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port, document and publication be placed in the historical library.

A more liberal appropriation to permit the Society to perform for the benefit of the State and its people the functions and duties of a well-conducted historical society and museum.

The building of a wing to the Palace of the Governors extending across the east end of the Palace patio, from the present Museum building to the National Guard Armory, providing vaults for manuscripts and precious gifts, and room for library consolidation together with adequate and well-lighted reading room.

Respectfully submitted,

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President.

TROPHIES OF THE GREAT WAR

The last state legislature made an appropriation of \$1,500 for the receiving and distribution of the war trophies which had been allocated by the war department to the State of New Mexico, and the officers of the Historical Society were asked to handle this matter for the state.

As soon as the appropriation was available, which was in the early spring of 1926, letters were sent out to ascertain where the trophies were desired, and distribution was made upon the basis of the replies received.

The chief difficulty was with regard to the major pieces of artillery. A total of twenty-five were asked for, which had to be satisfied with only six which had been given to New Mexico. Requests for additional pieces were unsuccessful, and the six pieces were placed as follows:

- 2 minnewerfers with mounts, 250 millimeter E. Las Vegas and the State University
- 1 heavy howitzer, mounted, 150 millimeter Military Institute
- 1 short howitzer, mounted, 105 millimeter State College

- 1 light field gun, mounted, 77 millimeter Santa Fe
- 1 minnewerfer, mounted, 76 millimeter Silver City

The balance of the trophies, 683 items in all, were distributed to the above named places and also to Dawson, Tucumcari, El Rito, Bernalillo, Gallup, Belen, Socorro, Willard, Carrizozo, Alamogordo, Artesia, and Carlsbad. In July the chief of ordnance advised the Historical Society that an additional lot of small trophies had been assigned to New Mexico. These were received and distributed in October to the above centers. Some duplicate trophies, however, have been held by the Historical Society in case other towns send in belated requests for small collections.

The entire lot consisted chiefly of machine guns of various types, rifles, sword and sabers, Uhlan lances, helmets and helmet ornaments, canteens, gas masks, brass cartridge cases of different sizes, steel projectiles of two sizes, grenade throwers, trench lanterns, wooden and metal ammunition boxes, "Gott mit Uns" buckles, and a number of other items.

Besides the piece of field artillery for Santa Fe, which was placed on the Catron School grounds, a representative collection of trophies was kept for exhibition in the State Museum.

This collection includes:

- 1 trench mortar, German, 57 millimeter
- 1 grenade thrower
- 1 aircraft machine gun, German Maxim
- 2 machine guns, German Maxim, model 1908-15
- 1 antitank rifle, German Mauser, 13 millimeter
- 1 gas mask
- 1 officer's sword
- 4 enlisted men's sabers
- 1 brass cartridge case, 210 m/m howitzer
- 4 brass cartridge cases, 150 m/m howitzer
- 1 brass cartridge case, 173 m/m railway
- 8 steel helmets
- 1 Uhlan helmet

2 Uhlan lances
 5 canteens, infantry and medical
 1 grenade, potato masher, dummy
 10 steel belt boxes, machine gun
 6 wooden belt boxes, machine gun
 1 belt-loading machine
 1 coffee or tea container
 1 trench lantern
 1 fuse, inert
 1 flexible saw, leather case
 20 belt buckles, "Gott mit Uns"
 2 eagle ornaments, helmet
 84 side ornaments for helmet, 3 kinds
 6 projectiles, 173 m/m
 3 projectiles, 150 m/m
 1 Spanish express automatic pistol
 1 Mauser automatic (shoulder piece serves as wooden
 holster)
 1 piece of body armor
 29 bayonets, plain and saw-tooth
 62 rifles and carbines

These trophies, and others which have been received at the State Museum by gift or loan from Dr. S. D. Swope, Miss Helen Straughn and others, were mostly catalogued by the late F. S. Curtis, Jr., headmaster of Los Alamos Ranch School. As already stated, many items are duplicates, but the miscellaneous lot of rifles and carbines shows a surprising variety when classified by type, arsenal and model. One example even of Japanese make has been identified.

So far as present case and floor space allow, the collection has been installed in the War Memorial room of the Old Palace and in the ethnological room of the Historical Society. In the latter room also are the Borrowdale collection of weapons and the similar collection belonging to the Historical Society.

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