

A good letter from Miss Flanagan which we have enjoyed
and very interesting news, re. Miss Solari. (sent cable) ^{George Stevens}
Sup. RV #. cc + c. Thank her for us. 26th July, 1940.
① London.

My dear Mildred

I appreciated your letter and
the enclosed news letter to our supporters -
It makes one feel careful about what one
says in case one expresses himself too
freely but I expect you will be discreet.
I have forgotten the date of my last letter but it
was before we had found any site at all
suitable. On Sunday June 30 dining at the
Gordon Holmes - I mentioned an estate that had
just been offered to the Ministry of Health for the
decoration. So Monday I got in touch with Miss
Sharpe who runs that part of the Ministry
in the pm. Col Luton and I motored down to
^{Basingsheath to} look it over. It was the answer to Kreyer - and
we have been negotiating ever since. Luton thinks
we may be able to have our new house next
week. - Hope so. - Bill is signing a good deal
which is always an indication of tenseness.
But he and Harry are busy organising mobile
trains - with station wagons which we hope
will come in time - of course only on paper as
everything is at Thursley with the unit under

Canada - and the advanced Medical Stores -

The necessity of mobility of hospital units certainly is one development of the war.

Orders that have gone out show how the Ministry of Health is in charge of the whole medical situation - and one can easily see how that has developed and why it should be so. - They are saying it well. I think as far as I can see. But a better situation could be imagined. I believe, especially as regards Canada, where the same situation is tending to arise without the same justification. I believe if the D.G.M.S. were strong enough and had the vision he could organize the medical profession under the R.C.M.S.C. into a system that would work in war time or in peace - and in this way keep us out of the hands of the politicians.

Secondly if this subject is not worth consideration by the Canadian Medical Assoc. or the Royal College who might be of great assistance to the D.G.M.S. - Perhaps some might think the D.P. & N.H. should do it. but personally I cannot see that on account of the influence of Politicians e.g. the present Minister. - It is remarkable at

present that there is no medical man in the
Ministry - and yet there is no question of the
importance of medical knowledge in running
the country in peace or war.

We - Bill and I - were wondering what you
would have done had you come over instead
of him. I know you would have regretted
it on account of the waste of time and the
inability to get action. Bill has sympathy for
the difficulties and complexities of the situation
and yet the human inefficiencies are sometimes
discouraging.

Money means absolutely nothing
as anyone can see by looking at the budget and
the amount spent every second of the twenty four
hours (\$110-0-0. I believe) and yet there are so
many precautions against the possibility of graft,
putting everything out to tender etc. that the time wasted
is apt to ~~make~~ frustrate the purpose. An executed
graft would have a salutary effect.

Had John Beatty to lunch on the other day and Bill
has got him to put up a fellowship for work on
tissue culture and the action of sulphobamides
groups in the presence of living tissue.

He had an exciting time in France and got a
machine gun through his leg and one hit his tin hat.

6 years and some of the officers have been in town
from time to time. Their temporary Camp is
satisfactory and they see Air Raids every now
and then. but they are all laid up because their
promotion to Captain has not gone through in the regular
way and the pay they allotted to their wives
was on the basis of Captain's pay. Bill and I
have helped some of them out and I think Cos
has from the fund^{on loans}, but it should not have
occurred. We have fixed it up, I think, so that
Col. Luton has put it through here but it should
have been done in Ottawa before they left.

I suppose you heard that Prof. Lee had a Coronary
thrombosis about 5th of June. a few days later
a pulmonary embolus and a day or so later a
cerebral embolus to the left side with aphasia.
The poor old fellow is mentally very confused and
difficult. seldom recognizes anybody and
when he does get a glimmer the emotional disturbance
is terribly distressing.

Hope Lewis is going back to Canada I missed her
when she was in town the other day but Bill
looked after her.

Evelyn will have told you about Hackwood Park. the
site of the hospital I am sure - no doubt close as everything
else of military importance. Love to Helen, the family, I was at
M.N.R. Yours Colin Powell