

October 31st, 1940

Lt. Col. C. E. Cross,
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c/o Base Post Office,
Canada.

Dear Colonel Cross:

The fifth interim report probably has gone to you before this letter. It was ~~an~~ report of your broadside of October 4th. The fourth interim report was delayed somewhat after reaching here and was delayed also on the way. Consequently, it is coming out after the fifth, but not long after it.

I am sending to the D.G.M.S. certain excerpts from it which have to do with the unpacking and checking of instruments, and so on. It seems to me a good thing that he should know what is missing without your making any direct complaint to him.

We have recently seen pictures which Stewart sent to his wife. They were in colour and not altogether clear, but gave a very good idea of your general surroundings, which are certainly better than they were. The pictures of the nurses, however, were very good indeed. We shall all be thinking of you at Christmas time. One has to think very much in advance in these days and at this distance.

It was an excellent scheme your sending the members of the unit around to become familiar with work in different clinics.

Perhaps the rest of this letter had better be personal. I wonder if you can see now clearly enough to know whether you need more men and what men might be substituted for. I should like to go over in the Spring, and this place can hardly be run without Cone in my absence. Would I be able to be of sufficient use there to make it possible to release him? Of

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course any actual decisions will be made by the D.G.M.S. On the other hand, I should like to be guided as to what to suggest to him. Do you think that Harding, who has been pretty well trained now, could replace Childe and allow him to return? I think that either Young or McEachern are willing to go over and each is a well trained neurologist ready to take real responsibility. Young is experienced and his interest lies chiefly among the psychoneuroses, while McEachern is better trained in internal medicine and the organic side of neurology. I think no one wants to go unless he is going to be of some real use. If it a matter of going over there and waiting around or being supernumerary, there is not much point in it. Certainly, for myself, I would like to do the thing that would help most, whether it is there or here, and whether it is in #1 Neurological Hospital or somewhere else.

I write you this letter that you may bear in mind that I shall be much in need of suggestion in the next two months and that I have little perspective from this great distance. I realize that if you should be bundled up and taken off to distant parts the whole problem would alter. However, you will have a clearer idea of the situation than I.

With best regards to all,

Yours sincerely,

WGP/AD