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Dear Doctor Penfield:-

I had intended
writing you long ago, but so little
has happened that it scarcely seemed
worthwhile. As you have doubtless
heard we are now at Basingstoke,
but the time for any really useful
activity seems rather remote. I hope
that I shall be agreeably surprised,
but have stopped wishing for
miracles in the Army. It now seems
that the papers for our taking
over are still unsigned even though
we were supposed to get busy on
Sept. 1st.

We had a couple of
months of tent life which was a

rather enjoyable experience on the whole, the summer being very fine and dry. Now we are comfortably housed and expect soon to be even more so, possibly with separate rooms. Bill Stewart and I had an interesting and instructive trip to Manchester. We were both very much struck with Mr. Jefferson, but as he was recuperating from diverticulitis and influenza we could not see him in action. Mr. Twining died a year ago, but in spite of this the X-ray department at the Royal Infirmary proved interesting. Evidently Twining was a very remarkable fellow in more ways than one and he and Jefferson worked a good deal together, with mutual respect. On the way home I spent a day in Oxford at St. Hugh's

Hospital for Head Injuries. Their Radiologist (Major Bull) trained with Rysholm and is right on his toes. He feels a Rysholm head apparatus is essential for good work and I saw one in action. I think it would be useful particularly for mastoids and perhaps sinuses but agree with most Americans that it is far from essential. Over here and in Stockholm very few stereos are used, which I think is a pity.

In spite of the fact that England is such a small country we see practically nothing of German air activity. From what we hear there is not the slightest reason to doubt the accuracy of the British claims. Quite evidently the German figures are completely without any foundation and are just put out

on a propaganda basis. Morale here in the Forces and Civilians could not be better. I doubt if Churchill has one critic in Great Britain. He is the most amazingly popular individual I have ever heard of.

Emma tells me the first three months cheque from her Bill has come through - thanks you so much for your efforts in this matter. As far as I can tell from her letters things are not too badly with her but doubtless she is worrying considerably more than is necessary or good for her

Sincerely yours
Arthur Chiles
