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FOREWORD

By its size and belated date of publication, this number of *The Polar Record* still has the character of a war-time publication. We hope that succeeding numbers may be of more generous proportions and that they will appear progressively nearer the advertised date.

It is satisfactory to be able to get into touch once more with many overseas friends from whom we have been partly or wholly cut off since 1939. It has been one of the happiest marks of peace to have welcomed at the Institute during the past few months visitors from abroad, and we hope that these may become more frequent during the next months. We also look forward to the resumption in this and other countries of the pursuit of polar exploration, and in succeeding issues of *The Polar Record* we hope to have a fuller account to give of current work in the Arctic and Antarctic. The experience which has been gained by the fighting forces in cold climates will prove a valuable asset for future work. Against this gain must be set the heavy loss of those polar explorers and scientists who have been killed on active service. A fitting tribute to their memory is that others may carry their interests and enthusiasms a stage further.

Professor Frank Debenham, Director of the Institute since its foundation, left Cambridge in October 1945 on leave of absence. The Reverend W. L. S. Fleming has been appointed to act as his deputy. The Committee of Management have also appointed Dr Brian B. Roberts as a Research Fellow of the Institute. Dr Roberts, who was leader of the Cambridge Iceland Expedition of 1932 and a member of the Cambridge East Greenland Expedition of 1933, and of the British Graham Land Expedition of 1934–37, has for many years been closely associated with polar research.

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ROUTES OF THE ST. ROCH IN THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE

1940-42 ----- 1944..... SLEDGE PATROL -----

SCALE OF MILES
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