materials and medical observations forwarded to the Army Medical Museum from the various battle fronts. This book will be a great monument of inestimable value to the medical profession, and to humanity in general. I am sure that the Congress will understand the importance of so great medical work and will see fit the execution of your magnificent project.

If in my poor capacity I am able to give support in this great project, I will be only too glad to do so.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours very sincerely,

A. Ravogli (Signed)

True Copy.

Memphis, Tenn.
April 9, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U.S.A.
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

Dear Major:-

I am informed that the Army Medical Corps is busily engaged in caring for the collections which are now being formed from the battle-fields in Europe with a view of writing an exhaustive Medical and Surgical History of the Great War.

For the preservation and use of such collections, a new Medical Museum must be built, and I am informed the site has been given, and plans have been executed for the erection of such a building.

The value of this work for scientific and educational purposes is beyond our power to estimate.

This material when collected is to be prepared in the form of loan sets, so that it may be loaned to the Colleges for study at all times, and will be of incalculable value to the physicians and surgeons of the future.

Such a Museum when completed should be the great Medical teaching and research center of the world. I attach great importance to this undertaking and sincerely trust Congress will make ample provision for its completion.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: Richard B. Maury, M.D.

True Copy.

Harvey G. Mudd, M.D.
Humboldt Building

St. Louis, Mo. 4/9/18

Major R. W. Shufeldt, U.S.A.

Surgeon General's Office, Washington D.C.

Dear Major Shufeldt:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 3rd enclosing copy of the letter sent to the Deans of the American and Canadian Medical Colleges, Class A.

I wish to say that I think the programme you outline in your letter is one, which if carried out as you expect, will be of wonderful value to the profession; especially to the teaching part of the profession. It is certainly of tremendous importance and inestimable value. Something in which I wish you every success. The idea of preparing the material in the form of loan sets where practical to be loaned to the colleges for study, I think, is of special importance and value.

I sincerely hope you will have no difficulty in getting the proper appropriation to carry out the work. Wishing you every success, I am

Yours sincerely,

H.G. Mudd (Signed)

True Copy.

W.P.MANTON M.D.
32 Adams Ave. W
Detroit

April 7, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,

Washington D.C.

My dear Major Shufeldt:

Your proposed plan of conserving the material now collecting from the seat of war in Middle Europe and later sending out loan sets to medical colleges for the instruction of students, appeals to me as a most desirable and praiseworthy one, and should have the endorsement of every teacher in a medical school.

Although I hope that, at the close of the present war, there will be no need for generations to come to put into practice the medical and surgical experiences which are now being acquired, I most heartily believe in preparedness and universal military training in the future for this country, and to this end special courses should be included in the medical curriculum which will fit officers for immediate field duty.

Such courses would largely obviate the necessity of training camps, as far as medical officers are concerned, would save the Nation both time and money and, possibly, the humiliation of habing to send unprepared medical men into the field.

Your plan would add immensely to the interest and effectiveness of this teaching and I hope may be favorably received and acted upon.

Very sincerely yours,

Signed: W.P.Manton (F.A.C.S. * F.Z.SOC.)
M.D.
Prof. Obstetrics and Clinical
Gynecology Detroit College of
Medicine and Surgery.

True Copy.

JOHN CHADWICK OLIVER, M.D.

Office: Berkshire Building, 628 Elm Street
Residence: 2233 Park Avenue, Walnut Hills

Cincinnati, Ohio.

April 13, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,

Washington D.C.

My dear Sir:-

I am writing to express my sympathy with, and approval of, the plan of collecting material for a Medical and Surgical History of the present war.

The value of this collection to the medical men of the country is simply incalculable.

I shall be very glad to have you use this letter in any way you see fit to bring about the accomplishment of this very desirable plan.

Very sincerely yours,

Signed: J.C. Oliver.

True Copy.

Dr. Hugh T, Patrick
25 East Washington Stret
Chicago

April 27, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt:
Army Medical Museum and Library,
Washington D.C.

Dear Major Shufeldt:-

I beg to state that I am in most hearty sympathy with your desire to have Congress pass an adequate appropriation for a new Army Medical Museum. I presume it is difficult for a layman to appreciate the importance of such a museum for the future education of the medical profession, and consequently for the health of the country. I am sure you should have the support of the entire profession of the country in this plan.

Very sincerely yours,

Signed: Hugh T. Patrick M.D.

True Copy.

Dr. F. W. Langdon
4003 Rose Hill Avenue
Cincinnati

April 3d, 1918.

R. W. Shufeldt
Major, Medical Corps, U.S.A.
Washington D.C.

Dear Major Shufeldt:-

I am in receipt of your favor of March 29- re furtherance of the project of a New Building for the Army Medical Museum.

The project appeals to me as of the greatest importance in an educational sense and I shall be gratified to be able to promote it in any manner.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Most respectfully yours,

(Signed) F.W. Langdon.

(TRUE COPY)

A. F. Jonas, M.D.
Brandeis Building

Omaha, Neb. Apr. 3, 1918.

Major. R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U.S.A.,
Army Medical Museum, Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 23rd in reference to Museum for collecting material from the battle fronts in Eruope for the purpose of studying and the preparation of a surgical history of the present war, I wish to advise, I am in hearty sympathy with you and, personally, I wish to do everything I can to encourage and forward the interests of such a museum.

I am also more than glad to know that the Government has decided to construct a new army museum for the present collection has grown far out of its present accommodations. A little more than a year ago, I had the pleasure of visiting the Army Medical Museum and Library in Washington and I could not help but note the fact that the collection of books and objects of interest in the Museum, perhaps, were the best that have ever been gotten together anywhere but the collection suffered for the want of space and proper methods of exhibit.

I sincerely hope your scheme will succeed,

Yours fraternally,

(Singed) A.F. Jonas.

STATE OF NEW YORK--DANNEMORA STATE HOSPITAL

John R. Ross, M.D.
Medical Superintendent

Dannemora, April 11, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,

Army Medical Museum,

Washington D.C.

Dear Doctor:

Your letter of April 3rd to Dr. Charles H. North relative to the work in which you are engaged at present has been received. I regret to inform you that Dr. North was killed on December 12th by one of the inmates of this hospital.

I believe that such a collection as you describe would be invaluable. There is no question in my mind but the preparation of such material should be undertaken, and such a task can only be carried out successfully by the government.

Unquestionably the proposition of loan sets to be used in our Medical Colleges for the purpose of study would be of untold value. Just how valuable I suppose none but the medical fraternity can fully appreciate. I do not believe any text-book can bring to the students the picture of a disease quite as clearly as the pathological specimen.

I am sure the idea of making the museum a center o research and teaching in medicine and surgery would impoove the standard of physicians in the United States and I am heartily in accord with the movement. I believe it should have the liberal support of the government.

Very truly yours,

Signed: John R. Ross
Medical Superintendent.

Copy.

DR. LOUIS HAMMAN
714 Park Avenue
Baltimore

April 6th, 1918.

My dear Maj.

Your letter setting forth your aims relative to the collection of medical material relating to the war, arouses my keenest interest. The idea, is, of course, an excellent one, and I wish you every success in your undertaking. I wish I might do something more to help you than merely express my approval.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Hamman (Signed)

Maj. R.W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U.S.A.,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

True Copy.

DR. DEAN W. MYERS
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

My dear Major Shufeldt:-

I have your communication of April 3rd, with reference to the establishment of a new Army Medical Museum at Washington.

In view of the fact that in all probability following the war America will become the medical center of the world, it would seem to me that this project was one of the greatest importance and should be pushed to an early conclusion with all the vigor possible. There can be no question as to its great value as a teaching institution in the future I sincerely trust Congress may be induced to set a side the necessary appropriation at once for the beginning of this very important work.

Assuring you of my sincerest best wishes in this matter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Signed: Dean W. Myers,

April 8th
1 9 1 8

True Copy.

DR. AUSTIN O'MALLEY
2228 South Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 4, 1918.

It is extremely important for the advancement of the medical sciences that the United States Army Medical Museum and Library be fitted to receive and extend the medical information derived from the present war. There is no doubt whatever that the Army Medical Museum and Library is one of the best in the world, and its library is certainly by far the most important medical collection of books in existence. Its catalogue has been in use for a generation in all the leading Universities of the world as a chief source of information in medical bibliography.

Any public money expended to further the usefulness of this institution is not a matter of mere national display, but of moral obligation.

(Signed) Austin O'Malley M.D., PH.D., Ll.D.

Author of Essays in Pastoral Medicine, The Cure of Alcoholism.

TRUE COPY.

Dr. Burton Haseltine
122 So. Michigan Ave.
Chicago

March 28, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt

Washington D.C.

My dear Major:-

Replying to your letter of March 26th would say that I entirely approve of the suggestion to utilize the material for a suitable museum and I amm glad to give it my strongest endorsement.

Very truly,

Signed: Burton Haseltine

True Copy.

DRS. F. F. & G. P. LAWRENCE

328 East State Street

COLUMBUS, OHIO

March 1st, 1918.

Major R.W.Shufeldt, U.S.Army,
Surgeon General's Office,
War Department.

My dear Major Shufeldt:

As promised in my former letter, I had the resolution presented to the Columbus Academy of Medicine and also to the General Practitioners' Society, both of which unanimously adopted the resolutions. I am enclosing the resolutions as adopted, signed officially by the Secretary of each society.

On Monday night of next week I will have the same resolution presented to the Columbus Homeopathic Medical Society, and have no doubt about its unanimous adoption there.

As soon as I receive it will forward it to you.

Fraternally yours,

Signed: F.F.Lawrence.

1st Lieut. M.R.C.
(Inactive.)

Enclosures.
True Copy.

DR. C. S. POTTS
2018 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia

4/9/18

Major R. W. Shufeldt
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter and enclosure of the 4th inst. I was very much interested in the latter. I am glad to hear that the government is taking steps to collect and catalogue properly the medical and surgical material resulting from this war. It will, especially when utilized as you have outlined it, prove of enormous educational value. I hope that Congress will furnish you the means to complete the project at an early date.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: Charles S. Potts.

True Copy.

CLIFFORD MITCHELL, M.D.

Office
25 East Washington Street
Suite 1700

Residence
7134 Eggleston Avenue

Chicago, Ill. April 12th, '18

R.W.Shufeldt, M.D.
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

My dear Doctor:

Please accept many thanks for the distinguished compliment paid me by requesting an expression of my opinion regarding the proposed new Army Medical Museum. There can be only one way of looking at such a thing as this, namely, in a most favorable light, for it would be of immense help to every one interested in modern medical education, and also what is most vital would interest the people of this country in medical science itself, without which education all our efforts are likely to meet with great obstacles. One reason for the growth of the cults is the ignorance of the people regarding the science of medicine. Hence I welcome your project as a valuable ally to the medical profession. Medical education begins with the masses and until the people are educated there is little hope for advancement in medical science.

Yours very truly,

Signed: Clifford Mitchell.

True Copy.

Dr. Dyer F. Talley
Birmingham, Ala.

March 4, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,

Washington D. C.

Dear Doctor Shufeldt:

The reprint of yours came and I presented the subject matter of your communication to the Jefferson County Medical Society this evening. The Society passed a resolution endorsing the building of a new Army Medical Museum and will write you a letter to that effect and also write our representatives in Congress urging them to support the measure.

Wishing you much success in this undertaking, I am

Very truly yours,

Signed: D.F. Talley

1808 Seventh Ave.

True Copy.

G. Wilse Robinson, M.D.
Superintendent

Edgar F. De Vilbus, M.D.
Ass't Superintendent

James W. Ousley, M.D.
Gastro-Enterologist

THE PUNTON SANITARIUM
A PRIVATE HOME SANITARIUM FOR NERVOUS PEOPLE
Sanitarium- 30th Street and The Paseo
Office Suite 937 Rialto Building

Kansas City, Mo.

March 1, 1918.

JACKSON COUNTY MISSOURI MEDICAL SOCIETY

Major R. W. Shufeldt,

3356 Eighteenth Street,

Washington D. C.

My dear Major Shufeldt:-

Your letter and enclosed copy of your article published in the Medical Record of New York City, has been presented to the Jackson County Missouri Medical Society, and I am instructed to inform you that the Society is in hearty accord with the movement as suggested by you, and will do all in its power to aid in this most worthy and necessary project.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) G. WILSE ROBINSON
President.

TRUE COPY

H. W. Mitchell, M.D.
Superintendent

Visiting days:
Wednesdays and Saturdays

STATE HOSPITAL
WARREN, PA.

APRIL 5, 1918.

R.W. Shufeldt,
Major, Medical Corps, U.S.A.
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D. C.

Dear Major Shufeldt:-

I have had the privilege of reading a copy of the letter which you have been forwarding to the medical schools of this country concerning the development of the Army Medical Museum.

The unique opportunity which is presented at this time for the preparation of a museum in the United States which shall be of instructive interest to the profession should be used advantageously, and I most sincerely hope that you will be able to carry out this great work for the improvement of medical science.

It is altogether probable that for generations a similar opportunity will not be presented for the development of a museum, which at this time would not only tend to promote medical science but serve as a repository for medical history.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) H. W. Mitchell

Superintendent.

(TRUE COPY.)

DR. JOHN B. ROBERTS
313 South 17th Street
Philadelphia

April 15, 1918

Major R. W. Shufeldt,

Dear Major Shufeldt:

I feel the greatest interest in your proposition to enlarge and improve the Army Medical Museum of the Surgeon General. The best proof of the value of such a collection is the present Museum and its companion, the Medical Library of the Surgeon General's Office. Its invaluable product, the catalogue of the Surgeon General's Library, was the parent of the Index Medicus, without which much of the literary work done within the last thirty years would have been crippled. The proposition to have Congress provide for an extension and further development of the Army Medical Museum should meet the strongest and best support of the medical profession of the country. It will give me very great pleasure to prepare a Resolution to offer in medical societies to which I belong in the endeavor to give support to the project.

Yours truly,

Signed: John B. Roberts.

True Copy.

1729 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia

April 2nd, 1918.

From: Major W.W. Keen, M.R.C., U.S.A.,

To: Surgeon General W.C. Gorgas

Subject: The Army Medical Museum.

I am very glad to learn that which I had the honor of suggesting to your Office a year or more ago, a matter which I believe had already received the attention of the Office is the importance of extending the Army Medical Museum and increasing its usefulness by obtaining a large number of specimens of the surgery of the present war.

The missiles have so changed and the character of the wounds are so utterly different from the days of the Civil War, and the specimens now which make up the bulk of the present Museum, dating back 50 years, that it is of the utmost importance for our surgeons, in order that they may keep abreast of modern progress, shall have the opportunity of seeing and of studying such a series of recent specimens.

In connection with that, the present crowded Museum and Library are entirely inadequate to the work of the Surgeon General's Office. As I understand it a lot has been secured and all that is necessary is an appropriation to begin a new building. I would urge very strongly that such an appropriation be sought and that the profession throughout the country should be asked to support such an appropriation.

Our Medical and Surgical History of the Civil War is the finest publication of its kind issued by any government. It represents conditions over fifty years ago. We ought to have a similar account of the present war as storehouse of facts which our Surgeons and physicians can draw their information and inspiration.

E. FLETCHER INGALLS, M.D.
Suite 901, 104 S. Michigan Ave.

Chicago, April 3, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
U.S.Army,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I heartily support the plan for a medical Museum outlined in your letter of March 26th.

Yours very truly,

Signed: E. Fletcher Ingalls (K)

Captain M.O.R.C.

True Copy.

J. B. McGEE M.D.
10502 Wade Park Avenue
Cleveland

Cleveland April 18, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt
Medical Corps, U. S. A.

Dear Doctor:

Yours of the 2nd inst. received requesting opinion concerning the collection of the Army Medical Museum, now being formed. Such an undertaking is, without question, a most desirable one, and its decided importance, present and prospective, can scarcely be too strongly emphasized. A measure so essential to medical education is surely a necessity and can only receive universal professional approval.

Very truly yours,

Signed: J. B. McGee.

True Copy.

Howard A. Kelly M.D.
Curtis F. Burnham M.D.
Robert M. Lewis M.D.

THE HOWARD A. KELLY HOSPITAL, Inc.

1418 Eutaw Place

Baltimore, Md.

April 9, 1918.

Dear Major Shufeldt:

I hardly know of any work more important than that outlined in your letter and projected by the Army Medical Museum; namely, the collection of various exhibits relating to the medical and suggical history of the war as they are furnished by the activities of the troops on the front, and as they accumulate from month to month. Such material must necessarily form a permanent background of any medical or surgical work done in the future, and the possession of such material is absolutely necessary for the instruction of our medical men in the Army and Navy as they fit themselves for their respective duties.

Kindly excuse my delay in answering partly due to absence from the city.

Faithfully yours,

Signed: Howard Kelly.

True Copy.

YALE UNIVERSITY
THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Affiliated with the New Haven Hospital
on the
Anthony N. Brady Memorial Foundation

George Blumer M.D.
Dean of the Medical Faculty

New Haven Connecticut
March 25, 1918.

Major R.W. Shufeldt,
Army Medical Museum, M.C., U.S.A.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

In answer to your letter of March 23, 1918, I would express the opinion that it is of the greatest importance to the future pf medical education of men who are ultimately to serve the United States Army, that opportunity be given to adequately study the lesions and diseases pf modern warfare. In order to bring this about it will be very necessary for Congress to appropriate an adequate sum of money to cover the construction of a new Army Medical Museum and in addition to provide some means by which the collections of the museum may become available to the medical schools of the country. This could be done as has been suggested by arranging loan collections. If I can be of any assistance to you by writing to the Congressmen or representatives from this district kindly let me know.

Yours very truly,

George Blumer, Dean.

Dictated by Dr. Blumer
and signed by his secretary to
avoid delay.

NEW YORK STATE VETERINARY COLLEGE
AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, N. Y.
V.A.MOORE, DEAN

April 18, 1918.

Major R.W.Shufeldt,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

Dear Major Shufeldt:-

I am in receipt of your letter of April 2nd and relative to establishing a medical museum.

In answer to your inquiries I would say that I consider it of very great importance that at this time there should be established in this Government, a museum of sufficient extent and comprehensiveness to be of value not only to the Medical Department of the Government but also to the medical professions of the country. All we have by way of illustrative material in connection with the Civil War is the small museum which is now under your supervision. Such a collection would be of inestimable value to students, practitioners and teachers.

In connection with this, there should be a comprehensive collection of pathological specimens of the domesticated animals, especially the horse. Now that the Veterinary Corps is in the Medical Department, it is very proper that pathological specimens illustrating the affections of the horse and I believe also of the food producing animals should be made and kept in this museum. Because of the necessary expense of maintaining such collections, it has thus far been impossible for medical or veterinary colleges to maintain suitable museums.

I am very much interested in this subject and assure you that I shall be glad to do anything that I can to assist you in this effort.

Trusting that Congress will cooperate with you in this most worthy enterprise, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Veranus V. Moore.

(TRUE COPY)

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT OF HYGIENE AND BACTERIOLOGY

April 2, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U.S.A.,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

My dear Major Shufeldt:-

In reply to your letter of March 29 I have no hesitation in saying that the project of collecting ample material for a thorough medical and surgical history of the present war appeals to me very strongly. Such a collection as you propose will be invaluable in furthering the advancement of knowldege and will enable men of science to utilize fully the unique information that isnbeing made available in the work of the military organization. It is hardly necessary to urge the great advantage such material will be in the future in preventing infectious diseases and in checking the progress of epidemics.

Yours very truly,

Signed: Edwin O. Jonas.

True Copy.

DR. CHARLES E. KAHLKE
25 East Washington Street
CHICAGO

April 2, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt
Medical Corps, U. S. Army,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

My dear Major Shufeldt:

Although I have not been dean of Hahnemann Medical College for a number of years, I will see that your "Letter to the Deans" is placed in the hands of Dr. Jos. P. Cobb, the present dean, for answer.

I would like to take this opportunity, however, as an individual, to express my hearty approval of your plans in connection with the proposed new Army Medical Museum. Your project, if carried out, will make your wonderful collection of material of the greatest value and service to all medical teaching centers in this country. I feel that this is an opportunity that should under no circumstances be allowed to pass by.

With best wishes for the success of your project, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Signed: Chas. E. Kahlke.

True Copy.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL

MINNEAPOLIS

Department of Anatomy
Office of the Director

April 11, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,

Army Medical Museum,

Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I thank you for your letter of recent date with outline of the plans of development for the Army Medical Museum. It seems to me that the present war will offer an unusual opportunity for a collection of material which will be invaluable for future work. I hope that Congress will give this matter the support which its importance deserves.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) C.M. Jackson.

(TRUE COPY)

THE POTTENGER SANATARIUM
For Diseases of the Lungs and Throat
F.M. Pottenger, A.M., M.D., LL.D., Medical Director
J.E. POttenger A.B., M.D., Ass't Medical Director
Monrovia, California

1100-1101 Title Insurance Building, Los Angeles.

Monrovia, Cal.
April 11th, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Medical Corps, U.S.Army,
Office of the Surgeon General,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I have read with great interest the prospectus of the work you have laid out for yourself in connection with the Army Medical Museum, as detailed in your letter of March 23rd.

This is a most important undertaking, and it should have the encouragement not only of medical men but of laymen as well. Such a museum would be of untold benefit to medical teaching, which means to the public as well. I hope you will secure the hearty cooperation of those who are in a position to help further your enterprise.

Very sincerely yours,

Signed: A.M. Pottenger.

True Copy.

Dr. William J. Mayo
Rochester, Minn.

Saturday
April 6th, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt,

Army Medical Museum,

Washington D.C.

Dear Major Shufeldt:-

I have your letter of March 23d in regard to the formation of a great medical museum which will contain pathological data so that sets can be loaned to the medical colleges for teaching purposes. This project has my endorsement. I believe it is one of the greatest movements for better medical education that has ever been undertaken in this country. I will be glad to do anything I can to further it.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) W.J. Mayo.

(TRUE COPY.)

DR. CHARLES H. MAYO
ROCHESTER, MINN.

April Sixth
Nineteen Eighteen

Major R. W. Shufeldt,

Army Medical Museum,

Washington D.C.

My dear Major Shufeldt:

I am deeply interested in the fullest possible development of the National Medical Museum and, in the Surgeon General's Office, I am Chairman of the Committee on development of the Museum and the securing of medical records and specimens of the present war; we are working along the lines that England and France have adopted for their National Medical Museum. Doctor L. B. Wilson of our staff is the Director of the Museum and he is now in France.

The erection of a new building is very essential in order that the institution may be developed to its fullest capacity as an educational one for the public, the physicians and the teachers of medicine.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Charles H. Mayo.

(TRUE COPY)

WILLIAM I. DEAN
33 Chestnut Street
Rochester, N.Y.

April
Twenty-ninth
Nineteen Eighteen

Major R. W. Shufeldt,
Washington D. C.

The following resolution was adopted by a regular meeting of the Rochester Medical Association:

"The the Rochester Medical Association believes that proper regard for public sanitation and hygiene, for scientific medicine and surgery justifies a more extended effort to utilize the vast material afforded by the present war. And to this end, expresses its interest and approval of the movement to materially increase the facilities of the Surgeon General's Library and the Army Medical Museum.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) WM. I. DEAN.

Sec'y.

(TRUE COPY)

DR. JAMES COLE HANCOCK
318 UNITED STATES EXPRESS BUILDING

2 Rector Street
New York

April 10, 1918.

Major R. W. Shufeldt, M.C., U.S.A.,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington DC.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter dated March 26th and evidently received March 27th was unintentionally overlooked by me for which please accept my apology. There can be not the slightest doubt that the project mentioned in your letter concerning a medical and surgical history of this great war is of an importance which cannot be overestimated. It gives me great pleasure to most heartily endorse the idea and to offer my services in any capacity possible should later events place me in a position where such services would be of the least value.

A physical defect, viz., an injured knee has kept me out of active military service so far and my work has been confined to Advisory Board work, etc., but doubtless later when the idea is evolved that medical men practise medicine and surgery rather with their heads than with their heels there may be some place found for me.

With best wishes for the success of the project mentioned, I am

Very sincerely yours,

John Cole Hancock (Signed)

True Copy.

Dr. Edmond Souchon
Richardson Memorial
Tulane University
St. Charles Ave.,
New Orleans, La.

April 15, 1918.

Dear Major Shufeldt:-

I cannot express too emphatically my thorough approval of your splendid idea to found an Army Medical Museum in Washington D.C.

The educational value of such a Museum as you describe will be immense. The grand results of the McGill Museum of Montreal, of the Jefferson Museum of Philadelphia, the Army Medical Museum in Washington and the Museum of Normal Anatomy of Tulane University at New Orleans are a sure guarantee of the tremendous success that will attend the Museum you have in mind.

Will you notify me and I will delight in writing in its behalf to the Louisiana delegates in Congress.

Very truly,

Edmond Souchon, M.D. : Signed.

Professor Emeritus of Anatomy
Tulane University.

True Copy.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
Public Health Council
Dr. F. F, Farnsworth, President
Dr. S. L. Jepson, Commissioner of Health

Office of Commissioner
Charleston, W. Va.

April 3rd
1918

Dr. R. W. Shufeldt,
Major Medical Corps, U.S.A.
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

Dear Doctor:

I have yours of the 28th ult, with enclosure concerning the efforts now making for the collection of material for the preparation of the medical and surgical history of the present war. I do not hesitate to express myself as enthusiastically in favor of this movement. The value of such a history can scarcely be estimated. The advances in the treatment of war surgery have already been so great and will doubtless continue, that we cannot afford to miss the opportunity of collecting all available data with a view of putting it in such shape as will make it available for the use of physicians, medical colleges, and medical students for all future time. You may count on my cordial cooperation in every effort put forth for the promotion of this great work.

Respectfully yours,

Signed: S.L. Jepson

State Health Commissioner.

True Copy.

Dr. Allard Memminger,
#34 Montague Street.

Charleston S.C.
April 4th, 1918.

R.W. Shufeldt, M.D.,
Major, Medical Corps, U.S.A.,
Army Medical Museum,
Washington D.C.

Dear Doctor:-

Your highly esteemed letter of the 2nd has just reached me, as also enclosed your appeal to the deans of all medical colleges in America and Canada in Class A.

And as you ask for my personal expression of opinion I write to say that the plan you outline in your prospectus seems to me most admirable and well balanced. The material you will collect from the battle fields of Europe will be of priceless value, and as far as I am informed the first of its kind in any Museum in America to be intelligently classed and arranged for future study of the outcome of the great war we are now in.

The idea then after collection proper preparation of specimens, to loan them in sets to Medical Colleges, will add much towards the advance of medicine and surgery in our country, and should we think receive a large and efficient appropriation from our government to make its accomplishment sure.

Trusting then your endeavors will meet with unbounded success, that this Museum will become the great center of learning and research work, not only for this country but for the world at large.

I remain sincerely and fraternally yours,

(Signed) Allard Memminger.

TRUE COPY.

F.H. Gerrish, M.D.
675 Congress St.,
Portland, Me.

13, April, 1918

Dear Doctor Shufeldt:-

Last evening was the first opportunity I have had to present your letter to any considerable number of medical men.

I brought it before the Cumberland County Medical Society, which immediately passed a resolution, urging Congress to support generously the plan for the new Army Museum and and its administration.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Frederic H. Gerrish (Sgned)

True Copy.

Oyster Bay, L.I., N.Y.,
April 15, 1918.

R.W. Shufeldt, Esq.,
Major, Medical Corps, U.S.A.

My dear Major:-

Yours of April 3rd duly received. I heartily approve of your idea expressed therein.

Medical and surgical science is advancing with such rapid strides that the formation and publication of such a history becomes an absolute necessity for the information and instruction, not only of the physicians and surgeons to come but also those of the present day.

May you meet with all success in your present work.

Yours very sincerely,

Signed: Valentine Mott, M.D.

True Copy.