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Dear Bill:

It isn't often that I have a chance to write to you professionally. I have just seen Group Captain B.F.Johnson. It is now three years since you operated on him. He looks very well indeed and is in charge of a training school. The other day he had a little sinus open at the edge of his cranial defect. It only stayed open three or four days and then closed again. There is no tenderness and it seems to be quite healed now. Consequently, I am not doing anything about it, although I have had some x-rays taken.

I hope that I am going to get some real criticism on the manual. Since I sent it to you I have almost completely re-written it, elaborated some things, and simplified the first part a lot. I think it is really a good deal better. The D.G.M.S. has O.K'd it and it is to be printed, although we are now waiting for the printer to be chosen. Apparently everything has to be put up for competitive bids. It will amount to only about 60 pages. I am anxious to get it out, however, and get it done.

If the decision of the board should be in the negative on July 1st, I think that nevertheless I may possibly go over as a civilian for a couple of months. This is in connection with the Research Council. I think it would be best to say nothing about this. I had an interim x-ray taken which showed exactly the same situation, according to Peirce, without any alteration one way or the other. I am feeling fine. The nurses have gotten back and all seem to look well.

You must be under a considerable amount of strain, sitting there all the time waiting for something to happen, and wishing it would happen, almost. I have had a letter from the D.G.M.S. about Childe. It was somewhat non-committal and I do not know whether he will be ordered back or not, but a request has gone in from both hospitals. I do not feel like trying to exert any influence if it would be for the detriment of the Service, of course. As a matter of fact, I have not got any influence, so there it is.

Letter to Lt.Col. W.V.Cone:

Things go along here; difficulties come and difficulties go. You will certainly find that you have got a full time job when you come back here, but I do not think that you would have to have the team that you are used to working with over there. I must say that I have no sympathy with that attitude, which was expressed in your cablegram. I do not think that you meant it that way. We have to carry on with such staff as we can get these days, and it is going to be harder and harder as time goes on.

Helen sends her love,

As ever,

Yours,

WGP/AD