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Dear Bill:

I am enclosing the resident's summary of the case of Urban Jones. What does it seem like to receive one of these summaries? I have added a note in regard to the x-rays which seem to me fairly clear. However, we took some x-rays, after he had lain all night without getting up, to see whether one of the sinuses might seem to be full. We then took an x-ray while he was distending his sinuses by means of blowing on his nose. There was no evidence of any air entering the cranium.

He seemed a nice fellow, and we sent him on West to his home.

I had an excellent chance of talking to Major Baker as I wrote you last week.

I have just been up to Ottawa to a meeting of the Associate Committee on Medical Research of the National Research Council. The D.G.M.S. was away but I had a good talk with Archibald and with Colonel Davis. Colonel Davis is going to send two copies of the Manual of Military Neurosurgery; one is going by boat, I think, and the other by air. I still have in mind to add some details to it, such as, perhaps, a very brief description of the method of ligating the middle meningeal artery, the method of trepanation for subdural haematoma, and, possibly, subtemporal decompression. I had then thought to make a sketch of the sucker in action picking up bleeding arteries, the ends of the jewellers forceps, the silver clip, and the method of preparation of bone wax, and such minor details.

On the other hand, I should like very much your criticism in regard to the detailed handling of patients. Please read the whole thing through and make notes. If you feel that I have in general hit off the proper attitude, then cable me and we will go ahead and get the thing printed and done. If you

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written to them again, however, and it may be that you will get some.

Some of these days I miss you very much, Bill.

As ever yours,

WCP/AD