

July 5th, 1940.

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Dear Colin:

I was delighted to get your letter. Bill had written a very chatty letter but yours supplemented his perfectly.

What a curious situation the activity of the Ministry of Health has produced in England. It seems that it must be the best arrangement under the circumstances. We are worried over the fact that Martin Nichols has not come back from Belgium. Tell Bill that Dr. Hurteau who has just come on as Fellow is working hard on the problem of sulphapyridine being left in the brain and I am working on it with him. He has reviewed the references that Bill gave him and has gone over all the available literature. He is producing wounds on both sides of the brain in cats and putting sulphapyridine in one side and leaving it out on the other. It seems to me that it is necessary to establish what the sulphapyridine does to the brain from the point of view of the eventual cicatrix, even before the effect of this drug could be tested on the reduction of infection in the brain. We will put some of it under amnioplastin also, and then will go on to attempts at infecting the brain with and without sulphapyridine. As soon as we have any results we will let you know at once.

So much history has been written since you wrote your letter that I am simply aghast. The fact that Britain has accounted for the French fleet, however, comes as a most enormous relief. I was very much amused at advisers in Psychological Medicine. That is a priceless method of rectifying an error and I suppose typically British. I think that the nurses

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will be off soon. Some have been sent to Ottawa and some to Halifax. We will get S.A.K. Wilson's Neurology, I did not know that it was out. We are all working hard. They have started a course to educate the future medical officers and practically all of the men at the Institute have joined it, even including myself. I am just sending off letters to each of the six hundred Fellows of the Royal College suggesting that they write to their friends in the United States with such tact as they may be able to summon, urging that they use their influence in favor of immediate intervention by the United States. I suspect that for the moment I can accomplish as much here as I could over there, which, however, is very little.

Give my best to Bill and to all the boys of the unit. I enclose a copy of the first interim report. Would you please let Col. Cross see it. With best greetings from all of us. Take care of yourself. Do let us hear from you again.

Yours sincerely,

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