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Abstract : Experience of war, especially of war in tropical countries, has always

that one of the chief difficulties of a commander is the maintenance of the health of his troops. Examples need not be multiplied, but the notorious records' come to mind: the Walcheren expedition of 1809, the French occupation of Haiti in 1800, the Crimean War, the Gallipoli, Macedonia and Mesopotamia campaigns of 1914-18. In the war recently ended, troops have been sent to some of the most unhealthy parts of the world, and disease incidence has not been low; but in most of the campaigns, though there were some surprises, not least of which was scrub typhus, the military authorities knew what the risks were. Steps were taken to acquire in advance knowledge of diseases indigenous to the areas to which troops were moved. In the United States a large number of medical men and women were associated with the Intelligence Division of the Office of the Surgeon-General of the United States Army, and these collected a considerable amount of information, either from personal experience of the areas concerned, or by the laborious process of consulting reports or papers in the field or in medical literature. The reports they made have been brought together, and those dealing with India and the Far East, and with the Pacific Area, are now published. The editors remark that the authors do not regard this work as final. They would have preferred to delay publication until scrutiny under the more leisurely conditions of a library could have been carried out, but have consented to publication at this time because much of the material is of immediate value to many interests, and is not readily available elsewhere.

The countries described are: *India and the Far East*.- Burma, Ceylon, China, Formosa, China, India, Japan, Korea, British Malaya, Nampo and Ryukyu Islands, Thailand, *Pacific Area*.-Australia, Cook Islands and Niue, Easter Island, French Oceania, Gilbert and Nauru Islands, Guam, Hawaii, Japanese Mandated Islands, Johnston Island, Northern Line Islands, Netherlands East Indies, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, New Zealand, North Borneo, Sarawak and Brunei, Papua, New Guinea and the Bismarck Archipelago, Philippines, Phoenix Islands, Pitcairn, Samoa, Solomons, Tokelau, Tonga Islands.

In each case notes are given of the climate, the health services and medical conditions, and the common diseases.

There is a bibliography for each section, and, at the end, a series of world maps showing the distribution of certain diseases. The general index is good. It is evident that information of this kind has as great a value in peace as in war. No similar publication on this scale has previously been issued, and though, no doubt, in future an even greater amount of detail will be required, the information now made available will be of great value, and may, perhaps, stimulate some countries from which annual medical reports are issued, to contribute regularly, after the fashion set by others who do so regularly, to an orderly mass of world medical information. Volumes of this kind soon become obsolete, and the issue of new editions at reasonably frequent intervals will be a task

The reviewer has had some experience of the labour of compiling, reports [see the reports on the Far East in the *Tropical Diseases Bulletin*, 1944, Aug-December], which entitles him to say that this American team has done its v
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