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Thursley Camp, Surrey

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Dr. Wilder Penfield
3801 University St.
MONTREAL, P.Q.

Dear Doctor Penfield:

We are now in England and in camp, under canvas. All of our Officers are here, apart from Lt. Cols. Russel and Cone and Major Botterell who are in London for the present. Fortunately the weather has been wonderful and it is really a delightful experience. We are even fixed up with hot and cold showers, thanks to a little wire pulling by Col. Russel, I suspect. We are of course hoping to be established in a permanent quarter as a hospital in the near future, but the date and site have not been established up to the present. In the meantime we are all getting wonderfully healthy, what with sunshine, fresh air, lots of food and cycling. To date seven of our members have purchased bikes and strange to say there have been no serious mishaps.

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want it?*

For the first two days we were here we messed with a near by Unit, but since then we have had our own mess. This has been functioning rather satisfactorily so far and I am enclosing copies of the first two meetings as well as our Mess Rules. Col Cross has paid for various miscellaneous equipment, including cups, saucers, flatware, oil stove etc. from the Montreal Fund. This has been a great help as we are trying to keep our dues down to one shilling per day, and are consequently rather poverty stricken. We are hoping that this amount will suffice but as extra food comes rather expensive, it will be necessary to watch ourselves. However as ~~Fred Hanson~~ has just paid the first fine for using profanity (the rules were just drawn up last night) perhaps our financial situation will soon look up.

Dear blank

Sincerely yours,

Arthur R. R. R.