

March 26th, 1941

Lt.Col. Colin K. Russel,
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Dear Colin:

You have probably seen the contents of some of the cables exchanged between Bill and myself. I gave Bill's message to the D.G.M.S. and told him that if you should return substitutes could be found. I am enclosing a letter which I started to Bill Cone and which I have not finished as Bill will be back here before it could reach him. I enclose the letter as far as I went because it will explain some of the past history. I judge that any question of your being exchanged will have to be initiated in London. I hope that Bill's cable does not mean that you have been feeling rotten. Don McEachern or Art Young would go over in a minute to take your place if that scheme works out, but it was obvious to me that I could not do anything more myself.

I shall leave here, I hope, within a week after Bill arrives, and ~~making~~ now to pull out, which as you know very well is a difficult and painful process. I have been working hard on a Manual of Neurosurgery, of which you may have seen a copy as the D.G.M.S. was going to send it over for criticism. I have increased the detail very much, particularly the detail of the handling of the initial wounds, and that sort of thing, and I am adding some illustrations. I had hoped that if this is issued that it would make it possible to get a standardized method of handling these cases in all the Canadian hospitals.

I shall certainly be glad to see you and all the men in the unit, to say nothing of the nurses. I do not see Evelyn very often but talk to her on the 'phone from time to time. Until I see you,

As ever yours,

WGP/AD

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