

June 11th, 1940

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

Dear Colonel Cross:

I have received your letter with the statement of expenditures for extra-curriculum activity of the Unit. I am delighted that you have made such good use of the small sums that you have spent already. I have also received your card. I am sure that you will all be glad to be on the move, although Heaven knows where you are going. We are all so anxious to know where it will eventually be.

I am glad that you managed to get hold of the travellers cheques for two hundred and twenty pounds. You will use these as you think best. I have the copy of the numbers in case you should lose the cheques. In the meantime, if you need more money you will write to me at once, I am sure.

I will send out a little bulletin to Dr. Martin and his supporters telling him that the Unit has gotten off and giving them such news as I have. When I hear from you later I will send them little round robins about the situation and your activities.

Your daughter Mary called me up last night and said that she had seen you in Ottawa on Friday and that everyone seemed to be in as good spirits as possible. She gave me the message from Captain Humphreys to say that he had called us up and failed to get us.

My best wishes go to you all. I have just had a letter from Bill Cone. He was in London and was starting to do some research in Queen Square for a little time until he should be sent somewhere. No doubt you will have seen him long before this letter arrives. I have just been at the meeting of the American Neurological Association in New York. I found the most extraordinary change in the attitude of all of the doctors there compared to that

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which I found on a trip down to the American Surgical the month before. On the previous trip they were all interested onlookers, and very sympathetic. On this trip, however, their attitude is quite different. They now consider this battle their own and instead of wishing that they could get into the Canadian forces they were planning that they would all be in the war very soon themselves. Many of them were busy about the different base hospitals; as I understand it sixty are being organized simultaneously in different parts of the United States and about thirty ambulances. The American Neurological Association passed a resolution unanimously urging Congress to use every means in their power to further the cause of the Allies who were at present "fighting our battle in France". Foster Kennedy, who was President of the Association, gave a very graceful presidential address in which he quoted Lothian's statement that the world cannot continue half Nazi and half free. I suppose, as a matter of fact, Lothian was paraphrasing Lincoln's words about the United States not being able to remain half free and half slave. I expect crystalization of opinion to occur very rapidly in the United States and I am sure that their fleet and their economic backing will be of the utmost importance.

I wish I were with you. All good luck to you all. Tell Stanley Ellis that I sent him the book he asked for and that I hope it arrived safely.

With best regards from everyone here at the Institute to all of our friends,

Yours sincerely,

WGP/AD

P.S. As I am just back from the American Neurological Meeting I did not get your letters before you left Ottawa. I have just seen your letter of June 6th and am delighted to know that you got the camera, and hope that you actually did so. I am writing to the Lowe-Martin Company telling them that we will gladly pay the \$23.00 due for Salmon cards, etc., and also to the E. B. Eddy Company saying that we will pay the \$40.50 which you have expended for additional paper in roll form. My first impulse was to say that I hope you and the men will be reminded of us when this is used, but perhaps there are other times when we would rather be in your thoughts! Let me know if there are any things that we can forward to you that you did not take

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with you. It is a great crowd of Medical Officers you have along and they have the kind of O.C. that makes drudgery a pleasure.

The nurses are chafing, wondering when they will be called upon to go. One of them told me today that they had had their final examination. I asked her if it was an intelligence test and she replied no, that it was an examination of their hearts. I see that the authorities put first things first when it comes to nurses.

With best wishes to you all,

Yours sincerely,

P.P.S. If more elaborate filing system is still needed, perhaps you will let me know, and, if it impossible to forward it to you, perhaps we can arrange with someone to take it over when they go.