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CECIL CHAMBERS,

86, STRAND,

LONDON, W.C.

24th Jan 1916

Dear Geny,

My best wishes for many Happy Returns will be too late by some few days, but are nevertheless to be considered ^{as} meant to be in time!

As usual, last week we had one or two trips to hospitals in the suburbs one of which was to Highgate & I was rather interested in seeing that special place as two of the Derby patients come from there. The other trip I made by motor, to a large fever hospital in Fulham. Of course the chauffeur would not ask the way and at first he found himself lost the mark. It is pretty dark for such big shops ^{are} allowed to keep a blaze going as if before the war. We think perhaps that Piccadilly Circus is imitated out in the suburbs, but it is rather a fantastic idea to think that the Germans could be fooled in that fashion.

Nan & Ned came on Wednesday & stayed at the hotel till Friday afternoon when they left for Saltash, Cornwall to visit Dorothy Annesley & Mrs. Orchard. Ned was to return to France on Sunday, but Nan hoped to stay down there for three weeks or a month. They both look very well & it is delightful to be able to report that Ned looks

better and has rosier cheeks than I have seen on the face of any man who has returned from the Front. So many of them apparently of smoke for too much. We went to the theatre although I had seen 'Peg o' My Heart' before, I think I enjoyed it as much as they did. They both had a splendid time going about it buses & taxis, and I think quite opposed of the Governor Court Hotel.

I called one afternoon at Aldford House invited but Mrs. Guest did not come in and I believe she went to Paris on Saturday night for N.Y. about the 29th. I am invited to tea there on Thursday & I think they are to have a sort of concert for the officers. I was reminded of the Peacock's address which Eleanor or Dil gave me when I left Hamilton for Miss Leslie is a friend of Mrs. Peacock's and had been to their house for dinner a night or so before & the Peacock's said I must call on them.

Evening at the Hotel

Letters from Papa (10th) & Eleanor (10th) I have just read after dinner. Sorry that so many of the family were down with influenza hope that you are all quite well again. It is good news that Eleanor is able to get out on to the balcony. Please thank her for Miss Hovey's address.

I managed to go & see Miss Davenport (over W.A.D. at Bowley) on Friday after five o'clock. She is working at a hospital somewhere in the Chilterns.

I only went once to the British Museum last week, but the Finch & Daimes work with its many branches of enquiry makes a very interesting amusement. There is a picture at the Hague which is almost identical with one at Bowley except that there is a woman standing in it instead of Finch sitting reading of course I am trying to show that it is Finch's sister.

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I went to Oxford on Saturday afternoon. Strangely enough a Capt. Mann sat at the same table in the tea-ear. and he asked me if I knew Kingston Canada as just before the war Prof. P. G. C. Campbell came over in search of a Junia Professor in Modern Languages & he got a cable of his appointment, but of course took a commission. He was a Balliol man.

Who should telephone on Sat. night in order to see Sir Wm. some time, but Cousin Sarah! Lady Carter did not tell her I was in Oxford otherwise very surprised indeed to see me at tea-time on Sunday. Of course she complains of not knowing anything that is happening in and amongst the relations sis tired of a 'one-sided correspondence' etc. She was, for some time in London & has lately been in Norfolk & now wants some work to do. However Sir Wm. 'diced her up' in a minute. She had various stories about German spies etc. She looks remarkably well & was dressed quite "à la mode". Colonel Adoni was there for lunch on Sunday & we went to see some mathematical, astronomical & microscopic instruments which have been lately found at Christ Church In the morning I had gone around the Radcliffe infirmary with Sir Wm. ^{a bed} person some interesting cases and we 'dined in hall' at seven o'clock. Mr. Maddison Bodley's Librarian was

there and he is always so amoring.

Tues. morning

We have had lots of boards this morning,
I am trying to see people invite people for a
meal this week & this afternoon I am taking Major
& Mrs. Donald & Douglas Hall (Major Hall is se-
wounded in the hand) out for tea.

Love to all the family

Your affectionate brother

F. A. Mallab

January 27

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31st Jan. 1916

Dear Jean,

There is one of those afternoon bulls now which give us time to write quite comfortably. It is a very foggy day outside and one is quite grateful for a fire in the grate. Usually on warm days the boy-scout makes a perfectly huge fire and we move ourselves to places at another table further away from it.

I have not been to the hotel today but probably shall find letters from Hamilton there this evening with the news. I hope the colds are all over in the family. I have only had letters from Papa & Eleanor written since Christmas & conclude that some others may have miscarried & please do not I insinuate that others might have written when not as I really know how busy you have all been. However I cannot but make an exception of Edmund & please ask me to drop me some news - even if only one line!

Last week I strove to see people & though I never gave a reception I invited quite a number of people to meals. On Monday Major & Mrs. Donald had tea with me on Wednesday Lt. Wood - an old patient at 'Oldford Ho.' & on second one at Bentley come for dinner. He still gets some massage & electric treatment for paralysis of the face but getting ~~under~~ too much leisure, now inspects various ammunition factories & pops in on them at all times of the day & night on them. On Thursday, Bentley again come for dinner & we played billiards afterwards and on Friday Cousin Bella Hart & Willie come for the same meal & afterwards took me out to the theatre. At dinner-time Mrs Hay (I sit at her table, but she has gone to 'Brown's' now) & Cousin Bella were very inclined to mourn about the *Susitania* & the losses of the war & Willie & I made determined efforts to

change the topic of conversation. He is very quiet & we could not gain much information from him about his enforced rest in Germany. I was extremely taken with him - only wish I was able to have his company longer. Cousin Bella looks pretty well but does not wear her colored spectacles (or try to do so even) & seems to enjoy taking a gloomy view of things. There is not much relaxation in that sort of thing is there. She would have liked to have said poor Eleanor! poor Eleanor! but naturally I told her that Eleanor was perfectly splendid, really enjoying herself, and very fast getting perfectly well.

On Wednesday Sir Wm. was in town a fellow in the door of whom I was alone & smoked a cigarette and was much interested in the Van Hoogstraten pictures.

I went on Thursday morning to Coxton Hall Westminster just off Victoria St. close to the Stores & set by Col. May when he and the other four members of the Standing Medical Board 'put through' a large number of officers. While I learnt a good deal and in spite of 'antiquated methods' there I saw a good deal and in spite of 'antiquated methods' (as some people describe them) they 'board' as many as 79 cases (as some people describe them) every day & go out to the different hospitals in the afternoon. We might do well to copy them all through this system is such a splendid one. I saw Capt

R. C. G. Cone there, who was the officer shot through the head at Gallipoli and was made partially blind. Pope will be back at Gallipoli and was made partially blind. Pope will never be given up describing him in the Cen. Med. Jour. He has not been given up describing him in the Cen. Med. Jour. He has not been given up describing him in the Cen. Med. Jour. He has been given three months' more leave.

Every day, I think, last week I had lunch at the British Museum. Perhaps it will be closed, with the exception of the Reading Room - so there will be a close door between me & the Mrs. However there is a great outcry in the papers as it seems to be very questionable if the sum of £50,000 by closing museums is really worth while as so many wounded soldiers etc go to them & no money old people (a young ones too) earn their livelihood in them. It is indeed a splendid thing to have Finch & Bawden to work on!

Tuesday evening

Well I got letters from you, Pete, Maudie and Faith

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written about 16th or 17th of January. Our sorry that you have all been having such a bad time of it.

I enclose quite an interesting clipping from the Times.
I only hope that it will not appear in the weekly edition.

We had quite a number of Med Boards today, but we are really never pushed for time & evidently in the army there are always lots of men, who do not do nearly all they could and besides it takes so long to make changes in methods of doing things.

Best love to you all

Your affectionate brother
Archibald Molloch

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would you mind writing to J. Gauvreau (Coll of Physic Soc of P.Q.)^{86, STRAND,}
telling him I am away at the war and see if he will let LONDON, W.C.
use of f... If not - I will you send him £4 from my bank account. 7th February 1916

Dear Papa,

Somebody stupidly put a letter from Mamma (and Jem) on the table in my room under the typewriter and I only discovered it on 3rd February.

Last week was a quiet one and with more work in the office here than before. One afternoon about five o'clock I took a bus to the Victoria & Albert Museum South Kensington on Finch & Barnes business, but got no satisfaction. Even if the other museums are to be closed it will remain open, they say. Later in the evening I went to Caxton Hall off Victoria Street to get some more information to enable us to handle more cases in a day when the numbers of Medical Boards increased. It was very dark walking back and there is not a light near the Abbey. It is quite remarkable to see the search lights flying about a just as I got in front of St. Margaret's Westminster, ~~was~~ ^{was} looking down the Embankment two huge beams of light formed a big cross behind the tower of the House of Parliament and another beam streamed across the sky from some point South of the River.

There is never time on Monday mornings to take my suit-case to the hotel so I always check it at Paddington and go back for it in the evening by the tube and by changing at Oxford Circus one may get out at 'Bond Street Station' which is under the Governor Court Hotel and not at Bond Street ~~but~~ two streets away. I shall have to go through the same process this evening.

The end of the war seems as far

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off as ever, but the people, ^{overseas} who have lost relatives are truly wonderful in the way in which they keep up. Everybody is cheerful in the trains and one has the feeling that this spirit will carry them through and that Great Britain will surely win somehow. The Zeppelin raid was a bad business & had I been at Bury-on-the-Hill I would have heard several of them. After this let us hope that all the lights in England will be put out, when the airships come. Do not believe anything you read in the newspapers. Of course ~~these~~ the Germans may launch another movement in the West, but I would be inclined to think that the guns they are bringing up, are ~~to~~ for defense against an expected British attack. Of course everybody is really disgusted with the United States. We wonder if the next 'wave of indignation' will wash the States away completely! It was a bad business about the Parliament Building at Ottawa, though it is not known that Germans were concerned in the matter, but nobody should be allowed in public buildings in Canada without telling exactly who they are by a registration card & nobody should be allowed to move from the U.S. into Canada without a passport & every guest at a hotel should fill out a government form when they engage a room. They have had 15 months warning at home, but it is too bad about the great loss.

Monday evening Such a bundle of letters from home, but none of that in a letter to Jean.

I got out of the office in time to go and call on the Moores in Gloucester Place and then walked to Paddington by Chapel St (or Road?). Dr. Norman Moore was in his room with a cold. I am invited there for dinner

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on Thursday night & shall take over some Finch and Bairns things which will be interesting to him, I know. I cannot help remarking what a fine thing it is to have something to do in one's spare time. Sir Wm. puts it that "one should have a vocation as well as an avocation."

Last Thursday night I had dinner at Brown's Hotel with the Leggats' and heard there of John's baby. Mrs. Legget is wonderfully well & is eighty years old. Mr. Hay has gone to live at Brown's now and Lady Drummond is still there. Tom Grahett (?) is in the army of course & was back or leave the other day. No doubt by this time you have seen Mrs. Billy Legget.

Kentley Gordon is still in town & I had 2 games of billiards with him on Friday night. I surprised him by running out with a 24 in the first game when he was 91, but I cannot play as well as I did in my youth and he won the next two games!

I met Street & Ross on Saturday and both look the picture of health. They are to have lunch with Mr. Kenneth Murray & I was persuaded to join them. Ross thinks he may be sent to France, some time soon. Street thinks he will be in Shorecliffe for ever.

Mamma & Grace may be interested to hear that my walk from the Strand to the British Museum is through Covent Garden, where

there are such splendid flowers now, up Bow Street across
Long Acre & so up Endell Street to New Oxford Street
past Madies library on the corner of Museum Street &
to top Great Russell Street. To the office in the
morning from here (the hotel) I take South Molton St
then along — St. across ~~by~~ New Bond Street &
Hanover Square to Regents Street to Piccadilly Circus
then along & across Leicester Square, behind the
National Portrait Gallery crossing Charing Cross Rd.
above St. Martin's in the Fields & down Chandos
Street which slopes to the Strand.

As usual I went to Oxford on Saturday
in the tea-car. You have no idea how often Sir Wm
goes to London to consult with General Haugh, head of the
R.A.M.C. He spent 2 hours there at the War Office on Friday
as General Haugh had telegraphed for him. He really is
a second head of the whole Service.

Poor Severe has never been moved to an
ambulance as Gen Jones promised a long time ago and
now he is going to try & get a commission not in the
Canadian, but British Artillery. Sir Wm. says nothing but
has worried a great deal that Severe has been ill so
many months. Lady Custer too is worrying & has spoken
of the whole matter to me.

Cousin Sarah was there for lunch
yesterday - but her stories are a little too much
for them - probably she will not be invited again.

We had a fine 'round' in the
Infirmary yesterday & saw some good cases. In the
evening we put all the bibliographical books
into the new large book-case in the dining room.

You all had a very bad time of
it with influenza & I hope Dil is O.K. once more.

Love to you all

Archibald H.

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16th Feb 1916

Dear Name,

There is a tremendous rush now and I hope I shall catch the boat with this letter. I wrote to Christopher Willis & Son. Steel Company, as Grace said I should have been Canada Steel Co.? Letters come from Papa & Grace on Saturday. I was astonished to hear that I am to have Dr. Woolerton's watch. Of course he thought a great deal of Papa & Papa should not be surprised. I shall not write to Mrs. Woolerton until I hear from her or from Hamilton.

Last Tuesday I called & was delighted to see Miss Syme at 82 Gloucester Place. She is evidently well & sends kindest regards to Papa.

Wednesday had dinner with Francis who is looking extremely well.

Thursday had dinner again at Dr. Norman Moore's house. They are very kind. Young Dr. Moore is a voluntary naval surgeon now at Chatham & I find he used to cruise up and down before Le Panne last year.

Friday Miss Allen who was one of Mrs. Guest's nurses at Major Gen. Sir Garnet Le Panne, Bentley-on-the-Hill, Aldford House is to be married to Lt. Col. Hutchinson now or very recently a patient at 26 Park Lane. I had to go out to West Ealing in the afternoon

to see a rich soldier. Had dinner again with Francis & afterwards went with him to the theatre.

Saturday as usual lunch at the British Museum. Lady Carter popped into the hotel just as I was leaving for Paddington. She had come up to meet a niece of Sir Wm's Miss Joan MacKenzie who came on the Holland-America Line. Lady C, Miss MacKenzie, Mrs. Wright, Campbell & I all had tea together on the way down to Caxton. I went out for dinner with Dr. Gardner & Mr. Davidson who are working in the Pathological Laboratory then we went to a meeting of the American Club (practically all Rhodes Scholars) where Sir Wm. told us the story of his life in a very interesting way.

Sunday we had some good care at the Radcliffe Infirmary. Mr. Whitelocke is not well & is in bed again. Mr. Common & Rob come for lunch. Campbell had to return to Shorecliffe in the afternoon. A goodly number of people came for tea. I worked at my old friend Finch & Barnes in the evening.

Monday Mrs. White was not well but Mr. White came to me for dinner. I heard from Miss Homer, tell Eleanor, & I am going out there to the Sister Institute or she is coming in here one day for lunch. I shall work hard every evening on Finch & Barnes - so as to get everything typewritten in the last two weeks. Perhaps you may think I am mad but it has been extremely interesting work. I spent one night last week deciphering a document & I had to find the key for it myself! It went well.

Excuse haste close to all

the family

Yours affectionately

Many happy returns!

Archibald Melbush



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UPPER NORWOOD.ROYAL COURT HOTEL,
SLOANE SQUARE, S.W.

Dear Eleanor,

Thank you so much for the socks. I put them on immediately they came and find that they fit splendidly. Glad to hear from Dil that he is getting to be quite himself again. He & Mr. Shephard will not know themselves in the new office. It is good to hear that they are getting some work.

Papa's letter has come & I hope he is feeling all right again. He used to tell me 'moderation in all things'. Crooking must be just a little heavy work, but golf is splendid and walking of course, if there is not too much of it. I do wish he would write some notes on the Sister letters he has & send them to the B. M. J. or Can Med. Journal, you and Grace could give him such help and then he should write a little note on Mr. Denslow's school - telling where it was - something about the manner of the boys that were there. He would quite

enjoy to do a little each day. Then some notes on his early cases would be very interesting - or his account of that day with Syme (I know he remembers every case he saw that morning). Besides there are a lot of interesting letters, which his father wrote to him - that trip of his down through the State of New York. I intend to have a look at them some day.

Another week has flown by - though not quite one - since I wrote. I have gone (and that my last did not catch the mail boat, for they are apt to take some time to pass the Cendor / Miss Walton will not ~~make~~ let me make a verb out of the noun)

I really worked very hard last week after dinner at F. & B. It seemed almost like old examination days, but it was a more enjoyable task, I set myself. Most tasks are those we put before ourselves, really I cannot tell you the fun I have had with the big - father & ramifications of the subject. I have had extraordinary luck in finding things. A clergyman from the country wrote to me on Saturday saying that he was the man, who brought down letters in 1855. People are extraordinarily kind & if one has cheek enough to write



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almost anybody will answer one's
queries. Do not take me for 'Irag'
Buchanan, for I have not written to the
Czar of Russia yet! Perhaps you
remember the story of the postage stamps.

I told Mamie last week
that Mr. Clifford White come to dinner
last Tuesday Monday. There was one more
piece of quiet for me, when Miss Horner
come to town on Saturday & I took her out
to lunch. What an interesting person she is.
Of course it was splendid to hear her
report of you all and I was very pleased
indeed to meet her. Has she told you
much of her work? I hope, some day, to
go out to Elstree & see the laboratory
and all the horses. After lunch I took
her by a short cut to Lincolns Inn
Fields - she was calling on a sister or
some relation of the person who wrote
^{to you} that she was going to Toronto.

Major Donald & I went to the Canadian Pay & Record Office - 7 Millbank to board the wounded other soldiers who are on light duty there & do the work of Clerks. They (the soldiers) will not like us any too well, but we must send a lot of them to their reserve battalions. Authorities are rather slow in sending these men back to general service - it is too bad, as the British people or 'Empire people' get them back so much more quickly, & I believe in greater numbers. Half the places of Clerks might be taken by women.

The May numbers were on the train going to Bedford, but the coaches did not get down till 7.30 as they had been at the opening of the Ontario Hospital at Carkington. Miss Joan Mackay is France Capt Douglas Firkin (I Firkin) is there on leave. Of course Sir Wm. played cards on them & locked them in a room for a couple of hours. I had a good round at the Redcliff Infirmary yesterday morning & then went to the Whitechapel for lunch. Major Whitechapel has been quite ill again, is at Somersville (now a military hospital) and has been very depressed. Sir Wm. thinks it is only influenza, but others have thought it a mild typhoid. Notnally his father's illness has made Hugh



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very busy. In the afternoon I took a good walk with Bob Commons. The fields are very flooded but we managed to get as far as Marston Ferry and coast there giving a penny a piece to the old men. ~~they~~.

Colonel Rickett I have seen twice but he has gone over to France again, he sends his best regards to Ade & me. Mr. Henderson & Malone have been in London on leave - they both urge me to go to the Infirmary Hospital. However Dr. Rickett said nothing to me of it although he mentioned the matter to them some time since. I told them that I was really selfish enough to not wish to see them have a good start first. Of course we get practically no medicine or surgery, but on the whole I think I can do more good where I am - as things are beginning to run very well now the work will grow & grow. We shall see!

Rowne has not yet been transferred
to the Imperial Army - Royal Field Artillery
but his hopes have been sent abroad. The poor
fellow is getting himself away - as he has had no
work to do.

Tell Papa that the Cullens will not be
going out this year. Sir Wm. does not look forward
with unmixed pleasure to a trip through the
States, as the last one he found almost turned
of a strain. He does an enormous amount for the
house and although he has considerable time, or
money, for his books, yet his is an instance of
unselfish devotion to others.

I heard from Mrs. Coates a short time
back and must write to her

Love to you all and best
of luck. Your affectionate brother

Archibald

letter }
already }
written }
for Mr. Edmund to drop
me a line occasionally. He cannot be
so hopefully busy.

Mr. ... have read this over or have tried to
do so - very hard to read. It all sounds a bit
like preaching or cont. - but 'tis not meant to be.

Excuse the hand - it is written after
I have got into bed.

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Dear Jean,

Since I wrote to you, late last week nothing very much has happened. Of course I have been keeping on with my old work here and probably shall continue to do so for some little time although I have been to 1, Hyde Park Place many times trying to arrange things a little. The result has been that I have presented a report stating some of the inconveniences of the house and suggesting remedies. Some of the difficulties have been brushed aside and everything looks more hopeful. They are to give me another C.R.M.C. officer and it was with the utmost difficulty that we were able to find a bed-room for him. Please continue, then, to address my letters to the hotel. Miss Beeson, who has been in charge of the matter of fitting up the house is a most splendid English woman and a splendid organizer. She tells the General or anybody else exactly what she means or wishes and is an extremely powerful person in London as she runs the whole concern of "Alexandra Day" and collects thousands of pounds each year, which she distributes amongst the hospitals etc. After the hospital is opened, she will have no official connection with it, but I hope to ask her advice on many questions. Already she has engaged a cook-house-keeper and instead of my ordering all the food and meals choosing the meals ~~that~~ I hope she will show me

a man. Col. Woodmarch R.A.M.C. has had charge of all the Officers' Hospitals in London since the beginning of the war, I have seen him unofficially, and I hope to be under him again as he is perfectly splendid. Of course they will have difficulty in getting some servants as they will have no voluntary workers.

At noon today I went to both York & James Hotels, but Aunt Grace has not yet arrived. Perhaps the ship arrives today.

Am very glad to say I have done something for the Colles. I spoke to the people here & succeeded in getting them to have Headquarters in France recall Devore to London so that his transfer to the Royal Field Artillery will be put through much more quickly. Things were of awfully delayed but Devore arrived at this office on Friday and went immediately to Oxford. He looks extremely well but is very glad to get home as he has had practically no work to do - Left few the Quartermaster is such a capable fellow.

I went down to Oxford on Saturday afternoon and found Sir Wm. still in bed, but his cold better. He has been having a fine time and you may imagine how his bed and room are littered up with letters, papers, book catalogues and books. Yesterday he got up for lunch but is staying in bed again this morning.

Devore has his father's memory for poetry and books and is now very well up in the Elizabethan poets and is making a splendid collection of books. We went for a walk yesterday afternoon.

My Finch and Barnes work is nearly done and Sir William seems very pleased. You will hear more of my 'birds' again.

Mrs. Whitelocke had an attack of septicaemia, has become very thin, but is now

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a little better when I went to the Whitelocks' house yesterday for lunch, they all seemed very cheerful. Mr. Whitelock is still at Somerville of course, but Hugh come over for lunch. Gilbert will be made a Lieutenant before the end of the month. Will that not be splendid?

Quite an interesting Johns Hopkins nurse came down from London yesterday. She is a Miss Fitzgerald who had been sent over to work in France & soon is leaving after only having been in London a few days. In Massachusetts a collection was made in memory of Nurse Covell and enough was realized for a fund to pay this nurse's expenses for the duration of the war & she reported to Sir Alfred Keogh immediately.

I was in a great hurry at noon today and was very sorry not to have time to jump off the bus and speak to a French medical officer whom I recognized on the pavement. You will perhaps remember my writing from La Ponne about a Prof. Nirenberg of Paris who came up with a new serum to use in combating "gas gangrene" and that he drove white myself in a French Army car to Hoogstraett where we visited the Belgian Field Ambulance. This hospital had moved there from on account of the shells at Flanders. Papa wrote of Santa's book the other day. He was in charge of that

hospital & we got many of their patients when
they moved from Farms, Spanish wars, Civilians etc.
Dr. Denton has been in London lately & I asked
a Dr. Green at our hotel to remember me to him
when he (Green) went over to see him the other
evening. He remembers White and myself.

I shall send this off in good time
as I wish to be sure & catch the boat.

Francis has been very busy every day -
I had a letter from him this morning.

I have no later news of Rex Calvin
but a letter to Max last week told us how
well he was getting along.

Love to all

Your affectionate brother

Archibald Mallock

TELEPHONE N^o GERRARD 6981.



GROSVENOR COURT HOTEL,
DAVIES ST., MAYFAIR, W.

3rd March

1916

UNDER THE SAME CONTROL.

RICHMOND HILL HOTEL,
RICHMOND, SURREY.

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WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA.

WESTWARD HO HOTEL,
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA.

ROYAL COURT HOTEL,
SLOANE SQUARE, S.W.

Dear Grace,

I had letters from Uncle
Papa, Jean & two from Aunt Grace and
I shall be looking out for the Jersey
Aunt in a few days. Glad to hear
Papa was better. There is no
mentioning that his "government"
lies below the midriff!

Am faithfully marked
slater shall tell you why. I may
have missed the mail-boat.

One night last week
I had my a Mrs. Donald for dinner.
They are such nice people & their
coming here cheered them up a little
for earlier in the week a young friend

'Bachville College' in the village where
Mr. Hill ant American, born in England,
is Warden - the XXIInd since the Earl
of Dorset founded the almshouse in 1608
& Royal Charter was granted by Charles I.
The 'lodgings' of the Warden are very nice
& the study is the room in which a
former Warden Dr. Hale wrote or
translated 'Jerusalem the Golden' 'Ah come
Ah come Emmanuel' and very many
other hymns. There is a chapel one on
side of the Quad and, I think, twelve
old pensioners.

I heard rumours, and noward
know I am to be appointed as
officer commanding a new hospital for
officers, with about twenty-five beds.
The house 1 Hyde Park Place - very close
to the Marble Arch is being fitted out
by Mrs. Gooderham of Toronto six to
be called Daughters of the Empire
(Can. Red +) Hospital for Officers.

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in the Sherwood Forest was killed. I called one afternoon at Brown's Hotel & saw Mr. & Mrs. Lefford, the Leggetts and Mrs. Hay. Mr. Lefford broke down you know & had to resign his commission but is evidently a little better now. Mrs. Lefford is in much better spirits than when I saw her last March.

I went to E. Grinstead for the week-end. The parents were alone a daughter is away on a holiday from her W. A. D. hospital. We have had a lot of snow & sleet in Sussex it was very wintry with about four inches of snow every where. Some good billiards and on Sunday I took the dog 'Billy' for a six mile walk to Saint Hill and Filbridge back to the 'Hermitage' by a different road. In the afternoon we went for tea to

It is not ready to go into yet at all &
I am sorry Canadian authorities cannot help
them finger out of the pie & cannot be satisfied
with the splendid officers' hospitals already
run by the English in London.

I am told the personnel is to be
appointed by the C. A. M. C., supplies
are to be paid for by the Can. Red +,
and we shall receive so much per head
for the Can. officers from the Can. Government
& so much for the English Officers from
the Eng. Gov. & so on with the
Australian if we have any of their
officers. I imagine my doing all the
work involved in ordering meals stores
etc etc they will not let me have
any M. A. D's & do not wish, apparently,
to employ any English people. They will
give me another Can. officer. Things are
in a terrible muddle but do not say
any thing about that, & the house has
no lift in it, no bathrooms where they
are needed & (nigh)fully inconvenient.
~~where no lift is there is very~~
if they wish to have a hospital which

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ROYAL COURT HOTEL,
SLOANE SQUARE, S.W.
TELEPHONE VICTORIA 7620.

Dear Papa,

There have been no letters now from home for two weeks and I believe they are all being held up by the censor. Perhaps tomorrow they will come.

Well Aunt Grace is here, looking very well and in the best of spirits. I had a wire from her on Thursday afternoon that she was to arrive at Paddington about midnight. However after telephoning I did not go till about one o'clock walked up and down the platform with two old R.M.C. Cadets, now both Majors and in command of batteries. They were in Edmund's year Austin Gillis and Gill, who were awaiting their wives. Then I also ran across Bryant Peck from Montreal who has a commission in the R.F.C. Mrs. Ross McDonald came on the train and looks splendid. After getting the luggage and driving home here it was half-past two. I had bespoken a room for Aunt Grace & she elected to come here rather than to go to the York Hotel, Rivers Street. We had dinner here for dinner on Friday night and on Saturday I strolled here for dinner on Friday night and on Saturday

Aunt Grace went to Brighton to stay with Col. Tom Stewart for the week-end & I went to Exford & found Sir Com. very well. Aunt Grace came back this morning with the Brighton Stewarts. It was the first time I had seen Cousin Tom, I think. He looks wonderfully well. Aunt Grace intends to cross to Jersey on Wednesday evening. We fixed everything up at the Home Office.

The Colvins waited over at Falmouth & came up on Friday. I saw them at the Cecil Hotel & Stuart Macdonald happened to be there too on Saturday morning. I told Stuart of his sister-in-law's arrival & I think he saw her at the Langham Hotel. There is very good news of Reg Colvin who may come over here in 10 days or two weeks. He wished to come to my hospital but of course it will not be open & I am going to try & get him into Aldford House & perhaps the Colvins may take one of the suites of three rooms here. They would be very comfortable, I think. The Cecil Hotel is much too big a place.

The hospital will probably not be ready for three weeks yet. Do not let it get around but I found the house most inconvenient and made a report with numerous suggestions. For instance on the 1st floor (not ground floor) where we will have about fifteen beds there is no bath-room at all. Col. Hopetoun Redf. Commissioner had evidently not thought one necessary.

However I think they will have one. It is also an awkward house shed no light. It is too bad whenever

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thought that they have been working at the house since the middle of last December. I thought an X-ray apparatus unnecessary & we found it easy to send patients out from Aldford House, but Gen. Jones says he must have one and is putting Mrs. Goodfellow to £300 unnecessary expense. Miss Tremain from Quebec, who nursed the King, is to be the matron, well I am not worrying about the place any longer and trust it will work out somehow or other.

Mr. Whitelocke has no fever now and distinctly better.

As you see there is really little news.

Love to you all

Your affectionate son

Archibald Mallach

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MEDSERCAN, LONDON.

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In reply please quote:

Grosvenor Court Hotel

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICE,

Canadian Contingents,

CECIL CHAMBERS,

86, STRAND,

LONDON, W.C.

21st March 1916

Dear Sir,

I must thank you for your letter, which arrived alone this morning, telling of your trip to U.S.A., Philadelphia etc.

Well the hospital is not yet opened and it will be a couple of weeks yet. Your architectural knowledge would be very valuable to me at present as the house is very inconvenient but the thing must be gone through with. They have not commenced to put in bath etc which I recommended and of course that will take some time. I find there will be quite a lot of military papers to keep and they have appointed me though I have no experience of such things except for "return" to Col. Woodwork last Summer.

However I have asked to be sent to Millbank Milit. Hosp., close to the Tate Gallery, every day to learn how things are done. When the hospital does open I shall probably spend most of my time writing letters and doing such work. There will be a C.A.M.C. officer under me. I have met Miss Tremain, who is to be matron, and she seems quite nice, but has had no experience of such work.

Last Monday Aunt Grace came back from Brighton and we had lunch together Col. Tom Stewart, his wife, and May Stewart.

On Wednesday I showed the pictures of Finch Beines at the meeting of the Historical Section of the Royal Society of Medicine and told them a little about their lives of the two doctors. It went off fairly well and I succeeded in making some of the old people laugh, Sylvanus Thompson, Col d'Arcy Power and others. Sir Wm. spoke about the Sir Thos. Brown M.R.C. This week I have had the write an account of what I said and this will appear in the Roy Soc of Med transactions and you may see a notice of it in the Brit Med Journal. At present the big work (?) is at Cambridge and I have had a really very favourable criticism of it, but do not expect too much. Sir Wm. & I went to dine with Capt Draper & his wife at her mother's house, Mrs. Cohen in Harley Sq. Such a nice house with many good pictures. Later in the evening I saw Aunt Grace off at Waterloo. She has arrived quite safe and sound.

We heard that Rex was to come over in ten days or two weeks so I made arrangements early in last week for him to be admitted into Aldford House. But Rex came over much earlier than was expected and is now at 7 Mandeville Place, quite comfortable, looks extremely well, wounds healed, no fever but I am sorry he is not to have the pleasure of being at Mrs. Gurnett's Hospital. On Friday I had lunch with your people at the Cecil and found Nan & Jack there. The latter

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CECIL CHAMBERS,

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LONDON, W.C.

looks in very good condition.

That afternoon I went to Oxford as there was nothing to keep me on Saturday here, and had some fresh air on the Cowley Golf Links with Doviron and enjoyed it immensely. Lady Astor and Miss MacKenzie went down to see Sevren at Thorncroft on Saturday afternoon. They are so slow in getting his transfer papers through and things were very muddled. Sir Wm. does not like to ask anything for Sevren so I act as the go-between & Lady Astor & I run the business. This morning I had an express letter and a long distance telephone message from her and Sevren is coming up this afternoon. I tell the authorities here that Sir Wm. has worn his fingers to the bone for the C.R.M.C. & that now it is their chance to do something for ~~of~~ him. They may think I have a great deal of cheek.

Sir Wm. gave us a splendid clinic on Sunday morning which is the only opportunity I have for helping to keep up any medical work. I never was very bright, but am now extremely rusty. I cannot thank the Astors enough for being so good to me, but really think they are glad to see me once a week. By the way tell Dope that those apples went bad very quickly &

Lady Carter thought they were late in arriving.

On Sunday evening I went to Magdalen to Chapel at six o'clock and dined in hall afterwards. There are very few there except for a table of officers, who mess in the College and few still were at dinner as so many of the undergrads have "gone down" for the "roe." What a splendid choir they have at Magdalen!

You will see there is no news and if I were to write of the war, you would think the reports very stale by the time this letter arrives. By the way, last week I got letters written 14th — 26th February & I think instead of censoring them the P.C. left them for about two weeks.

I enclose some clippings & I hope they have not already appeared in the weekly Times.

Love to all the family

Your affec. b - i - l.

Archibald H

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27th March 1916

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Dear Grace,

In the first place please thank Jean for sending me Christopher's photograph and one of the new ones of herself. He is a very nice-looking fellow Christopher, I think. If I remember rightly Jean asked me to return it and I shall do so in the course of a short time. So sorry Papa had trouble with my annual fee for membership with the Coll. of Physicians & Surgeons of Quebec. Am very glad he sent me the statement. Edmund's letter was an unexpected about the golf club. Edmund's letter was an unexpected pleasure & I am looking forward to a picture of the boy George soon.

With so many ships being sunk now the mails will probably be held up. We have not yet learnt whether the miniefolis was coming to or departing from England. The Tarsex is a very sad business indeed and at Oxford on Saturday and yesterday there was no end of telegraphing & telephoning going on, especially about Prof. Baldwin,

I hear from Graham Ross that his sister Dorothy has not been well again & is back to go to Somme. He may come on here
sooon

his wife, and daughter. He was Prof. of Psychology at Toronto, Princeton & J. H. H. and spent part of last week at Oxford with Prof. Tolton. It is not certain, but probably the father and daughter are both dead. Then there was a Shadwell Sibley Penfield on board, who went with me to Magdalen a week ago to Chapel & for dinner with Denison. He is at a hospital in Dover with a bad knee & ankle. Several people were going over, as he was, to the American Ambulance in Paris.

Norman Gagnon was at Oxford shooting so well & having excellent work under Dr. Findlay in France. Revere's transfer out of the Can. Army seems to have been a difficult matter and the authorities made such mistakes about the papers. We think the papers have gone through to the War Office & very soon he will be training for his work in the R. F. A. I had lunch with the Whitelocks yesterday. Mr. Whitelock is still in the hospital, was not quite so well for several days, but is better again. Gilbert is now a full lieutenant at 22 & seems to be an excellent officer. Hugh may very soon go to France with a mounted field ambulance & very pleased about the nose he is too. In the afternoon Revere I walked to Merston Ferry. You would have been delighted to have heard the looks. To watch them mounting & dropping reminded me of last Spring at Le Panne. It was a cool but bright sunny day for the most part. Revere in the last two years has made astonishing progress with books and bibliography.

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The boys often the wear to study English Literature at "Ch. Ch." Here his father are just like brothers together with the books. I am told he has excellent taste in old furniture, architecture and prints & engravings. Besides he engraves very well himself.

There is not very much news to give you about last week except I signed the Fellows book of the Royal Society of Medicine, as I was elected last week, and hope to make good use of the library which is very close to me, at the lower corner of Windmill Street. I shall have to pay £2 a year.

The hospital goes along as slowly as ever and I cannot get either the Con. Recd + or the C.A.M.C. to put on paper the exact relation between the hospital and themselves. One learns something of the inner workings of the Con. Recd + & the C.A.M.C. The work on the bath etc., which I think absolutely indispensable is not begun yet. One cannot yet say when the place will be opened. Do not tell, but I think it would have been wise ~~with~~ the C.A.M.C. Canadian

medical service had put themselves under the R.A.M.C. at
the first moment from them & continued under them & continued
to have learnt from them. Then I suppose when I say this
people would think I was not a Canadian! They may send
me to Taplow tomorrow to stay for a few days & learn how
they run the hospital there.

I saw the Calvins only once last week & Ray
only on Thursday. He has been out driving & even walking
in the street - so you may know how well he is.

I have been doing more Med. Board work
with Maj. Donald. He is such a nice Scotchman.

If course the Brit. museum has attracted me
at for short periods & I think I have found something
to prove that two of the Finch & Barnes pictures are by
Carlo Dolci - a proof that I have been longing to have
for months.

I had a cable from Mr. Morrison that Gray
was wounded & here got the Red + to wire to France
& I shall cable out when the answer arrives.

Shall send Cleon "Aunt Sarah & the
war" & "Who goes there?" or at least my copies which
I wish to keep. If the books at the back the will
see how I was told who the books are by. The ~~former~~

former is splendid.

If Papa looks at the Survey for 11th March
page 590 he will be interested in seeing a letter from Lister.
I wonder if he remembers T. Bates Sen - surgeon at
Worcester a charter under Lister in 1864-65?

I enclose various clippings that
may be interesting. The pictures of Alfred Ho. are good,
not so good of Mrs Guest - but the account is
poor.

Love to you all
Archibald Mallock

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4th April

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ROYAL COURT HOTEL,
SLOANE SQUARE, S.W.

Dear Papa,

Yesterday saw letters
from Canada coming in after none
for two weeks and this morning
saw more — the last written
on 23rd March I think. Faith sent
me a photograph of young George
which I am very pleased indeed
to have — three fine nephews &
one fine niece now.

Was invited at
the congratulations on the appointment
to the hospital, but it is not
any more important than the
one at "Oldford House" or at "Bunley"

will take the steps I suggest to solve them. Finally however the General has consented not to have an x-ray machine (\$300 or more). Of course do not let this get outside the family. On top of all this the ladies have invited Princess Louise to open the hospital on Friday at noon o'clock as if I could not prevent it, though I tell the General that the place is not ready & cannot be for some length of time. It is all too bad. However I do what I can & for the rest of the time I get to the Art. Mus. as much as possible.

I went down to Topley on Tuesday on duty for three days last week and lived by the bugle & slept in the same room with Dr. Hutchinson who has come over from Montreal.

on-the-Hill" and of course at La Poerre
the best work was done. Still best
thanks, I heard from Uncle Edmund
& also had a note from Flora
Macdonald about it.

There is really no further
advance but I write reports &
letters & nothing more has been
done about putting both & closets
which are absolutely indispensable.

My only hope of having these
necessary things done is to have
an inspection by the English
authorities & that I hope will
come to pass tomorrow or on Thursday.
The situation is utterly hopeless
at present with no lift, patients
on three floors & the only closet
on the third & on the first floor
with 14 out of 25 patients nothing
at all but a sink & top under
the back stairs. There are many
other problems too but nobody

I learnt a good deal about Army
Tours orderly room work etc but
had an extremely easy time of it
& both afternoons had quite nice
walks. The wind storm brought
down numerous fine trees and
the country-side is more flooded
than ever. In maidenhead one
could paddle a canoe along
many of the streets.

One song to say that
there are a great many Canadians
who here come over here who
are entirely out of sympathy
with English ways & cannot
at all understand the point
of view over here & all the
difficulties. One would think
that everything would be
perfect were the Canadians put
in charge of all matters. It
makes one think that there



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SLOANE SQUARE, S.W.GROSVENOR COURT HOTEL,
DAVIES ST., MAYFAIR, W.WESTWARD HO HOTEL,
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA.

men whilst in Canada had never looked up to the people here (or the best of them here) as we have done in our family & as so many others here. I am much obliged to putting Canadian troops or patients in one corner and the "Imperial" ones in another & I count it an excellent opportunity to have been able to mix with people here. Pardon my writing this but everything in the Canadian Exposit. Town is not splendid & neither is every man.

Army she come up with me yesterday morning and steped over the night at this hotel. I do hope the authorities get everything right this time.

Was it not splendid of them to bring down that Zeppelin? The French apparently have done wonderfully well at Verdun.

I am sending some old Scotch pamphlets & one has an introduction by Lister. Is the "Dr A. Campbell" "John Archibald by any chance? There will be room for them in those boxes. Also I return the Queen's Dauntless and Christopher's photograph.

Am glad to learn that the Colvin household is all right again.

After six months or more search I was able to find in an old Italian book a note about the F & R. portraits, which seems to prove that they are by Carlo Dolci to whom tradition has ascribed them. Therefore I shall have it out with the expert Mr. Lionel Cust.

Dex Calvin is very well & I believe has gone to Brewster today. I have not been able to run across her as yet. Nilla had a bad throat but is up and out again.

Went to Cefnfford again had a good walk with Dexere on Sunday to Dorth Hinksey. There had been another mistake in his papers to get him out of the Canadian

If the chance offers will
you kindly invest half my
money (in the bank) in Canadian
war Loan?

With love to all

Yours affectionate son
Archibald II

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10th April 1916

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WESTWARD HO HOTEL,
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA.

Deee Memma,

A letter from
Papa come today sit is nice to
hear that every body is well.

There is little or no
news to tell except about
the hospital. On Tuesday last
I was informed by Miss Beaven
that the place was to be
opened by Princess Louise
on Friday. I protested that
the house as yet had not
enough bath-rooms etc
& that one should wait till

words "I think the house is not fit for
use as a hospitable, and I cannot
suggest how to make it so." He
is a delightful man & probably
one of the greatest authorities on
Sanitation in the world. Tell Pope
that J. B. Russell used always
to stay with him when he came
to London.

Well this report of course
did not satisfy the C. A. M. C.
or Com Red + and they wish
now to try and do something
- not caring how much money
they will have to spend. They had
a meeting this morning, but when
it is infected by the Metropolitan
Fire Dept. the house may again
be turned down, as it is a very
dangerous place. On getting to work

it was ready to admit patients.
Gen. Jones did not seem to mind
the opening when I went to see
him about it & I pointed out
that it would not be fair to
the ~~Princess~~ or to anybody else
if the house was later condemned.

I have thought ever since I
saw the house that it would
not do for a hospitable. The
mistake was in not having it
inspected last December. However
last Thursday Sir Shirley Murphy (Lt. Col.)
was asked to go over the house
with me & he wrote a report
for Col. Peterkin at the Horse
Guards (in command of the London
Area) saying almost what I
had written a month or so
ago and closing with the

I was out of the whole matter. There will be a month more anyway of waiting and doing very little & I may try to get another job as everything is so unsatisfactory. Of course do not let all this come to the ears of the Daughters of the Empire.

Colin was in town over the week end & he came here for dinner on Friday night. He looks so well. He took me to the theatre afterwards.

I went to Oxford on Saturday & am sorry to report that Major Whitlocke has not been so well again. Hever is still there awaiting his transfer. We went for a long walk

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GROSVENOR COURT HOTEL,
DAVIES ST., MAYFAIR, W.

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UNDER THE SAME CONTROL.

RICHMOND HILL HOTEL,
RICHMOND, SURREY.

THE QUEEN'S HOTEL,
UPPER NORWOOD.

HOTEL PETROGRAD,
NORTH AUDLEY STREET, W.

PALMEIRA TOWERS HOTEL,
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA.

ROYAL COURT HOTEL,
SLOANE SQUARE, S.W.

GROSVENOR COURT HOTEL,
DAVIES ST., MAYFAIR, W.

WESTWARD HO HOTEL,
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA.

yesterday out to Woodstock &
had a cold lunch at the Beer.
Then we walked through
Blenheim Park & along the Lake.
Then we went on to Bledon
where an old fishermen friend
of Penrice's lived & home
again. Altogether we walked
17-18 miles. It was a perfect
day with numbers of locks
about.

I ran in to see the
Colvins at the Cecil Hotel

this morning. Ben & Hilda have gone to stay with the Annesleys at Saltash. Mr. Colvin walked with me down the Strand as far as Charing Cross & showed him Lincoln's Inn Fields etc.

Dex looks extremely well.

Visited Compton Bristol today at the Royal Free Hosp. Gray's Inn Rd. He was just going to drive down & have tea at his mother's hotel. He looks well but has had a very bad time of it.

By the way Miss Maydalen Finch an elder half-sister of the present owner of Bowley was in town last week & I had dinner with

her one evening. She is delighted
with what I have found out
about their portraits.

Love to all the family
Yours affec. son
Archibald II

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(To)

Lady Gibon
"Ravenscliffe"

Hamilton Ontario

Canada

to John G.

TELEPHONE NO. GERRARD 6981.



GROSVENOR COURT HOTEL,

DAVIES ST., MAYFAIR, W.

13th April 1916

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DAVIES ST., MAYFAIR, W.

WESTWARD HO HOTEL,
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA.

Dear Aunt Eliza,

Just a line
to tell his family that Colin
is in excellent condition, is fat
& is in splendid spirits. He had
dinner with me last Friday
here & then he took me to the
theatre where I met his Major
(Turner) who seemed a very nice
man indeed.

I am not at all busy
at present and am trying a little
to improve my mind though I am
forgetting any medicine or surgery
I knew except from the few
pointers Dr. William Cole gives me.

The hospital is not ready for
its opening day & may not be so for some
time.

Am glad to hear that you
are all so well & the family
at Duke & Day Streets. Eleanor
has had a long rest but apparently
has not been resting (except the
sun) & soon will be doing more,
no doubt.

How are Hope & Francis?

With love to you all

I remain

Your affectionate nephew

Archibald Mallock



TELEPHONE N^o GERRARD 6981.



GROSVENOR COURT HOTEL,
DAVIES ST., MAYFAIR, W.

18th April 1916

UNDER THE SAME CONTROL.

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RICHMOND, SURREY.

THE QUEEN'S HOTEL,
UPPER NORWOOD.

HOTEL PETROGRAD,
NORTH AUDLEY STREET, W.

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SLOANE SQUARE, S.W.

GROSVENOR COURT HOTEL,
DAVIES ST., MAYFAIR, W.

WESTWARD HO HOTEL,
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA.

Dear Eleanor,

Thanks so much for
the splendid pair of warm socks
distinguished from any others I have
by the ring about the top. Lately
I have not been very fond on
socks or "heat's better" - but
several have holes & such a
gift of between is always welcome.

Papa's letter of 2nd
April has reached me. One glad
to hear the good news & that
the date of Jean's marriage is
almost settled. You will be able
to see the wedding I hope.

My best regards to you & your family.
I hope that you will be soon
able to receive the post-cards & photographs sent
you from France - Belgium etc.

Thursday was another interesting day. I met Sir Wm. at the Hampstead Military Hospital - East Section at 10 o'clock & went around with him & saw the cases. Jack Mackintosh is there & James MacKenzie, Sir Wm., Sir Clifford Abbott & Thomas Lewis are the visiting physicians.

Lt. Wood, who was a patient at Aldford Hs. & Burley took me to Grey's Inn for lunch & then we went over the law courts - the Middle & Inner Temple, Chancery etc.

Wood now inspects munition factories but still has his chambers in Brick Court, Middle Temple. He is from Cullen Banffshire & has 6 or 7 brothers fighting or in the services. He is still in uniform but he was badly wounded & one cannot tell if he will be returned

Last Tuesday I went out to
Closse and spent a very enjoyable
& instructive day about the laboratory.
Dr. McConkey is very pleasant &
agreeable & took infinite pains to
explain some of the things to
me — a work of genius I must tell
you. Miss Homer looks very
well she has plenty to do, though
they are rather far removed from
things out there & the evenings are
pretty long.

That same evening I had
with Mr. & Mrs. Foster at their
flat close by here. Mrs. Foster
was Miss Denny and a V.A.D.
on my floor at La Panne. Her
father the ship-builder was also
there and a brother & his Finnish
wife.

to "general service".

I saw Everett Biestel at the Royal Free Hosp, Gray's Inn Rd. one afternoon - but I think I mentioned that last week. Another afternoon I visited Gray Morrison & found him looking so well today I saw Bob Turnbull at No 2 Rd. Gen. Hosp, St. Mark's Coll. Chelsea. He is not severely wounded I think but had a bad shock.

Last night I went out & had dinner at Turnham Green with Mary Stewart & her aunt Miss de Pass (?). Mary is an exceedingly clever person & knows no end of interesting & distinguished people. They have quite a nice little house - but the uncle - Stewart is a very queer individual, hates anybody coming to the house, eats his meals alone at very odd hours, scribbles over his fine old books, flies into violent fits of anger etc etc. It is a hard life for the other two.



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DAVIES ST., MAYFAIR, W.WESTWARD HO HOTEL,
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA.

It was a quiet week-end at Oxford. I went down on Saturday with the May Mulleas & the Somervilles. I had lunch with the Whitelocks - Mr. now St. Col. Whitelocke is gradually improving & Hugh is wild with excitement as he's off to Egypt (bound for?). He is very lucky. Mrs. Reid is better again tell mamma. The trains go to E. Finstet for their holidays. There were a good many visitors on Sunday. Miss Diana Meredith, Miss Gowshi, Rafe Coler ("Uncle Frank" son) motored down from London & with them -

write to London for me. I believe he
has already said "why does not Mallock
come to us?" I sincerely hope the matter
will go through & I have an idea
that they will not be very ready to
let me go from here. The fact of the
matter is that I reported that the
house was inconvenient & unsuitable
- from the first time I saw it, But
do not tell all that I am
writing or that I have asked to go
to France. It will only be
close to Boulogne - we were
spoilt at La Perre - and when
things are slack I have been
permitted some res. to work on.

So if Papa gets a wire from
me "going to France" you will
understand to address my letters

No 3. Canadian General Hospital (Frigid)

B. C. F.

France

"Bony" McCap - who called to tell Papa he had seen me. He & Capt Coker enlisted together & are now officers in the same battalion.

Revere expects to begin his artillery training every day now.

The hospital is still an unpleasant subject. They intend to send good money after bad & spend several hundred pounds on the bibles etc, though the fine people have not yet inspected the place. It is such a pity the house was chosen. They would do well to drop it. Looking at the matter from all sides & talking over the matter with Sir Wm. & Col. Adomie I have determined to try and get out of the business & have already written asking Col. Rickett if he wished to have me call to to

I have been making some more
finds at the Brit. Museum. I tell you
that is interesting work. I called on
Dr. Downen Moore again today.

Well all good luck &
send me some snaps of the
children.

Your affectionate brother,
Archibald.

I had a long talk in Oxford
St. with a Belg. soldier the
other day who was a "bienandier"
on the "troisième étage" at Le Poerbe

Oxford
27th April

peted a was told you
and your wife the news of
Dear Grace,

I am sorry I can come
around to you again.

So this is the wedding
day. I am sorry indeed that I
am not home with you all
but it is 10. P.M. now & can
easily imagine that the ceremony
is over & that Jean is just going
to cut the cake. I hope that
my wife arrived in plenty of
time. It will be so nice to
hear all about the whole
business.

You will see that it
is much later in the week
for me to be writing but there
has been quite a rush lately.

Friday last was a holiday
of course the Brit. Mus. was
closed & I mailed myself off.
St. Wood's invitation to go to
Totteridge a flag golf, he won
quite easily — but is a scratch
man. Perhaps you will remember
that we had two or three good
games at North Huddersfield
last summer. Such a nice fellow
he is. That same day I had
a letter from Col. Rickett
saying that he would be very
glad to have me & that he would
write to Gen. Jones cash for
me. But say nothing about it
yet.

Come down here on
Saturday. Peafield who had
his leg broken on the Surrey

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was here then convalescing. We did not feel very much like calling up to his mind ^{again} the scene of the disaster - so did not speak much to him about the business.

Carter was a beautiful
bright day just as it was
last year at La Ronde. I in town.
& I went to the Infirmary after
he had done some work on the
address for the Shakespeare Treasury
on Monday. We saw Col. Whitehouse
at Somerville & he looks a good
deal better. Mrs. Whitehouse
was also there. Hugh got off
to Egypt all right. In the
afternoon the Wrights & the Howard
Children & the May Mallards &
Charlie & Johnnie come in
& hunted for ^{and} Carter eggs which
we had hidden all about the
drawing room & even in the garden.

The children enjoyed it so much
& I got some good snap-shots.
In the evening Sir Wm. sat up
here & read us his paper for the
next day.

Shakespeare — creator
Bacon — transmitter
(ancestor of)
^{but not likely} Burton — transmitter

I spent Monday morning at
Bodley's library copying some
very interesting Station Finch letters
written to Prince Leopold. I was
very lucky to come across them.

Sir Walter Raleigh, Sir
Spenser Lee & various other
people came for lunch & these
two with Sir Wm. delivered
the addresses of the day at
the Divinity Schools in the afternoon.
They were perfectly splendid
likewise the wonderful exhibition
of Shakespeare books in the library.

upstairs. we set up on the platform & I had quite a time with a woman who fainted — but she was only unconscious for a few seconds & then lay comfortably in ~~extenso~~ on the platform — we could not easily have got her out. Sir Sydney Lee asked me how I was getting along with my "researches" & has asked me to go & see ~~the~~ him in London.

Going up to town on Tuesday morning I was very surprised to hear that I am posted to the Grenville Canadian Military Hospital (which is now my address). I suppose the authorities thought better how long it would be before the Officers Hospital would be ready. I believe that

Gen. Jones has since heard from
Col. Bibbitt & if all goes well
I expect to be at Remptate for
only 2-3 weeks. I have been
busy getting ready to leave &
have come down here this
afternoon to pack everything up
in case I shall have to leave
for France direct from Remptate
(via Folkestone of course) Shall
write "Going to France" as soon
as I wish you to address
letters to No 3. Gen. Hosp.

Today I saw Mr. Lionel
Court at the Office of the
Banking ten Magazine. He is
very interested in hearing from
me that Frisch presented two
Carlo Dolci pictures to Charles
II. They are now at Windsor
Castle. He is curator of the Royal

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pictures & Art Treasures & publications
notes on the paintings at Windsor
Buckingham Palace. He is now
willing to admit that the
two portraits at Bowley are by
Carlo Dolci — as I happened to
find proof of this in an old
Italian book by S Baldinucci.

I can tell you it has all been
such interesting work & I hope to
do something else later on.

Serene is now in the R.F.C.
but has not yet got orders to
leave Oxford for training.

Had lunch with the
Colvins today — all well. Hence
Hilda still at Saltash. Reg
sails for Canada next week, I
think.

Love to you all
Your affectionate brother
Archibald

Hope to have Colin run over to Rosegat
to see me.

Sunny Banks,

Sandgate Hill,

Kent. G/ Major Bowie

2nd May 1915

Dear Edmund,

Well you see from the above address that I have had another move onwards. I got down to Ramsgate on Friday just before dinner-time & found that I had been ordered to report at the C.A.M.C. Training School Shorncliffe to await a transfer to France at an early date. On the way over here from Ramsgate on Saturday the change at Canterbury gave

me just a half an hour and I got up
as far as the cathedral and back
again but had no time to go inside.
By the way I forgot to mention that
Major Fred Bell, who was at Dennis
with us, is now at Ramsgate &
looking very well indeed.

The C. B. M. C. Training
School is now under command at
the Disgate - or part of the body is -
& I reported there but am allowed
to stay here. It was just as well
as all last week I was developing
every a boil on my neck & Major

Bonnie stretched me out covered it up
on Saturday afternoon & I lay about
on Sunday & in fact am still bearing
hot dressings. It is my first experience
of such trouble & they are not altogether
agreeable. It will not be long before
every thing is quite well again and I
hope the transfer to the Hill will not
come before that time & I shall be able
to go without reporting sick.

These have been no letters
from home since one which arrived
on the 20th of April, but I expect
some today. Den's letters come
today but she is staying with
the Colvins in London again. Well
how did the wedding go off?

The Bowies ~~—~~ could not
be hindered & I hope tomorrow to get
to a billet or better
away, & cause them no more trouble.

Major Bowie works very hard indeed
up at the hospital morning & afternoon.
The three little girls are very nice
ones & not at all spoilt. Young
Joseph, not yet seven, plays the
piano quite well by ear & it is
very amusing to hear her & her father
at duets. The Snells are flourishing
& young Donald came in yesterday
to say good bye - he is off again to
his school (Cordwaller's Maidenhead). He is
a very nice little fellow and by this
time has acquired an English accent.
Most of the boys from his school go into
the Army & he wished to do so too.

There had been no opportunity

think few of seeing Stuart McDonald or other officers about here, but I imagined I saw Hugh Wardope on horse-back.

Give my love to Faith and hope George is getting along as well as ever.

The Post Office here does not seem to be very good & as my movements seem to be rather uncertain my address had better me C/o Major Bowie & he will be able to forward any letters. I shall wire at arrival when I go to France.

The war really is going very well but on the surface the end looks as if it were far ahead.

Your affec. brother
Archibald



McGILL

B. E. F.

29th May 1916

Dear Eleanor,

Many thanks for your letter which came yesterday and for all its news. Ellie will be perfectly splendid, I am sure, and I hope the regular life and the life at the Beach will do her a lot of good. Edmund will be much more comfortable with those things out of his throat. It is a splendid idea for you to get books for my present to Mrs. Willis.

Well I am getting quite settled down here and although there is not much work as yet what there is of it is interesting. I hope to do a good deal in the laboratory. Col. McCrea is Company Officer, i.e. he looks after discipline but he will come and see any case of mine. We have all kinds of British soldiers and have to keep on the look-out for malaria etc. There are so many indefinite cases of 'Trench Fever' etc.

The golf clubs have not arrived nor the tennis racket but one afternoon

Canon Harvey
(Dublin)

I went over with some others to the links just beyond Wimereux. It is quite a difficult course and I could not play well at all with borrowed clubs.

The place at Wimereux is a nice bright place on a warm day and there are no end of nice little French children playing about. I talked to an English Captain one afternoon there & since then I find that he is the creator of The Rev. Mr. Medwin - "George A. Birmingham". On Sunday I rode about on a bicycle a little and saw the fisherwomen in their best with their white caps on and the curious fan-shaped head-dress as you saw in the picture post card I sent to the boys. I have not thoroughly investigated Boulogne yet, but there is nothing very picturesque or interesting about it, even in the old town perched up on the hill.

This is a convenient stopping-place for Canadians going on leave or returning from England. Graham Ross arrived one day last week - looking very well and Francis called to see me too. This evening General Turner (Quebec)



was here this brother Dr. Billy Turner. Col. Bibbott does not make the mistake of looking down on the English authorities & very friendly relations exist between this hospital & those ^{round about} lying about.

Yesterday just before lunch Capt (Lewis) Repord & I went on ~~bikes~~ bicycles through Bourgogne and up hill & down dale to the town of Hendrelot which is very pretty. Lewis had bought several mackerel at the fish-market & at Neuveschatelet, a little village, we had a very good lunch & dinner at the Restaurant Pendecours cooked the fish so well for us & made us a splendid omelet. All the time when this hospital was empty at Comines last year Repord & Revere were the only two that enjoyed themselves at all & visited all the little villages & towns. I should like very much to go to Montreal.

I enclose the proof sheet or synopsis of what I said at the Royal

Society of Medicine in March on Finch & Barnes
Papa & you all will be interested in seeing it.
I state that it is impossible to prove that two
of the portraits are by Carlo Dolci, but quite
lately this has been possible. I hope to start
translating some old English MSS. but Capt.
Singer has not yet sent them from England.
I shall let you know when those portraits
are published in the Burlington magazine.

Love to you all

Your affectionate brother

T. A. Mallock



MCGILL

31st May 1915

B. E. F.

Dear Grace,

Today has brought a letter from Papa (14th May) the first I have had direct from home except for one from Mamma last week. Am very glad to hear that everything is going along well, but again I ask for Jean's address in Toronto. So Dr. Elmosted has begun golf, I must write to him.

My letter was written late last week and there has been nothing very exciting or interesting happening. I am rather afraid that I am dropping into rather lazy habits, for one in London was kept (or kept himself) pretty well on the go all the time. Here had a few more short bicycle rides about the country & indeed everything does look beautiful about here. There are numerous old farms with the house on one side of the barn and the stables & cow-houses on the others with the well in one corner. I am sorry to say that there is often a very dirty pond in the centre smoky chicken about. A peacock in all its gay plumage looks a trifle out of place. Then there are very many nice country houses surrounded by a large garden etc on stone wall, but naturally very few of these places are occupied at least

there are few signs of life about them. Nobody seems to better much about French here but one or two of the officers are taking some lessons or studying a French grammar a little. I find it quite fun talking to the little children or the old men & women. The other day I had another game of golf but the little caddies (girls) took a very peculiar "petitis". One of them was very bright & when I lost a ball she regarded the matter in a very philosophical manner ended the common phrase "C'est la guerre!"

At present one of my three huts of 25 beds is quarantined owing to a case of scarlet fever admitted. However last night I was fortunate enough to 'spot' a case. He was only in the ward for about five minutes & for the rest of his very short stay with us he was kept in bed outside under a tree. If you get them shifted before two hours are up it is not necessary to have a quarantine. My ward is very close to where the convalescents are received so that most of the local cases (from camps around) are sent to me & this means that I shall have to be on the look-out for all kinds of infectious diseases. Papa might be



I have interested in hearing that amongst about 25 patients I have seen there is one of gout; one of a case of irregular melania; a case of fish poisoning with arteritis; a sputum (? venous origin) or stricture of the gutlet; a case of tuberculosis of the lung possibly started after by a bullet wound of the lung a year ago; a case of 'inversion' of the labyrinth of the ears; several indefinite cases with no fever but painful shins etc. So many of the cases we cannot diagnose and the practice is different from a civil one as there is no doubt that some of the soldiers are trying to fool us. Capt. Rhea an American born & a graduate of Johns Hopkins who was pathologist at the Montreal Gen. Hosp is splendid & I spend a good deal of my time in the laboratory where there is a good deal to learn. He is a Britisher now & took out his papers in Canada, has learnt to appreciate the British organization & 'red tape' & joins us in condemning American peace talk. Let us just hope that the Americans will never have any say when we are going to have the peace which one day we hope to see. The Americans are simply disgusting in saying that they are a nation

Shall be very interested
in visiting you in June.

that love peace and love it more than anything else
(? except \$) and are pointing the way that other
nations of the world may follow. What do you say?

Tell Dafe I am most interested in
reading the articles on Soldiers Feet etc by Robert
Jones of Liverpool in the B.M.J. April 29th May 20th &
27th. It is just what Dafe used to say. Also tell
him that the papers were wrong & that Sir Wm & Lady
Cobbe were not at the opening of the hospital at no. 1
Hyde Park Rd. Sir Wm. could not go & Lady Cobbe wrote
to me that after I left she had no more interest in
the place.

Norman George was here to meet
Campbell on the latter's return from leave. They
both look very well indeed.

It is very sad about Billy Marshall
but there is no doubt from what I hear that he
did often stick up his head & take unnecessary
risks.

Did I say that I saw Miss Campbell
in Boulogne the present month at La Peronne. She was
head nurse on the stage above mine. They are very
busy at times up there.

At university I talked with
an Army Chaplain for some time who has been turned
out to be but George A. Bingham born!
Am saving money fast for that trip
with Lady Cobbe to Italy! Love to you all
Archibald

No. 3 CANADIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

W. GILL



B. C. F.

8th June 1916

Dear Sir,

It was very nice to get your letter & I hope by this time you have seen Rex & that he is quite O.K. Edmund, I expect, has shown much improvement. I got a letter from Jean the other day written from 90, Oxford Street.

Well I suppose this last week has been one of the most stirring that we shall ever live through a great naval victory (which it is undoubtedly) and the sad & very pathetic death of K. of K. I find this mess inclined to be very pessimistic on the receipt of news that at the first seems bad. One thing I hope we did learn at La Panne was to withhold judgment when we were more or less cut off from things sometimes. Of course when our later reports come this time they made the next change their minds. Please do not think that I take upon myself to read between the lines of reports, but think 't wis to 'bide a wee' always. Today Col. Sibbett saw Surgeon Bell of the Iron Duke

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& he says that for certain we ~~sank~~ did for 19 German vessels & that the Hindenburg was put out of action for the time being at any rate. Those first few ships engaged must have done gloriously & have been well manoeuvred. By the way I have heard that Gilbert Whitelocke was not in the engagement. There seems no doubt that Kitchener is lost despite a persistent rumour to the contrary & that he was saved with other officers in a boat. The latest rumour here is that thousands of Germans surrendered to the French ^{at Verdun} after shooting their officers!

I was very surprised when passing the barrier near here on my bicycle, to be called back by the cry 'Mr Mallock, Mr Mallock' to find St. Pierre Defage & his father coming towards me from the car. How they both grinned! They both looked very well & Dr. Defage has not lost a hand or even a finger through infection, as was rumoured but has a stiff distal joint in his left thumb. Dr. Defage was on his return trip from Paris, where he had gone to operate. It is really extraordinary the manner in which I have run

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(MCGILL)



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across people ever since I left home.

The surgical people are pretty busy after the recent fighting at the front. Howard Walter is one of the patients. He comes from Brockville & is doing quite well - a shell wound of the back. We can hear nothing definite of Hugh Macdonnell's company in the P. P. C.R.I., but grave doubts are held about them. Andrew Warklyn is one of the officers too. I had a letter from Ross MacDonald after the first fighting & he was not in it at all.

Mamma will be interested to hear that Natalie Reid was married to a Maj James Pegram (?) 3/4 Cheshire Regiment on 25th May. I had a letter from Mrs. Russell Reid the other day. I've met him sometime in February. Of course this may be old news by this time but I know how things are missed sometimes.

Today over the golf links come the inevitable & slow moving dirigible and a few minutes later three allied airplanes. For the first time I heard machine

gums being fried from them. Only as "exercise" of course.

There is not much other news. I had a long letter from Lady Asker yesterday of which she is often depressed. Ever since the war broke out they have been hard at it and nobody deserves a holiday more than she.

My love to all the family
Yours ever

F. A. Mallock

13th June 1916

B. E. T.

Dear Pete,

I was delighted to get Eleanor's of May 25th today & to know that by this time they are well settled at the Reach. Let us hope that the weather is not so unreasonable with you as it is here. Eleanor asked, in speaking of the book on Burley-on-the-Hill, whether the house is now as full of things as it is shown in the pictures of that book. Tell her by no means so. Of course some of the unused rooms upstairs are full of a great jumble of old furniture & titter.

We have had cold, wet and windy days and nights. Well do I know this by the noise on the tent after I go to bed.

I am not busy at all but in the mornings when I here made 'rounds' there is generally something of interest to be seen in the pathological laboratory. As I told you, in writing to her today, there on the surgical side all of them are pretty well occupied with the chance of playing golf, tennis & occasionally billiards I say that I do not play Bridge. If I took up the latter, well one could play all afternoon and evening. Every month the Royal Society of Medicine

publishes the transactions of all the meetings and I am
striving to read up those from October 1915 on until the
time when I was elected a Fellow. There are all sorts of
interesting things. Then we get the B.M.J. here. Does not
Robert Jones of Liverpool interest you? Perhaps also you
noticed a paper about a week or two ago on Antitetanus
brought by Col. Roud of Leicester. He was our consulting
surgeon at Bentley, but whom we never had to call in.
You may remember that he came over to Lough one day
that I wrote how nice a man he was, not merely because
he took an interest in Find a Revised Rule!

Even back here "gas gangrene" is a menace
and one case died of it last week. It is a terrible thing.
Do you know that at the mill we were taught too much
about fine details of gastro-enterostomies & other complicated
operations and too little of the general principles of
surgery. I think you did think this.

Col. Rickett has been ill again & although
he is up again he looks none too well. He will not think
of taking a holiday & that is certainly what he should
do. He gets attacks of renal colic & has had three in the
last two months. I do not know how many hours this
but we all do here.

It is hard to get any body from here to
go six miles for a game of golf, unless they get the motor &



quite naturally the War Office has put their foot down about the use of petrol, although we must pay for it ourselves. The consequence is that when I ride over on a bicycle it is with the big chance of not finding a passer-by to pick up on the lights. Last Saturday I went over ~~hoping~~ to join in with a single player, but on getting up to him, found that he had to catch a boat for England ~~had~~ to leave. He was a young Scotsterman & what do you suppose his name was? Well Wrenwright & he told me a cousin of Prof John. He comes from Pittlochrie. Rather a curious meeting was it not?

About every ten days or so it is my turn as orderly officer for the day except of to ask the men at breakfast, at 6.30 by the way, if they have any complaints. The same performance is gone through at noon & again at the same time (or rather) at 4.30. At ten o'clock in the morning with the sanitary officer & orderly sergeant the orderly officer has to go practically over the whole camp & inspect the kitchens, store-rooms etc. The last duty of the evening is at 10 o'clock to see that the lights are out in the tents of the men's lines. On Sunday I was "it", so to speak, & we had a convey of patients & the work then is to distribute the cases to the various wards that are "receiving" that day. It was over at 2.50 a.m.

In the ward I am lucky to have a very good ward-mother. He is a corporal & I try to show him everything I can. He is a medical student & I have him beside me as I take the history, it is good practice for me to condense this & the physical examination & dictate it to him. If there is anything like a spleen to be felt or rales to be heard in the chest told him what we might find should a patient here on examination. Little did I think that we would have a case. The very next day an executioner arrived (a butchering trouvère responsible just to the right of the sternum) & I left him to examine the patient she reported to me that the man had on examining the patient she reported to me that the man had on examination. Now you know that fellow hasn't a great deal by doing this for himself.

Andrew Warklynn was killed the other day & I feel so sorry indeed for his father sister & brothers. He was a very fine fellow and very clever.

Well this is enough for tonight - written in bed as I formed the habit of writing at La Posse,

Kone to you all

Yours affectionately son

Anstibald II

Mamma may be interested to know that Capt. David Low of Montreal is our Master-mother. He was born in Hamilton - I think where the woods live & was not his father a partner of Mr. Young's?

N 23 CANADIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

(MCGILL)



20th June 1916

B. E. F.

Dear Mamma,

Well one would hardly call the cold weather, we are having, very much like Summer & I have just heard several of the officers remark that they had to walk about to keep warm. However I am able this morning to be comfortable. Last week we put our watches on one hour when I got up at six this morning, it was really fine. After a day or so one notices no difference.

It does not seem as if there have been Canadian letters since I wrote last; oh yes one from Papa. He asked me about a word I had used she thought it was a mistake. No rotograph is quite right and not autograph

it is a technical word for a sort of photograph
of a ms. It is really a negative and the
writing shows up as white instead of black.
I suppose it is taken with a rotating
machine. By the way Capt. Snipe is sending
me some from a ms. in the Brit. Museum
entitled "A noble boke of Suryngayre"
compiled by Charles White, the citizen & barber
surgeon of London & transcribed by Nicholas
Browne 6 Jan 1532. It is a very big thing
it will take of many evening hours before
I can read & transcribe it. Of course it
has never been printed. It should be
very good fun next Autumn & winter
will be a very good experience. Probably
the writing will be difficult at first.
Any body can have a rotograph made of
any of the very valuable ms. at the
Brit. Mus. made for him.

N^o 3 CANADIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

(MCGILL)



I was much amused at Papa advising me to find a 'Scotch or English lassie' for a wife, when he was writing that perhaps Colin might be married. It is all very well for the fibben boys who matt have an assured income and ox a lawyers firm to go into!

On the medical side there is little to do here & I have lots of time. Soon I expect to have a ward full of patients again. Tell Eleanor that Col John MacCrae is still here. He tells me that his verses "Blunders Fields" are appearing in papers all over now.

Yesterday Done Mc Keehan (from Dundas) & I went to the links but it began to rain quite hard after we had played three holes. The little girl caddies are most amusing. Most of them had their first communion on Sunday yesterday.

was quite a gala day & the women were out in the national costume - head gear, ear rings gold chains & all. They are a very sharp-witted lot these little girls & very quick in repartee. They call each other all sorts of names. One is "la réperte" as she is very dark. another the best looking of the lot is "la belle Jeannie aux petites pochettes" as she has dimpled cheeks. They also call her "Auchoo". One keeps the cue-hoist out beside the golf course.

No special news from England this week. That little article on Finch & Baines has arrived in the May number of the "Proceedings of the Roy. Soc. of Med."

This is a very good place to build up a fund for a trip to Italy as I am Scotch & do not spend much money.

Come to you & Papa & the family at the Beach

Archibald

N^o 3 CANADIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

MCGILL

B.C.F.



3rd July 1916

Dear Grace,

First of all many happy returns to Jean
on the 14th, although it is doubtful if this will reach Covadon
in time.

Well you will see from the papers
of the success near the Somme, but I do not think
that the war is over yet & cannot imagine that the
French will back down sufficiently this year so that
we can get a satisfactory peace this year. They must be
broken to their knees & it will be a hard job, what
do you think. Five of us are going to other hospitals
in Boulogne, tomorrow, to help them out for a time,
but I shall sleep, get breakfast & get my mail here.
Probably it will be for a week or so only.

Our day is very much like another
although yesterday was Sunday. We have two "fathers"
an R.C. & an English Church man & I heard the
lecture in the Red + Hat yesterday morning. After that
& before lunch there was a long theological discussion
in which Lt. Col. McCrae & Major Archibald were
the leaders, whether the world was started &
left alone for man to work things out, Free will

what would be the development on a desert island
of a child left to itself. It was most interesting
& amusing. Major Archibald is a splendid man. His father
is Judge Archibald of Montreal & he & his brothers have been
educated partly in France. They are all very clever, one is
a lawyer in Paris & the other John is a Fellow of All Soul's
a lawyer too in London I think doing some contraband or
Foreign Office work. Very few of the men will come to the
links unless they drive in a motor, but the other day
Maj. Archibald came with me on a bicycle (not both on
the same one) & says he enjoyed it very much. I beat him
but only play fairly well & my driving is not up to much.

I had a nice walk with Capt. Law about
the ramparts of the Old Town tonight. The weather has been
very nice for two days now.

Had a long letter from Lady Estlin the other day
written from Durham & Newcastle. Sir Wm. had been
about N. Wales on the Educational Committee with Sir
Henry Jones (of Glasgow) & together he & Lady E. went to see
Renere. She is still pretty depressed - but probably says
nothing to her husband & likes to 'damn the Germans' in
a letter to me or Billy French occasionally. Renere frankly
does not like soldiering but will do his best.

Sone to the family

Very affectionate brother

Archibald II

20-19 General Hospital

9th July 36

B. E. F.

Dear Edmund,

I enclose the first
of Winston Churchill's four articles,
which you may wish to read. They
say he wishes to be in the limelight
always, but there seems no doubt
that he did very much for the Navy,
how much people in England
may run him down. Ten years ago
when he stood with a friend's
helmet on the roof of Barley-
on-the-Hill, there was hardly
anybody in Scotland who
did not wish that he had
been burnt - and last
Summer they still seemed to
have wished it. His sending off the

troops to Antwerp was not altogether a failure as many German troops were diverted from their course towards Paris and this diversion was one of three great reasons that they never reached the capital.

I am enjoying the change to Wimereux very much, although since my animal lost Tuesday we have been as hard at it as possible. The S.C. is Lt Col T. H. Goodwin C.M.G & D.S.C (gained for bravery in the field on the Indian frontier). He is said to be one of the best officers in the regular A.R.M.C. He is very free & easy about the mess and besides his work as director he does not mind coming into the operating room & assisting

anybody who is operating. This hospital has 3-4 divisions: the "Hotel Splendide" where there are a lot of officers & Tommies; the Casino, where I am working and an Anglo American Hospital about a half a mile down the street in the middle of the town, then there is a Chester Something or other. The Casinos all along the French & Belgian coast were never so useful before and I know of a good many which have made splendid hospitals, in towns below Boulogne, at Boulogne ~~at~~ Wimereux, Melo-les-Bains, & Ostend (now of course a German hospital). My ward with 50 beds has about ten windows looking right out on to the shore & sea & is a very large room with

ornate pillars & ceiling. Our little
operating room opens off. one corner
of it is in the "Salle de Baccara"
(but there are no signs of that game
now!). In another corner of the ward
is a little sort of walled off. cubby
hole where the sisters have tea
or eat biscuits by twos & this
is evidently from a sort of counter
- gate & green baize - is where the
cashier used to sit.

The wounded come in
in great numbers by ambulances
from the "Gare Central" in Souloque
& as soon as possible we
send them off or 'evacuate'
them to hospital ships as

A Cases - stretchers cots on board &
require much attention

B Cases - stretchers cots on board

C Cases - 'sitters' perhaps cots on board

D Cases - look after themselves

I have never given so many anaesthetics before thanks to Dr. Almsted's training, I am able to do the work. The 'surgical specialists' do the operating & I have only done some small cases.

The mess is down in a hotel a few hundred yards away in the town. I sleep above in the same room with a Lt. Hewitt, who, strange to say, practised for ten years in Cebham shows Burley well. There are a lot of nice Scotchmen and a Capt de la Cour, who is a great friend of Clifford White's. They seem to know how to run a mess better than at No 3 Can Pen (do not breathe it!)

and the meals are nicer, better cooked & the whole thing cheaper. Two afternoons, so far, I have been able to get off long enough for a swim. The water is warm, but the breeze rather cool. The sea water is fine is it not & the breakers are great fun.

Today I am orderly officer & this afternoon we sent on a lot of patients. This evening I sleep here at the Casino & probably we shall admit a good many before the night is o'er. I am attacked here 'temporarily' but rather hope I shall remain all Summer. We had our full 'establishment' but they were short of officers here. Of course in

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medicine at no 3 we were not busy.
Should you think of writing!! or if
you do write the old address is the
better one.

Everything seems to be going
well from at the front, as you
see in the papers.

Was glad to get letters from
Mamma 19th June & two from Papa
(12th & 19th) last week, also one
from Uncle Edmund, with a
description of the new golf links
at Aneaster. How did you like
it? I wish Papa would send me
one of the score cards.

Was rather surprised to
hear that Aunt Mary & the
others are coming over & sorry
that Eugenia had to have an
operation.

How goes it with George?
Give my love to Faith. Also please
remember me to the Laidlaw's. I
wrote to Mr. McDonnell about
Hugh's reported death. Will you
please tell Eleanor Laidlaw
that Lady Asker writes that
she is trying, through the Am. Embassy,
to get the American visitor to
go & see Hugh.

Well it is getting on
Your affectionate brother
Archibald II.

203, Can. General Hosp
B.C.F.

18th July 1916

Dear Papa,

Here I am back again. I was rather sorry to leave Wimereux last Thursday as they were so short-handed & only had about half as many officers as this hospital has & both are of the same size; but Col. Rickett thought we were getting short here. Col. Godwin would have liked to have kept me & thanked me for the 'genuine service' I had done. This pleased me very much as we had worked very hard indeed. Now my ward is ward P. where we will get a few medical cases but chiefly 'walking' surgical ones.

The 'walkers' of course have no serious leg wounds but the arms may be pretty bad & I have had to take out some sheepskin. I got 80 new cases on Saturday night but by noon on Sunday we had the wounds all dressed, some bullets removed from the cases with tongs & all the case history cards written up. You will therefore understand that we were not able to go to the service that morning! There are 96 beds altogether in my 3 huts.

Since I have returned here I have seen my 6th or 7th case of arterio-venous aneurism, as with Sir Com. Osler I had the opportunity of listening to a number of them. He has told me of your case of a Mr. Treves (the specimen is now in London somewhere)

The soldier here had an entrance wound just to left of sternum in the first interspace & no exit wound. There was pulsation above the sternum in the notch, & a thrill like the purring of a cat. With the stethoscope the sound was like that of a machine-shop (accentuated in systole) other sound could be heard even in the radials of both wrists & in the abdominal aorta. The x-ray showed the missile close to the vertebrae at the same level as the entrance wound. There must have been some communication between the subclavian^{artery} & one of the veins behind the sternum.

Another case was not serious but interesting - a housemaid's knee also a cracking of the patella (but probably no fluid in the joint), but there were several 'rice bodies' to be felt in the prepatellar bursa one felt as large as a pea. It is the first time I have felt them

I hope the family will pardon these
medical or surgical things.

Letters come from you, mamma
space last week. Please tell mamma
that the boy Jack Todd (Miss MacLean's
protege') was only in this hospital for
2 days in the middle of June, with a
slight wound in the arm when discharged
went to the convalescent camp & by
now is no doubt with his unit once
more.

We are certainly having a
very cool & wet Summer - wet even
for France, we are told. I have done
some more transcribing of Mrs. rotographes
& today a goodly number have arrived.
For reading I have had two books
by Luke 'The Trouper' and 'Jaffey'.
His books are always good & one finds

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it hard to lay them down, when once
they are begun.

This is written in the morning
in the ward as we are all standing to
- so to speak - waiting for an inspection
by Sir Arthur Slagget, who is the head
of the R.A.M.C. in France

Arent many of the menys are in
England by this time, I expect, but I
have not yet had word from them.
Am glad to hear that Eleanor & the
children are so well.

Love to you all

Archibald II.

Major Archibald sends his kind
regards to you.

No 3 CANADIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL

(MCGILL)

B.C.F.



28th July 1916

Dear Mamie,

It is very late in the week to be writing but on Tuesday I got 56 medical cases and I have been at it all day & every day since 'writing them up' - besides lots more have come & I also have a good many 'surgeons' - about 30. It is a very interesting service but so many of the cases are very indefinite - though to be sure they have a little fever, headache & painful shins. If they arrive with a file card of 'fever ~~with~~ of unknown origin' or 'influenza' or 'trench fever' - we must try to sort them out. Of course we get lots of cases of 'shell shock' with which one was pretty familiar at Boulogne-on-the-Canal & on the medical board in London. Mine is almost the only ward, where one has to handle medical & surgical almost the only ward, where one has to handle medical & surgical cases - and ordinary hospital cases, bronchitis, chronic bronchitis etc there ~~are~~ always some examples. This sounds like shop for Papa & perhaps it is. Tell him that there are minor surgical operations too.

We have had one or two quite good concerts lately. The Princess Victoria Concert Co. is always splendid & really very good people come with it. I believe that there is a long waiting list in England for the positions. On Wednesday night amongst the party was Miss Dawson, who lives in Cakham & very often come to Boulogne last Summer. There are generally two concerts here - one for the patients at five o'clock & another for the officers & nurses at half-past eight.

Last Saturday night Sir George Foster

JANUARY JAMES WILSON

+ several others of the Parliamentary Association were here for dinner. I had quite a chat with Mr 'Billy' Nickel of Kingston. By the way Lady Astor sent me a card saying that Hugh Macdonell is a prisoner, but that she does not know where yet.

Anastasia wrote to me the other day - I was surprised that she said she had not known my address - seeing that Francis visited me here! However you wrote over where I was. Colin has not written for a long time.

Sgt Major 'Bom' Taiting left the other day to take up his commission with the 'Princess Pat's.' He is a splendid fellow as he was a medical student, he came over here as a private & has worked right up. He had a commission before leaving Canada, but relinquished it.

So glad to get letters from Papa & Dil. I must thank Mr. Collinson for sending me (via Papa) a list of the 'old boys' in the 'Services!' I also have had a card from Mrs. Cowan & a letter - with purple heather - from Mrs Coats.

Dr. Depage & Dr. Vandervelde were here the other afternoon & Henri Depage, the youngest son, who was at school in Brussels, whilst we were at La Panne. They are very busy up there.

The news is very good is it not? Did I tell you that one of my patients the other day was a Boer who fought against us in Natal at the age of 14 or 15?

Love to you all
Your affectionate son
Archibald T.

10th Aug. 1916

No 3 Confin. Hosp.

D. E. T.

Dear Grace,

First of all I hope that Christopher got my cable. His wire came on Sunday evening & going down to No 3 Confin. Hosp. the next day, I found that Capt J. S. Willis had been sent over to Eng on the 5th August - slight wounds of arm & leg. It sound very satisfactory.

Not much news to give except of routine work other we are still having hot summer weather. Have just had letters from Eleanor & Pepe (24th July) & from Dil (25th) with good news. I am glad that Manon's tooth was extracted all right.

Have also had a note from Colin saying that he hopes to be married as soon as Florence gets over. They wish to be married in Kensington.

& he is busy now living there for a couple of weeks end hiring a room etc in order to qualify himself for a Kensington license. Of course it will be impossible for me to get over for the wedding.

Fawell Hyde is in the hospital at Somerville Oxford, wounded in leg & has lost two fingers of his left hand - so I heard from Lady Arden. He had been at the Open Arms for lunch, I had written to him once here but there was no answer. You will remember perhaps that I met him in London last November.

The medical wards are always pretty busy & naturally the cases do not change as rapidly as the surgical ones. The work in the ward keeps me pretty busy all day but I hope to get a game of golf sometime soon. I found a lady's gold (or gold plated) wrist watch on the links about three weeks ago

but so far have found no owner. It was
a little rusted. One patient a 'diamond setter'
to whom I showed it thinks it is worth
about 22/- so it is no great find. Some
amateur detective work leads me to think
that the girl-owner had a very fat
wrist.

I have been surprised lately
at the number of original members of
the B. E. F. who have been patients in
my ward. remember there were only 120,000
of them. At present I have numerous
Australians & a few New Zealanders. There
is plenty of rivalry between these sets.
Then there is a Maori in one bed
and a Russian, who enlisted in Canada

You see the Lit. Supplement
as well as the weekly Times do you not?
Look up the number for August 3 p. 370
you will see under Classics a short review

of a book Carmnia Iocosa. Col. Bradney
stayed several times at the Governor Bent
Hotel whilst I was there & is a very nice gruff
old fellow. He was very kind to be put
on the Commission for Welsh Monuments
of the war. He helped me a little with the
heraldry when I was working on French & Baines.
The lady referred to as staying at the hospitium
'Proxi venetorum' is Miss Egilvie, who is
a very nice sort of person - not merely because
she was interested in F. & B. Col. Bradney
showed me some of these Latin verses - one
was written about a skeleton of his
named Hunter whom he called venator.
Perhaps I may get a copy of this book.

Yours to you all
Your affet brother
Archibald II

No 3. Can. Gen Hosp.

B. E. F.

23rd Aug. 1916

Dear Dil,

This will be a ~~stated~~ letter or more so than usual as I am writing it in the mess ante-room where there is plenty of noise going on. I come over after dinner from my tent to censor letters here now it is raining & to wet to get back for a time. By the way you may be very thankful that you have not to censor (apologies to Miss Walton) the letters of 96 medical cases every night. Well you may imagine that it gets a little tiresome at times.

The Canadian letters will probably arrive tomorrow morning. I trust you and those in Hamilton are quite all right. What a terribly hot summer you must have been having. You will be glad indeed to have Cleo & the children in Toronto again.

It has been a busy time for us medical people lately and I hope

at work pretty well all day. Papa would
be very interested in some of the cases I am
sure. One would think, tell him, that
Bell's palsy was a very common complaint,
I have three in one but right close together
& two from the same battalion. It is
amusing to stand them up together
for a ~~big~~ smiling parade & watch
the corners of their mouths become
drawn up towards their left ears. I am
not at all sure that 'shell shock' has
not got something to do with it.

One patient with the few faculties
is from the island of Rarotonga between
Australia & New Zealand. He can talk
little in our tongue, but he and the
Maori can converse a little with
each other. Then there is a Greek
Cypriot, but he has worked in the
Government accounting office in
Cyprus & elsewhere.

Capt. Creighton who succeeded
me at no 1 Hyde Park Pl. came here

the other evening. He is now at 20, Gen. Hoff.
It was amusing to hear that he had got very
tired of his job in London & could stand
the 'pulling of wires' no longer

It is not quite so warm here
now & it will not be long before
rain will be the order of the day
every day.

Am writing this evening to
Alice Munay to find out if Colin
is to be married soon &c, so to send
some small present.

Well love to you all

Yours ever

Archibald II

No 3 Conv. Gen. Hosp.

B. C. F.

1st September

Dear Papa,

Well here it is September
the summer has just flown by. Already
there seems a little more coolness in
the air and again we have had some
rain.

Many thanks for your letter score
card and plan of the holes, what
a splendid course it must be a
how well Fairy meetin and Thompson
are playing! I have had little golf
of late, but the last time I was
at the links I did not play quite
so badly. You see we are still
very busy and especially those of
us on the medical side. Fifteen to
twenty new cases arrive in my
ward every day (tonight 30) and
one's day is filled with the 'writing
up' of them. There have been some
interesting chest cases and of
course a goodly number of P. U. C. D.

i.e. pyrexia of unknown origin. My ward
has 96 beds & is the second largest
medical ward & besides unlike the
other medical officers I have no medical
student to act as ward-master, though
he is a good fellow with the Army
forms etc. To take the histories and
to make an examination of all the
'systems' of twenty cases is a big job
for one day. In Montreal they used to
think six a large number. Of course
all this medicine is new to me
as compared with the other officers
but Col. McRae seems pleased
& it is splendid experience. Many of
the patients have little the matter
with them & wish to make the
most of their 'pains in the back'
'giddiness' etc. we of course send
as few to England as possible & one
has to bear one's wits about him
not to be taken in. By the way I think

I can interpret the cable which Christopher got about his brother - I had his nice letter with Jeen & the other day. 'Nice Slightly' should read 'nice Blighty' i.e. a wound which ensues the soldier going to England. Perhaps you know that 'Blighty' is Hindoo for home & we often hear Tommies say 'I got a Blighty last year' = I was wounded so badly that they sent me to England.

Thank you very much for your birthday present & Eleanor for the two pairs of socks & box of chocolates - the latter are now gone but the former will last & wear well, I am sure.

Aunt Mary writes that Colin & Florence were married last week & about a week ago I asked Alice to send them a present from me. I wonder if Colin will come through here on his way to the front.

Every week I write that there
is little news for when one is in camp
one meets few new people. Lady
ester wrote last week from the
Emmons' house near Southampton
where she & Sir Wm. spent a
few days of rest.

I am ashamed to say that
I am doing little reading and even the
daily Standard paper is making a little
file on my table. However when there
is a lull I have a Latin ms. to
work at & many things to read.
It was interesting to hear
that Will MacCallum's book is
out. I fancy it is a rather deep &
technical treatise

Love to you all

Your affectionate son
Archibald T.

2a 3. Con. Gen. Hoop.

B.C.F.

France

8th Sept 1916

Dear Mamma,

I must thank you, Papa
and now Eleanor (the latest Aug 29th) for such
nice newsly letters. It makes one feel that
one knows exactly how everyone is and
how everything is going at home.

Before I forget it will
you please ask Papa to send to Alice
Munay the equivalent of £2, from
my account in Hamilton. She was
kind enough to buy two silver vases
for me to send to Colin & Florence.

Today I had enthusiastic letters from
them both. The vases are useful to
them in their hotel. I was much taken
with the nice note which Florence wrote
so when I do get to England, I hope to
see her.

Best thanks to Papa
for his birthday present!

It is almost time
at this stage of a letter to talk about

about the frightful hot weather you have
had. I generally seem to think that I must
say something about it. You spoke about
the garden looking so brown, but I trust
the peaches will not all be dried up.
We had rain & cool weather but
since then, two fine days this week. However
this old tent looks a wee bit sorer
already begins to think of the unheatable
and very inconsiderate winter. If, however
we continue to be as medically, if not
urgically busy as we now are, the tents
will be nothing more than places to
sleep in. I still get nearly twenty
new cases a day & am rushed - but
feel excellently well, thank you. My
fifth case of Bell's Palsy (in three
weeks) arrived the other day. It seems
a very striking fact that there are so
many of them & none of them had any
trouble to cause it. Sir Bertrand Rawdon,
the Lt. Col. & Consultant Physician,
is quite interested in a case of janndice
I have. The cause has been found
for infective janndice - but the case

who has really not been very ill at all,
⁽²⁾ is probably a para-typhoid. Such a
complication or part of the disease would
be rare at home. Col. McLae, in his
picturesque language, ~~has~~ dubbed him
'The Sunset Limited', on account of his
complexion! I believe the nurses like
working on my word, as apparently I do
not fight & do not give them too many
orders for 'treatment' - the latter virtue of
mine is born of ignorance for I do not
know much about drugs. However
Castor oil is used in large quantities &
as at Basley I find an innocuous pill
(Soda bicarb) quite many of the
'functional' patients who say they cannot
sleep. You will pardon my failing in
writing of medicine, but tell Papa, that
after preparing the patient we duly found
the head of his inmost *Taenia saginata*
- and the patient - a chronic sufferer -
and the whole lot of us were delighted
yesterday morning! This medicine is
probably just as valuable as that I
should have learnt under Dr. Hamilton

at the Royal Victoria Hospital and a
splendid experience in all kinds of cases
(nephritis, heart, lungs etc) as well as
in the 'functional' ones or of those who are
making the very most of their trouble.
Again ignorance helps, as when I see
a tremor I do not immediately assume
that it is, Parkinson's disease, or exophthalmic
goitre or disseminated sclerosis or any
obscure nervous condition of which I
know nothing.

It seems that every week Lady
Cesler writes - this time telling me
that Cousin Emma MacLaren had called
on her once or twice. This is what she (Lady)
says --- "She come to tea yesterday &
talked a blue streak and was very
agreeable - but seemed annoyed that
you looked upon this house as home".
Lady Cesler is crying for Bill Francis
myself to come as soon as possible
but leave for me is still in the future
- it comes only every six months at the
Boose. I write to Oxford as often as I

Can for Renée is ready to leave at any time. Lady Cather sent me a huge tin of toffee — which goes to the right spot. They have had another holiday down at Malvern with the Wrigleys.

It is all arranged now & the eldest Wright girl Phoebe and a Miss Miller, who have been working for over a year at Beachborough Park, are going to La Panne. Miss Wright asked me to try & arrange it & just after I had sent off a letter to the matron, who should come upon the scene, but Dr. Defage.

Mrs. Coats sent me a huge parcel of heather — which now makes the ward quite gay. What a magnificent colour heather is!

It was very nice to see Dr. Welch here on Tuesday. He came up to see some of my cases. I had never met him before. He is splendid & wished me to remember him to Papa. He says that they never see Papa down at

Baltimore now. He has come to England in connection with some Commission on Science & Industry, I think — and of course was at Oxford.

After 4.30 one afternoon I had a good walk with Lewis, the car to Wimereux arriving there at 5.30, then after tea we walked through Wimille and to Souvenir Moulin, where we had dinner about half past seven & home here in the moonlight. It is necessary to do something like that at least once a week.

This letter has meandered along for long enough

Love to you all & please give my love to the Macdonalds

Your affectionate son

Archibald T.

Dear Cleonay,

Mr. Lionel Cust writes
that his article on the portraits of
'Finch & Baines' (or some of them) is to
appear in the Oct. number of the
Burlington Magazine. Of course the
negatives are mine from which he has
made the 'blocks' & I sent him
some notes from the old Italian
book etc about the men &
the Carlo Dolce portraits. He
would not ^{at first} see that C. D. had painted
them and I am most anxious
to see what he says about them.
I shall send you a copy xif. he
does not mention that my book
is to come out please let Pope
see it.

These blocks will be for

my illustrations too & there will also
be " from the other two perhaps
a picture of the 'will', of the inscriptions
at Padua & of the monument at
"C. C. C." (Christ Coll. Camb.).

We have not yet decided
whether it will be a quarto or
octavo, for we do not yet know
the size of Mr. Lickel Cust's
illustrations, however I am hastening
things as much as possible.

Rev. Shifley has given
me \$5 and says he will send a
copy of the proof sent to him.
Is that not kind of him?

T. A. M.

No 3. Canad. Gen. Hosp.

B. E. F.

16th Sept '1811

Dear George,

I must thank Papa
for his letters this week. It would have
been most amusing to have seen Dr.
Barker. I hear most entertaining stories
of him from time to time.

This letter is very late
in getting off. It is really because we
have had to work very hard - with
one exception when Lewis & I had some
golf. More casualties have been coming
after the new start & even the medical
wards have to be kept light. Yesterday
morning I got a lot of new patients
and after going over them we sent
most of them to England. We always
try as far as possible not to send
the undiagnosed fevers. Papa will
have an idea of the splendid material
here when I tell him that I sent
away 5 cases of pleurisy with effusion

in two days, several cases of nephritis etc. I have had two bad cases of shingles. It is a mad rush sometimes and yesterday morning witnessed one of those days.

The weeks are just flying by and one would think there was lots of news to give, however there seems little unless I were to talk 'shop' all the time. We have had some bright cool Autumn days and still some dull ones. Yesterday afternoon it was ideal for golf. & I wished that I had been able to play on the 'new links' at Ancaster, for the drives, approachers & putts were going in the right direction.

My batman, a young fellow who works for some electrical firm in Montreal, was ill for several days this week, but he is better again. Some time ago he went under the

nickname of "rough-neck Rose"; but he has much quieted down & his conduct no longer justifies that name. He is really a very handy fellow & keeps the tent pretty tidy. This tent leaks a little & I shall probably require a new one soon. At present there is little time for anything but work but if the medical cares are fewer in number you may imagine me sitting beside a "flamme bleue", working at that medical ms. with a board on my knee. However that is all looking into the future.

I had no news from the Oslers this week & do not know if Revere has left yet. I hardly think it likely that Sir Wm. will come over here this year, as it is getting late now.

The wounded being in stories of the "mysterious tanks" or "willies" as the wonderful new

armoured cars are called, we have heard the wildest fair stories about them, that they held a hundred men again that to help them climb up a hill they throw out a long clawed arm & pull themselves up. It seems without doubt that they were a great success & even if lost to sight in a huge shell hole, they slowly clamber up the other side. The Germans now complain that we are exterminating them, I hope we are for that is the only way of defeating them.

I enclose a picture of myself taken in London, which Papa might like to have & I might later put it in my photograph book. You will see the 'Finch & Baines' basket as Lady Astor used to call it. Also here is a curious p.c. which was for sale for the Red Cross. I suppose it is a tribute to the work England is doing. In the sky the British lion seems to be fighting the eagle.

Love to you all & I hope this reaches you before you go to Toronto
Archibald II

No 3. Canad. Gen. Hospital

B.B.T.

22nd Sept 1916

Dear Grace,

This follows rather closely on my last to Eleanor. Papa's arrived on Tuesday telling of Uncle Edmund's & Aunt Maggie's visit to Hamilton.

Are the victories on the Somme most splendid? We are all very excited about the wonderful new armoured cars - "mysterious tanks" or "wilie's" as they seem to call them. I have a patient in the ward at present who has drawn pictures of them for me on post cards. He is a comic artist & does most excellent work for all sorts of London illustrated weeklies. He is quick at catching on to things about the ward & has made lots of funny sketches in the nurses' albums.

What is more amazing to me than anything in the wards is to find out from the patients their occupation "in civil life". Of course there are always a great number of miners but one is just beginning to learn the specialism in London & the division of labour.

Here are some instances, "French polishers" have
had traps, "meat cloth washer" (where the cloths
used on carriages for the great market are washed
in a special laundry & sold again for polishing
cloths etc), "post cook washer", "bread
coster" "Cellar & opster man" (in a London
restaurant), "Coster monkeys" (from Covent Garden)
a "chief electrician to a turn at a music hall"
"surface worker" (at a pit), a "bath enameller"
a "Confettier" a "word turner"; a motor cycle
photographer", a "bloughan" (from Forfarshire)
"Postman" (from Glasgow), "long horsemen"
2 "dock men" at Liverpool & Manchester on
"assistant carmen" (stands on back of cart loaded
with licks), several Scotch "Schoolmasters",
a "smoke man" (at a bacon factory) and all sorts
of others ~~things~~ that I cannot think of now.

I still have an Australian delighted in the
name of Buggacott. I asked him if his
wife had broken down the teeth on the right
side of his mouth, "No" he said, "they were
knocked by chipping opals"! He is an a
sheep station in Australia is a bit of a
miner - they bite opals when they find
them to see how well they will shine.

We are as busy as ever &
sometimes it is a perfect rush about the word

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Pope would be quite interested in some of the cases. If an inoculated person gets typhoid or fever typhoid it is very mild fortunately or the work would be terrible.

There seems to be absolutely no news,

Please do not fail to let me have Eleanor's address as soon as they move to Toronto.

This may be in time to wish Edmund "many happy returns"

Did Mr. Collinson come to England this Summer?

Love to you all

Archibald II

To S. Comd. Gen. Hoff.

B. E. F.

30th Sept 1916

Dear Sir,

Cate again in writing you see.
Hope that you soon will establish your family
in Toronto & get into a nice convenient abode.
The boys will go to school again, I suppose.

There is no need of my speaking
of good war news, for you have it here this. I
hope, however that Lloyd George's interview
will be published every where. Have you seen that.

In case you have not had it
already, enclose Hugh Macdonell's address,
which Lady Astor sent me this week.

Lt. H. W. M.

Reserve Legation to
Adolf. Thrasse
Genoa Fiume.

Am so glad that Billy Francis has gone on
special leave to Eng. today as Lady G. wrote
to us with but a day in between to say that
she was homesick to see us. Reserve hasn't
just left, but only 3 officers are now ahead
of him. This letter also brought the news
that Phoebe Wright is not going to be done
as the mother & assist-m. are leaving? I wonder

if this simply means that the Belgians will run it themselves after this. I trust there was now trouble.

The medical patients are still coming in & we are very busy. The ~~present~~ situation would be much more serious if the cases were scarce. How fortunate it is that inoculation was carried out so extensively. Tell Papa that never again shall I feel so many spleens!

We have had some rainy weather on the other hand one or two bright clear days & in the same week one very warm one. Yesterday after 3.30 I ran away with an Eng officer Lt. Leathart (attracted here for a short time) & took the team & walked about $\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the links. In 1903 he accompanied the team of English golfers to U.S.A. & they won all their matches save one. He played with merely a cleek and a mullie & we had a splendid game, he drew me out at Fifty Martin did once & as Miss Dorothy Campbell used to do only won by 3-2. Of course he could do much better. He has known Colt, who laid out the new course at Canterbury, for 20 years & speaks in the highest terms of him. He is a Bent's man & of course knows Dr. Norman Moore very well. It is to be hoped we can go out

again.

It is now 6.15 P.M. & I am writing this in my new tent, formerly occupied by Capt. Robertson, who has sought better cover & is now in the Dell's House (without the 'Dell'). It is wonderful how much more room may be got out of a tent if it is only well stretched as this one is. So far no "flammes bleus" have been necessary.

Before I forget it, please send "me fus" English address when he has one.

My leave will not be due till 9th November & perhaps I shall then apply for a week beginning on 22nd or 23rd of December, so as to have time in Oxford. With that interval there is likelihood of getting what one wants.

Tonight we see the death recorded of Capt. J. R. Breton Canad. Infantry & I am afraid it is "Janie"; although I forget his second initial. It is very sad for his father's mother & for Dr. Clunet, who always took a great fancy to him.

Vone to you all

Your affec. b. m. lo

Archibald T.

20.3. Convalescent Hosp.

R. S. F.

8th Oct. 1916

Dear Jean,

It is growing a very common saying with me, but do not the weeks just fly by?

Every letter from Hamilton seems to tell of new places which you and Christopher visit. It is splendid that you are able to accompany him. I envy you that trip to Muskhaka in September - for surely it is the nicest month in the year up there. I remember the glorious weather that Eleanor, Grace & I enjoyed at Judd Haven in 1909 & the trips we had up Sheldton River.

The work is a constant quantity for some of us others has been no 'let up'. It is a very good thing to be thoroughly occupied and I am happy to say that there is plenty of reading to matter in this tent to fall

back upon, should the war work slacken later on, but that seems an unlikely possibility.

Last Sunday on the way down the hill into the town I met Douglas Hall on his way up to see me. He is a son of Major Hall at Burley in the forks & Jones. Regiment was wounded (lost one finger) last winter. He is a very nice fellow. From him I heard some Burley news, that Mrs Guest & the children have been there all summer & that later on they are to have Tommies there again as in the winter of 1915. When the war broke out Mrs. Guest offered the whole house, which would hold several hundred places, but the War Office (or the W.C. as it is termed) would did not see fit to accept it. Major Hall & Lord Darshborough are still very busy in men-power work & it is a very difficult matter to get the farmers to give up their men

Some men are now shepherds who never would have dreamt of doing such work before. I must admit that at present I have a cowman in the word.

Hall, Beathart & I had a good walk through the meads are improving here now we went and had dinner at a small old place - the Hotel Roongoque^(?) in the old town. It is most amusing to go into the kitchen on one side of the courtyard & to ask the old grandmother (in the Boulangais cap) what one can have for dinner. It was so nice & warm in the kitchen that we almost wished we could have had a meal there. However we had a most excellent meal at the side of a long table at the end of which sat some British officers and an old French Colonel, who always dines there. Some of these were centaurs & one captain knows eleven languages. Where the Army picked them up, I do not know. Two of a group of fine stammered very

badly but that fascist should not interfere with censoring! Another was a highly trained Chemist. We hear all sorts of stories of wonderful new inventions & I dare say some of the old Chemists & physicists in England are putting their heads together over problems which only concerned the Hess in the pre-war days. Another in Civil life was an artist - he stammered also. It was dark in the old town & we had some difficulty in finding our way to the "Porte de Calais" & getting out. It forms an excellent place of safety as it passes under the ramparts & is built of the strongest of masonry with loopholes & gratings above it. There are all sorts of places to be used in cases of air raids & each one bears a green flag and a sign "Abri Public / dans le cas d'alerte". Needless to say they have not had to be used even though a German Communiqué stated the other day that a Zeppelin had been

over Boulogne.

Please thank Eleanor for the picture of Barbara & for her letter Mamma wrote for their wife for the programme of that Clinical day in Hamilton. Barbara looks as if she were a mischievous rogue — who would believe that her mother could once throw a boar! But hush or Eleanor might be angry!

Am sorry that I have left you all in ignorance about this hospital, Mamma asked what sort of buildings we have. Just before the French Government took over the Church properties the Jesuit College here mysteriously burnt down (like the many fires in Ferm's shop it seems to me). Some buildings or parts of them remain here & make a few rather badly laid out wards - but quite good enough. The other wards both inside & out are in "huts"

most of which have 25 beds with
an entrance door at each end & a tiny
kitchen off one end, then as in my road
'outside the walls' or in the 'outer compound'
there are some longer huts containing
40 beds with two doors of entrance on
one side ~~in~~ In Summer a section is taken
out at each end. There three huts two
of 25 & one of 40 beds — that makes
96 does it not? The smaller huts have
one stove & the larger two. Of course there
is a store in both compounds & two
kitchens. The men & some of us officers
live in tents. The nurses are in a
compound across a road. Mud is
everywhere when it rains so raised
paths had to be built. One part
of the old building is the "admission
room" where the 'walkers' sit about
on forms awaiting their orders to go to
the different wards. Just outside my
tent is a bark wire fence & a field.
This latter is outside the bounds of
the hospital where the little French girls
& boys stand & sell their wares & also

cup them in curious English) papers, grapes
Chocolates to the patients. It is necessary
to have military policemen walking about.
I regret to say that one French boy stole
two pipes of mine - a 'corn cob' which
Major Bowie gave me and the pipe
presented to me in Toronto by Flora
Macdonald & Margaret Scott before I left.
All about here are various camps &
just across one road is the convalescent
Camp or Depot to which we send patients
who cannot go direct to duty again
but need more rest. It is most amusing
to see the men from this camp taken out
for short marches headed by a pipe & drum
band. The music is wonderfully cheering
& must brighten up the men. The band
is composed of patients, who have been
ill or wounded & are kept there for a
time. It is a splendid idea. By the
way have you ever read Kipling on
bands - or was it only an address he gave?

Momona asks if I see
many Canad. acquaintances - no
hardly any. Of course you understand

that comparatively few of our patients
are Canadians. I was glad to see
Lady Drummond's letter in the Times
written against the separation of Canadians
in England. I fought against it in connection
with that Hospital for Officers.

Bill Francis is back from
England (Oxford & S. Wales, where his
sister is) bringing good news of the others.
Campbell George is there again - this time
with a sprained ankle - nothing bad.
Denre is very interested in his artillery
work & in at least one of his exams
made 96%. I am so glad as he is anything
but warlike.

A note from Madeline Whitehouse
tells me that Hugh was attached to the
Imperial Camel Corps for a time out on
the desert.

Best regards to Christopher
excuse the length of this.

Yours affect brother
Archibald II.

This, as usual, is written in bed!!!

No. 3. Conad. Gen. Hosp.

B. C. F.

20th October 1916

Dear Papa,

Imagine that this is written in one of the middle rooms of a long hut with a very bright cold night outside but a nice little stove burning in one corner of the room some seated at a small table in the centre under the electric light. The chance offered & Malone & I decided to throw in our lot together & forsake the tents. These latter were all right, but it is always difficult under such a shelter to get comfortably settled at a table which is not littered all over with a very miscellaneous assortment of things. On Wednesday by making some long shelves & putting them up on the wall I was able to enclose a free table - or at least for a time, we should get along very well together, Malone & I, as we know each

other fairly well by now. You will remember what a nice fellow he was.

The water supply was cut off more or less for some days & we received no patients for a time. Again they are coming in however. It may interest you to hear that from the middle of July to the middle of October very nearly a dozen hundred patients were admitted into my ward. When will one ever see so many medical cases again. At present there is nothing of particular interest. The other day there was a remarkable 'Shingles' patient with a back ground of wonderful tatooing — a 'Calvary' with the three crosses & angels in clouds on the back & in front of the chest a horseman (in colours) of one of the native Indian regiments. By chance in the very next bed was a man who bore the scars of an old leprosy foster in the same situation. I rather think the latter must have had infected blisters

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or there would have been no scars.

Just before your letter, with newspaper clippings, arrived I heard from Col. Fotheringham (who visited us) about "J. P." Pringle's sad but heroic death. He was almost cut in two by the first few bullets when the Hun opened fire on him but he strange that the machine gunner & saved his men. You may remember that for a time in Kingston we were in the same lodging house. I wrote to Dr. Bertram not long ago.

yesterday brought a letter from Russell Dyde from London. He has returned from his leave to Canada. Bill Francis had a letter from Lady Coler two or three days ago. Severe has been sent to France.

On Monday, which was a wonderfully bright warm day, Malone & I borrowed bicycles & rode out

to the small town of Deneves - East
or Southeast ^(15 kilometers) of here. It is a picturesque
village up & down hill & we walked
up a good many. One in particular we
coasted down for fully a mile with various
corners, but coming back we needs must
walk up it. Often ahead and behind
we could see waves of road. At Deneves
of course we visited the "faïencerie"
or pottery works & were shown over by
a soldier ~~sous~~ who was home "sur
permission" for Madame was away
& we could buy nothing there. One old
woman, who has worked there continuously
for 41 years showed us her skill
& we watched her shape the clay & knead
it for the ~~plaster~~ moulds. For the first
time I saw the "potter's wheel" & we
know now a little of how these jugs
plates ~~candles~~ sticks etc are made & we
saw the baths of "email" in
which they plunge the articles & then
glaze them. In the courtyard were
three kennels & three splendid collies

Little boys of 12 & 14 are able to do a good deal of the work. Of course we were shown the ovens. At Deserves there are large cement works also. The trip back was a very dark one but we reached here just before seven & in time for dinner.

I do hope you get some good shooting. Please give my best regards to Dr. Blundell.

Love to all

Archibald II

No. 3. Conad. Gen. Hosp.

29th Oct 1916

B. C. F.

Dear Mamma,

If possible I shall go to
Oxford for Xmas again

There was a splendid Canadian mail this last week & I was so pleased to get all sorts of little items of news in papers, friend's & your letters. Am so sorry to hear of Will Long's & Waldemar Marshall's deaths now we see that Lord Southampton had been killed. It makes us all feel a cheife a little that we are not taking a more active part in the war and at times think I should try & get to a Field Ambulance. But on the other hand we really do more work or continuous work here than they do at the front. I hear that a but in two other wards are soon to be closed & then I shall have the largest medical ward.

Well the beastly flumens do not seem to be nearly beaten yet & expect that only half my time at the war is over. Before this reaches you it will be two years since I sailed on

the Suisitania. What eventful years they have been! I hope Roumania will come out of the mess better than we now expect. You will have seen that some aeroplanes got out of Cetate or Gibburg & did damage. I suppose this sort of thing must be expected occasionally. A few days ago we again saw shelling of an aeroplane, but he dropped no bombs.

This room is very comfortable it is a perfect delight to have a table at which one can do a little work. In the anteroom of the mess there was always so much noise in the tent one had little room. Malone is a good companion & as we have been thrown together so much before, things go along very happily. He can go to sleep even if the light is still going. I find him easily the nicest of the crew except perhaps the Englishman Leathart who is attacked here. He is an Earless Throat man at Bart's. All these cases seem to come here & if I tell you that

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in one day he saw 143 patients besides doing 5 operations, you will easily understand how busy a fellow he is. He says that all his life he has found it difficult to get somebody to walk or take exercise with him; none of the others would go a play golf, even if they took the tram most of the way & must have a motor to drive them there & back. We generally manage one day a week & even walk all the way home afterwards. He seems to have done almost everything, golf, tennis, shooting, fishing, hunting, yachting, billiards. He was in general practice for a good many years. They must be better taught, medical students I mean, in England & now he knows his Anatomy far better than I do. He was a demonstrator in the subject for a time of course.

Pepe speaks of experience in diagnosis here, but as a matter of fact most of the cases are mild ones of the Cutane group with few signs except

aches on the left, general pains, perhaps
a little bronchitis & an enlarged spleen.

Spleen-hunting takes up most of my time
in morning rounds. Tell him however
that every case of 'bronchitis' I suspect
of having nephritis & that I get about
one case of that disease & one case of
pleurisy a day. Of course I know
practically nothing of treatment except in
a very general way & give practically
no medicines except something for a headache
and castor oil. Naturally the nurses
are pleased with me on that account
& I really fancy Sir Wm. would not give
much more. The patients are so glad
to get into a good bed that that
counts for such a great deal in their
outlook. Perhaps I joke with them
too much but they are nearly all happy.
One of the sisters got a small
pup of very uncertain "race" & he
affords no end of amusement & is quickly
becoming very knowing. There is one more

occupation I should like to add to that long & curious list. One man informed me that he had been a "tripe dresser" for twenty years. What a life! He tells me that he makes enough extra by selling the "scraps" for pigs' food, to keep him in beer and tobacco.

Another occupation - this time of an Australian, needless to say, was that of shooting kangaroos!

You may have heard rumours of the despatch of the C.-in-C. by that Toronto surgeon. It is politics all through & poor Sir Com. has been much worried about it & if he has not resigned his post as Consultant has certainly threatened to do so & that is going a long way for him. So much is due to 'provincialism' or 'Chauvinism' & Lady Drummond is quite right in her letters to the Times that it will be a shame if Canadians do not go into English & Scotch Hospitals & mix with all the other Tommies. Some day I shall tell you how ashamed I used to be of some Canadians & their

Canada - talk in London, I am sure it
is only from ignorance & I am always grieved
that I met so many English & Scotch
in France & Belgium & England & had
worked with them. Well my blood boils
sometimes.

What a nice house it seems
the Calvins are to have!

Am sorry that I do not quite
understand all about the War Loan.
Papa has been buying for me & trust
there is plenty in the Bank at home. I
thought it could be bought outright
with the balance Papa told me I had.
All spare money here of mine goes into
Exchequer Bonds - it is ~~the~~ only a reasonable
service.

In the Brit. Supplement for Oct 7th
or 14th was a leading article on pictures of
Mr. Devonson - "Personae Proceri" I think it
was called. He was a driver at Malo-les-Bains
with the French. I have seen one of his cabinet
drawings of the 'shambles' at Dunkirk, where
we worked & have written to him & may get
his book which contains more such war pictures.
He wrote me such a nice letter.

Love to all
Archibald II.

No. 3. Coned. for Huf.

B. C. F.

11th Nov. 1916.

Dear Cleon,

This is the first I have been able to direct to your own house in Toronto again. Congratulations! Papa's letter of 23rd Oct. came and I was glad to hear of Momma's good opinion of your new abode.

Before I forget, please ask Papa to go ahead with the sale of the 2 Dub. B. shares for those of the Roy. B. Please ask him if they will give me a new share. It strikes me an even balance would be struck & that I shall get one new share for the two old ones. If it is necessary for me to pay something have I enough in the bank in Henn?

Many thanks to Dil for his letter giving all the news & addresses of Hugh McDonnell, Gus & Colomer.

You will have seen about
the committee which come over from Canada
to inspect medical matters. Well I
shall say nothing but merely tell you
that I had a letter from Sir. Com.
last Sunday, saying he was very worried
over it [Lady C. wrote that he had lost 15
pounds in weight] & had resigned all
his consultant positions to Canad.
hospitals. I feel so sorry for him
as it is probably the first time in his
life that he has done such a thing.
I was much surprised that he
'opened up' so much in his letter to
me.

Today I put in the application
for leave at Christmas-time. Here's
to it going through without a hitch!

Reeve is with the 17th
Divis. Ammunition Column &
wrote in good spirits.

The work has slackened off a little; I am just as glad as Malone had gone on leave & I am doing a little of his work whilst he is away.

Leathart & I had another game of golf this week. We walked to Wiverton a good four miles. Played around & walked home again after a cup of tea. You see one is able to keep in very fair condition.

We have had an occasional very nice bright cool day, but it is generally raining more or less hard. The only thing to do, is not to mind it.

Yesterday morning we were reviewed by The Duke of Connaught. Col. Birrell is always tremendously pleased, when anything of this sort happens & I suppose the Field Marshal made some very battery comments.

It seems now as if Wilson was to be elected again. We had the report all the other way before, well let us not see the U. S. in the War at all. They would be the "Saviors of the world."

The Ward still houses many P. O. C's. Tell Papa that two of these (many have cold sores) had fine crops of herpes about the mouth, complained of pain behind upper front teeth & showed small blisters there. It is the first time I have seen such a thing. There was a very large meeting to talk this week.

Sorry there is little news
Love to you all
Your affec. brother

Archibald Mallock

Such a nice letter from Uncle Edward.
Please send me Agnes' address.

203. Canad. Gen. Hosp.

B. E. F.

5th Nov. 1916

Dear Grace,

Another week flown by—and so it has with you I suppose. From now on it will be uncertain whether you will be found by my letters in Hamilton or in Toronto.

We here now had three days of very cold weather last night there were even small flurries of snow. At first it was very clear & cold but now it is rainy again and in all probability tomorrow will be warmer. With my windows open at night it was distinctly chilly & the water in my room has frozen. The patients cluster about the stoves in the wards as do the officers in the mess ante-room.

The night before last yesterday brought me 52 new cases and it is no place here for cases of nephritis & I have hustled them off to England. They have the strange idea here

that it is the right thing to trouble
a lot of new cases in one ward instead
of dividing them up amongst a number of
wards. No man living could do justice to
52 new cases in one day in the matter of
writing them up. That is one of the
few faults I have to find with this hospital
& it would be wise to arrange the work in
a better way.

Tell Papa that Col. Sir won.
Leishman was here the other day & when
I met him I told him that Papa had
been his father's house-physician at the
Glasgow Royal Infirmary. He came here to
look into the question of the P. O. C's
(typhus of unknown origin). Papa would
like to see how mild are the cases of
typhoid ~~spore~~-typhoid in inoculated soldiers
& which are such a difficulty in diagnosing.
We have to depend finally on agglutinations.

The other day at the links
with Mr. Leathart we played some
holes with an old Fleet Paymaster -
'C.C.A.B' on his golf bag. He lives at

Saltash knows the Annesleys well & also Staff. Surgeon Cooper who was naval surgeon at Dunkirk & still is. Later I found out that his name is Boyer. Such a nice free-and-easy man he is.

Lethart is to go up to Aire to a C.C.S. (Convalescent Cleaning Station) & I shall be very sorry when he is gone.

He is ready to take a really good walk in any kind of weather

Col. McRae, I am sorry to say, has had to go to No 14 Gen. Hospital. He had bad bronchitis for several weeks & finally has given in.

Everybody is pleased that St. Gen. MacLean has had to resign. His remarks at the Empire Club in Toronto were really very tactless & I fancy he has been causing a lot of trouble of late

The Christmas plans are still uncertain although the application for leave is in. Some of the leave for those on the Lines of Communication is delayed. If this letter is slow in getting

though I had better begin from now on
with you all a very Christmas. It seems
likely at present that you will not see
me home for Xmas even in 1917.

Love to all the family

Your affectionate brother

Archibald T.

No. 2. Canad. Gen. Hosp.

B. E. F.

28th Decr. 1916.

Dear Jean,

For the last four or five days I have been enjoying a low fever in bed but now the temperature is normal again. Have had some headache and tell Pepe I believe a spleen and we suppose it typhoid or para-typhoid (made almost ill by the inoculations) and they are making agglutinations with my blood. It is nothing at all serious & there were hundreds of cases just like me in my bed all summer & they got well very quickly. It is not a trial to be in bed and am rather amused that when Lady Cester last wrote 'will you & you never come?' I answered 'if only I could get P. U. O.' well here it is and as soon as I get well shall have a board & probably three weeks sick-leave in England. You see if one goes 'sick' to England one

may have the greatest difficulty after a 'board' there in getting back to this hospital from Folkestone. Capt. Macmillan has just taken over a month and a half to do this. You see it will be a nice holiday & no worry or fitp is necessary.

It is a time to get a little reading done & at present am enjoying Miss May Remond's book on Done, which she sent me the other day.

It is fine & cool again & looks a splendid day for a walk or a few holes on the links. You would like to stroll about the country here I know. I miss Mr. Leathart very much. He went to a Casualty Clearing Station just a week ago. I hope sometime to see him in England. Had a nice letter from Devore the other day. He, poor fellow, is now in the thick of it.

A Merry Christmas to you Christopher & to all the rest of the family. I am afraid I shall be sending no presents this year.

Your affectionate brother
Cuthbert II.

20.3. Canad. Gen. Hosp.

B. E. F.

12th Dec. 1916

Dear Mamma,

Such nice letters
come from Hamilton, yours (27 Nov.)
Papa's a Uncle Jack's. It was splendid
to get all the news. Many thanks
for the Christmas presents which
will be most acceptable & should
arrive shortly.

I beg you to tell Mr. & Mrs. Gibbons
affair but Ross on his return
from leave. Please tell his
family that he looks very well
indeed & is in good spirits. He had
some good snaps of his daughter.

Came up and about
again & should have had the
medical board on Monday but
the papers were not ready in
time & I shall have to wait

until the day after tomorrow we
doubt shall get over to England
on Friday, perhaps for three weeks'
leave. It is rather breezy as here
from the base (not the front) has
been stopped for a time & in all
probability I should not have got
away on the 2nd. It is rather
wet again today we had some
snow of a kind sit has been
no trial to sit about astudy
station a bit etc. By the way
our consultant here has been
my distinguished physician Sir Bertram
Dowson. You might tell Pope that
he is publishing that jaundice case
of mine (which was typhoid) along
with some others in the Quarterly
Journal of Medicine.

Malone had the life
of Pasteur which I have been

enjoying so much. It is a splendid book about a most wonderful & lovable man. I know Dope has read it.

I had a note from Zen today. No I did not see Jack Calvin.

You will have a nice day in Toronto, I am sure. Cleon's letter with all her news came last week.

Love to you all & a very happy new year.

Your affectionate son
T. A. Mallach

Tell Dope that it was at Sir. Con's suggestion that the article in the Burlington Magazine appeared under the name of "Archibald" & not "T. A." Mallach. It was very satisfactory to be able to assure Mr. Lionel Cott that Carlo Polci was the artist.

In 3. Conv Gen Hosp.

B. C. F.

9th Dec. 1916.

Dear Papa,

This will be too late to repeat Christmas greetings but I can now send good luck! for the new year.

Well I am still in bed but have no fever now and as the headache is gone am feeling A.I. The result of the agglutinations shown my illness to be T. but what a wonderful thing inoculation is to knock all the stuffing, so to speak out of typhoid. This week will be spent in getting three negative tests for culture of the germs, whilst I am beginning to move again & I have begun already. On the 11th I expect to have a medical board to get

three weeks' leave to England. And
not a lousy beggar. Lady Estler
says that she 'rejoices' that my
illness will bring more leave.

Sir Bertram Dawson dropped in
to see me (no examination) and we
then decided that I should stay
here till quite ready for the board.

It has been a nice
holiday in bed as there had
been time to do a variety of things.
Now I am back at Staken again
as all who know that language
are requested to report. Shall
probably take lessons at Oxford
by that time will be able to
talk well enough to make a
good "bluff." or guess at things &
in the meantime shall also go to
the War Office. I have an idea
there are not many medical
officers who know Staken

and they may take me especially,
as I am in the C.R.M.C. where there
is no lack of men, whilst they are
hard up for M.C.'s in the R.A.M.C.
A trip to the Mediterranean would
be nice would it not? A much better
man could do my work here (and
I must say I am very happy here) & I feel it
my duty to move on. Any way we
shall see if I cannot learn enough
Italian.

Excuse this small paper but
the fed is just finished. I enclose a
Christmas card. I am not partial to
these things in war-time but best to
buy a few.

Give all the family to best
Duke Street at Xmas-time?

Thank you for telling
about the money affairs. To buy
war loan is my way of helping the
country & I have some also in the

4.

B. of Brit. Amer., Fleet Street.
When the balance again mounts to
\$500 will you please keep some more?
Love to all

Your affectionate son
Archibald II.

Melvin sends kind regards
remembrances. He says to tell you
that I am getting too lively & should
not be in bed at all.

Grochfeld
Holloch

Airmail

On Active Service



Lady Gibson
"Ravenscliffe"

Ravenscliffe Avenue
Hamilton - Ontario

Mrs

Canada



Oxford

20th Dec 1916

In order for you to get the best and
get the best news that you have had so far, I am writing
you all together in one and a half pages
but if you want to know more about it in full, you will find
it in the enclosed letter.

On a little later in writing again
you see but I may have gained a little time by coming to
England. It is quite late to go back now.
and we are to receive a medical board at the officers' hosp. in Boulogne after some
discretion agreed to give me 3 weeks "sick-leave" to

Eng. as Sir Richard Dawson had recommended although
one is supposed to go to the S. of France — somehow

I wished to come here! We had a calm crossing
on the 15th but taking the "inner circle" from Victoria
to Paddington I arrived just too late for the 8.00 P.M.

Oxford train & did not wish to disturb them late at
night. Took tube & went to see Maj. Donald for
a short time (he is still on med. board in London) &
left at a small hotel beside Paddington. How

dark a foggy London can be. Came on down here early
on Saturday morning & Mrs. Chapin met me at the
station she has been here for a month and more. Sir Len-

I am sorry to say has been in bed with very bad
bronchitis which has not been looking at all well. That
infection of the C.G.W.C. nearly worried him to death
— Lady G. says he was never so troubled about

anything before. He is still in bed (but seeing practically
no one) and his spirits are recovering. We hope to
keep him in his room for some time yet however

One can gauge his health by the number of books and papers on his bed, on the floor and on his table and today everything has doubled & his cough is practically gone. When I am in the house he keeps me running up and downstairs for books etc and old Miss Wilcock (he calls her the "ancient vestal" or "the old gal") is busy below looking up things & cataloguing the books. She is below - very old school & confined to the house of the old - very old school & confined to the house much she hates to learn typesetting. Mr. Hill one of the "Bodley Boys" will soon be "called up" & is here just for a moment or two in the evening.

I cannot tell you how nice it is to give be here. Am feeling very well but at first got tired "as to the feet" pretty easily. Lady Coler is hardly indoors all the time now with an affection sitting with W. C. or running about with wood for the grates etc. Mrs. Chapin has taken her place at the work room" but yesterday & today has been in bed & I have had to prescribe for her. There is good news from Paris. He is still on the barge & the battery is in action. From his descriptions the landreefer must be a horrible sight.

On Sunday I ran in for tea and saw Mrs. Whitelocke, Madeline & Norah - the last has had a badly infected finger for a month & had to come home. Mrs. W. looks very well, I think and they have good news from Hugh & Gilbert. From them I learnt of a Miss Huntington an Italian teacher and I am having conversational every day from ten to eleven in real earnest. I was rejoiced to find on my first visit that I could understand practically everything she said to me

but my own tongue was slowly — in station.

Last evening I went to the Griffiths next door - he is an Egyptologist and she is a friend of the Captains and Cowans. Mrs. May Muller was there (you know the old lady died) & come today for lunch. Her history book is now ready for the children Charlotte & Johnnie. There is a separate page for each reign with a picture of the King & Queen in the centre & about this, amongst the decorative work, the chief events of the reign, the principal statesmen, writers & poets etc. Of course for Victoria's reign there are pictures of Crystal Palace, steamboat, railway trains, Tower bridge etc. It is a splendid idea, why not try it?

Aunt Grace is coming over to London to see Ethel off. (tomorrow or next day). The Scotts have written asking me for dinner tomorrow night & I may go to London for two days.

Best love to you all. Am sorry I am so much

Your affec. brother

Archibald H.

Offord

26th Dec. 1916

Time has not suited us at all, but
we'd helped new books they organized
was given now I wanted that indeed and was
so see dear Grace,

Well another Christmas is over and

a very quiet day it was too. Mrs. Wright was not
able to come and we were three in the house.

Lady Cedar & Mrs. Chafin went to St. Giles to
early service and I went to Christ Ch.

Cathedral at ten o'clock enjoyed the singing and
a good sermon from the Dean so much. Of course
he did more than merely touch on the war and
would not have us be tempted by a peace which
would bring us to "a lower spiritual level" than
we were in on entering upon the war. Sir Wm.

had lunch in bed & I was nearly finished mine
and down stairs before the sisters returned from
helping at "the back" (Hospital). For dinner

a Mrs Draper came & in and Sir Wm.
had his first meal with us. He was really
very pulled down with all his worries before he
got ill and it is splendid to see the old

spirit returning. Now he is sitting by the fire
at work with his old books. He fortunately
is willing to keep quiet and sees nobody yet.

Tell Papa that the apples

were in splendid condition and are much
appreciated. My own one in Malone's hand are

this, I hope. The home letters have not arrived from Boulogne yet and I was surprised to hear from Gus Colvin that Edmund was coming over. If this is true I feel that it will ease his mind a great deal. Gus spoke of the motor transport - such a job and a groggy knee certainly may go together. Perhaps tomorrow I may hear more.

How quiet it is here and how pleased they are when Devere's letters arrive. He is happy and thriving much more content than when he was Assistant Quartermaster with a hospital.

I have been busy from morning to night with one thing or another and have a good Italian lesson for an hour every morning. Miss Huntington's father was English Chaplain at Livorno and she was born there and come to England for the first time at the age of eighteen - and even that must have been many years ago. She talks, & I try to do so, on all sorts of subjects and for each lesson I do a bit of translation from books of my own choosing and the idioms & use of prepositions after verbs are coming slowly. Tomorrow I am going up to London to see what a trip to the War Office will bring forth. Perhaps a very possibly the equipment

those who know Italian) is only to secure interpreters. If so, the lessons will have had no immediate use, but some day will tell.

I had tea with the Whitelocks yesterday and both twins (you will probably critique the expression!) were there and also the cousin — Whitelocke, who is at the same school. She has been there for the last three Christmases that I know of. I heard the news that one of the Russell Deids — Graham or Miles — has won a Military Cross and also that Christopher is coming home to join up. Col. Whitelocke is very proud of the boys and of course he has a right to be.

On Saturday night I went in next door for dinner with the Griffiths. They had numerous wounded there and after the meal (plum pudding etc then, but they were more sensible here than none for Xmas), Mr. & Mrs. Barrows and numerous girls, Madeline Whitelocke among them, came in. Then on Sunday I had lunch with the Singers. Capt. Singer is soon off to Malta. They are wrapped up in old manuscripts there.

Was sorry that it was impossible to go up to London last week for dinner with the Scotts. Also I was wrong in writing that Aunt Grace was coming to London with

Ethel Stewart for on reading the letter I
discovered that only the latter was London-bent.
Have just had a wire from Florence Gibson
who is coming up to London to have lunch
with me tomorrow. I think I shall know
her. I wish also to see Dan & the other
Calvins but shall probably only stay one
night & shall not attempt to see
every body. Dr. Shipley has asked me to
Cambridge. I send you his account &
some pictures of the Lodge where I stayed last
year. As Lady Cester says, it is perfectly
beautiful.

Hope everybody is well & that you
all had a splendid Christmas.

Lone to all

Your affectionate brother

T. A. Mallock

If not a good tip, ought to think hard
thoroughly before I do yet. called a

mett

Illustration now to tell you what
reels make deer hair & types of
guttae in grass now & add that at this
time which is given few very bad tell

Oxford

and it to bed so refreshed as
cannot be too well when it is 1st Jan. 1917.

that gives time to have had ~~had~~

but I hope (11) I will go to sleep

Dear Jean,

The first letter of the year you
see for it is not yet nine o'clock in the morning.

May it be a very happy one for you all.

Sir William is a good deal better
and has had one or two short walks outside
but still takes his breakfast in bed. He was
very pulled down in both body and mind, but
now I am thankful to say he is improving. It
has been most worrying for the Cesters lately as it
is many days since they heard from Revere. However
it can only be due to the fact that the mails
are so delayed; only yesterday I had a note from
the Mrs. Cowan which was written on the 20th & only
went to Boulogne and back.

I think I wrote after Christmas
but was over, but forgot to say that Sir Wm.
gave me a splendid photograph of the Sergeant
Festal which Lady Cester had done of him for
the College of Physicians, Philadelphia. It is
splendid.

Have been busy every
day with visits for Sir Wm., and with the station.
The latter goes along splendidly. However there
seems to be no immediate use for it. I went

up to London on Wednesday and asked at the War Office about the order which came out in France. They had heard of no medical unit going East made up of Italian linguists (!!) and thought that it probably only was a question of interpreters. The fall would have been very great had I taken for granted that they were sending a hospital to Albania or somewhere like that. However they took my name etc.

It was a rather busy time in London and so foggy that one could scarcely get about. Everybody at night went below & the tubes were a crush sit took me twenty minutes to get to the surface at one place. I had written to Florence Gibson & she had wired that she would meet me at lunch & there we met at the Criterion and I had no difficulty at all in recognizing her. Lunch costs exactly the same everywhere now we've had a very nice one. What a splendid girl she is! After lunch she had to go and see a school friend so we walked and hurried to Knightsbridge. It is curious how one meets people in London. On the first place you at the War Office a young officer called out "Hello Doctor" and it turned out to be a Lt. Brooks who had been wounded in the back & whom I had looked after at Aldford House

in June 1915. Then at the Criterion, the first person I saw on entering was a man named Maynard from Montreal & down in Knightsbridge whom should I run into but Travers Allen,

I walked through the mist across the Park to Aldford Ho., but was sorry to find that Mrs. Guest was at Bentley-on-the-Hill. I then telephoned from the Grosvenor Court Hotel, where I stayed to the Calvins & arranged to go down to them for dinner. Called on Sir Thomas Renbow in Wimpole Street as he was interested in the work I did last year on Fine & Baines.

He was out then but the next morning I went again & he kept talking to me for a long time. That same afternoon I took the bus up Baker Street & called at the Barns' flat - you may remember that I stayed with them at Patrixhall House in Northamptonshire & that Miss Barn, now Mrs. Tapper, was a D.A. in my ward at La Panne. Mr. Barn works at munitions all day long. At the Savoy Hotel in the evening I saw all the Calvins & everybody looks extremely well & Gus appears quite like a sailor in his uniform. I am afraid I should very soon weary of

that huge hotel, but certainly one can see many people one knows there and it must be very nice for Mr. & Mrs. Calvin. Non, Gus, Hilda & I had a big talk. Gus walked up to Oxford Circus with me (it was a very difficult matter but one could walk right on the road as there was no traffic at all.

Graham Ross is in London but I have not seen him yet. He telephoned to me here but I was just on the way down in the train at the time. We are now in communication with one another & we want him to come here for a night. I cross again to France on the 5th & on the 6th

Madelaine Whitelocke has put out her knee again - but no fluid this time. I took the train to Abingdon on Saturday afternoon, we met & took the bus to Bagley Wood & then walked about 4 miles to Abingdon & had tea there; we walked all the way home. It is so nice to see how appreciative they are of such a really little "treat". They are rather short & one would not believe that they are fifteen.

Give my love to all the family please & best of luck.
Your affectionate brother
Archibald II.

No. 3, Conad Gen. Hosp.

B. C. F.

8th Jan. 1917.

Dear Edmund,

A Happy New Year to you and Faith and tell George the same from his "uncle Archie" if he will understand. It is hard indeed to realize that you have been in Ottawa for about two years now. If this goes on to Hamilton I can thank Mamme now for her very welcome parcel of pyjamas, socks & Sweet Bouquet tobacco and to Papa for what he calls his "usual present". Grace sent me a little doll which is most amusing & is now sitting up on top of the packing cases which form my dressing table.

The last week in Oxford was a rather busy one with the final filing at the Station and doing chores for W. G. He was up taking little walks every day in the Parks & was getting into old form. However they were very worried in not hearing from Renvre for about two weeks - but this trouble was only caused by delays in mail & now news of him is coming again. They really worry terribly about him & let us hope nothing will happen to him. One day I spied Leighton Ferrie in the Corn Market returning from a "flying" lecture & I ran after him.

He & Cecil Wood are 2nd lieutenants in the R.F.C.
we are both at Christ Church. I told the others
about them & in all probability they were there
for lunch on Sunday. Of course I said good-
bye to the Whitesides & went in and saw
the Griffths at 11, Norham Gardens. Mrs. Griffith
& Lady Lester were having a difficult time
with Madame Henri one of "the Belgians".
Professor Henri died inopportune in England & his
widow insisted upon having a leaden coffin in
order to take his body back to Belgium after
the war and this scheme received little favour
with the Belgian Committee. Of course they would
not use funds up in that way.

On the way through London I dashed
about & saw people, Graham Ross on leave,
Mrs Guest, the Whites the Max Mullers, Major
Donald (who was my boss last year) the Burns,
with whom I stayed in Northamptonshire in June
1915, the Colvins etc. The Colvins nearly all
had bad colds. Gus looks well indeed in his
uniform. I stayed at the Grosvenor Hotel
Victoria in order to be close to the early morning
leave-train and the night before leaving I
went to the theatre.

We came over by the fast North
of here and it was quick work getting down
here when one considers how slow was the train

2.

There were two very interesting officers on their way to the East after leave so the time passed pleasantly enough on the train.

Everybody is well here and three of the officers have gone to the front. It is on my conscience about trying to do the same thing although I do not wish to do so one bit. Probably it will never happen as Col. Birrell thinks I should not try it and Sir Wm. gave me some strong advice on the subject & indeed wrote to Col. Birrell about it. I shall have to rest content & try & do a bit here. As a matter of fact I was never medically examined.

For a time I am to have charge of the pneumonia hut and another ward etc. I shall probably return to Ward P. It is wet & cold here now & we are not busy.

Have just got your New Year's letter via Oxford & hear you have been turned down. I feel sorry about this for your own sake.

Love to Faith
your affec. brother

T. A. Mallock

No. 3, Canad. Gun Hoop.

B. & F.

16th Jan 1917

Dear Papa,

Many thanks for your letter of Dec 26th and Mamma's of a few days later. Now the apples have arrived and are in splendid condition although a few have been taken out. I am selfishly keeping them in my own hut as they would vanish in a twinkling did I serve them right out to the mess. I prefer to let Malone share them with me ad lib. and deal some out to the others. Needless to say Col. Elder turned over some apples to the mess - & others were sent direct to us all. Am very sorry to hear that Barbara has had measles or was it "Hun-pox" and hope she is now all right again.

We have not been at all busy and at present I have no bad pneumonias. The B.(it) W.(it) I.(dien) troops however do not recover from their pneumonias as quickly as the others & seem to react differently. Sir Bertrand Dawson came down two of these for me yesterday.

It has been very cold &

we had a heavy fall of snow on Saturday night & Sunday & it is still lying on the ground. In England I did little walking but here I have been out every day for about ten miles & this makes one feel very fit.

The Com. is better & they may go away for a rest somewhere or other. Malone is on short special leave in England in order to see his brother. I should not wonder if I had to do more in the laboratory after this as Capt Shanks may enter the Indian Medical Service. All are well here except Col. Bibbitt who seems to have a bad cold - but he is at work as usual.

Are you & mamma still thinking of a trip this winter?

Henry Cremer was here the other day - he is a very nice fellow. Francis called in to see me for a few minutes on Sunday morning. He looks perfectly splendid & may come in again on his return from leave in England.

Please do buy me some more War Loan when there is enough money in the bank.

Very truly yours to all

Archibald II.

No. 3, Canadian Gen. Hosp.

B. C. F.

France

23, January 1917

Dear Papa,

Was very glad today to get your letter written on New Year's day & Grace's of the 2nd. It nice to hear that Barbara was not very ill.

Well the weather is just as cold today as you are having it at home, except, with about 20° of frost this evening. We have had snow for 10-12 days & everything is frozen hard. The huts are very cold at half past seven in the morning, because the wind sweeps under the floor and this is only one board thick. We are not allowed to have fire until after three in the afternoon. There has, fortunately for us, been little new work in the wards. However we are always busy in the Pneumonia Hut and two patients here lately died. One case (he still lived) had chills after his temperature came down & I found malarial organisms in the blood. He said he did not have malaria during the S. African war - but on closer questioning I find he has had chills off & on in England, has been very pale & though a Sergeant in the 1st Coldstream he was made a "Permanent Base" man a little while ago. Several of the patients are from Jamaica & with them pneumonia often seems to run a protracted

course. Lately I have been doing a little more work in the laboratory and hope to help Major Rhea & Capt. Malone with some investigations.

The apples have arrived, as perhaps I said before and are perfectly splendid & keep well under my bed. Many thanks for them.

There is little news, I am sorry to say. Lots of the officers have colds but otherwise every body is well.

I brought Sir James MacKenzie's new book on the heart - back with me. It is quite small & is perfectly splendid. You would be glad to see that he puts marmures etc in their proper place as also the use of the new mechanical apparatuses.

Today's Times tells of the death of Brig. Gen. Macdonald of Toronto. It was a very sad accident. I must write to his daughter Flora,

Tomorrow Francis is due back from leave & will probably come up here to see me.

Love to you all
Your affectionate son
Archibald II.

No. 3. Canad Gen. Hosp.

At Feb 1917

B. E. F.

France

Dear Mamma,

This is like the old days or nights of writing letters at La Panne, but I do not have to go to bed for the purpose but sit over a small stove. The weather has been steadily cold for over two weeks and of course there is some snow & plenty of ice. Not far from here on the St. Omer Road you will see everyday some very amateurish skating on a long lypig field. The temperature has been down to 10 or 12. What clear crisp weather for the Pas de Calais & the new moon always shows up well. It is cold work in the wards & one rushes about at a great rate.

Today's mail brought a letter from Papa written on the 16th Jan [please tell him to buy more war Loan for me] & such a long one from Eleanor written a day or so before, full of all sorts of interesting bits of news of the family and of other people. The spouse of some Fernale people & this fact reminded me that Lady Estor told me that the wonderful Eric Macdonald was a patient in Oxford some time last year; but he was too "wonderful" for her & she could not

understand him at all.

Did I say in my last that Francis called here on his return from leave? I just dropped Aunt Mary a line, telling of his healthy appearance and good spirits. The next day brought See Stratton from Montreal who is in the Artillery now has the Military Cross. He is a fine fellow & not spoilt by all his sisters. Another day few Macdonagh come - his two sons were at Highfield & his father in Boucherville was elder in the church with one grandfather. Randall Robertson is his Q.D.C.

I always seem to write that there is no news. The order of the day is ward rounds in the morning a little in the laboratory before after lunch, a walk, dinner, reading or writing letters (or both), another trip to the "pneumonia hut" after bundling up into bed. The cases of pneumonia have been very bad & some have died; one does little in pneumonia but learns much & for me who has had little experience in chests it is splendid. I now have a medical student as sergeant and ward master & I spend an hour anyway teaching him something what I can. Tell Papa that all the cases are not straight über pneumonia, that the "niggers"

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generally have broncho-pneumonia & may run a course for weeks & weeks. They are good patients although they constantly complain a little & have a "cutting" (pain) in some region or other of their black anatomies. Have had one case die of. influenzal pneumonia (i.e. caused by bacillus of influenza) & at present have a tuberculous case who immediately developed pneumothorax - such a nice fellow & to in the Black Watch. This is the first case I have had like this and tell Pape that one can make out all the classical signs. I quite often am called very early in the morning and it is a cold business getting up to the ward.

Have just got another book touching on Furnes & La Panne "Dans les Flandres" by Lafollette who used to come over from Furnes. He was a Red + worker. He mentions lots of people I knew & I shall send it to Cleenor with these names written out in full etc.

I hope you are not still working too hard. Cannot you slow down a little and let some of the younger people take on more? I know there is nothing you like better than quiet reading. You will certainly be better for it. Do you remember how you used to tell Pape

how he overdid it?

Papa speaks of giving to the Can Red + etc. Do not ~~tell~~ Uncle Jack but I have more than once seen gross extravagance on the part of this Society. They say "we have heaps of money" & try to fob things off hospitals as they did for that hospital in London. They were bound we were to have an ambulance even though I said it was absolutely useless & the same was the case with an X-ray machine. "Just order anything you wish & we will pay the bill" now that is not right - and matters were very loosely ordered in connection with one large Canadian hospital in England. They say we must spend money the people subscribe so that we can render account & then showing this get more. The war is not over yet. Then there are no beggars like the Belgians - let the Americans look after them - & do not be carried away by all appeals. England is crying for money for the War Loan why not put all we can into that?

Well it is getting on.

Sure to you all

Your affectionate son

Archibald II.

I had a letter from Mary Stewart, her brother Donald was on the Cornwallis, when it was torpedoed - he is safe. I think perhaps he was in command of her or second in command.

20, 3, Canadian Gen. Hosp.

B. E. F.

France

9th Feb 1917

Dear Cleaver,

Today brought a letter from Pope written on the 2nd Jan. How sorry indeed to hear that Aunt May was not well on reaching Riverside slope. She is now much better.

We have now had four weeks of very cold weather indeed & there is slight prospect of it breaking and the snow melting. It is a cold job doing anything almost and I feel very lazy and am committing any number of sins of omission. Of course there is the humorous side — some of us have not had baths for days & days! However you may be glad to learn that I am in no competition as White & I were at La Panne — to see who could wear the collar the longer. And we skated we could enjoy ourselves very much on the ice. At many places at the front there is more shelter than here. My pneumonia but is a busy place, but so far this week I have only lost one case as against three during the last.

I suppose you are all more or less excited about the United States & their

Chances of ending the war. We all think that up till now Germany has put forth every effort to sink ships & that she will not be able to do more. Certainly it is to be hoped so. We do not wish to see the U.S. in the war for selfish reasons perhaps as they will have "soured the situation" to them way of thinking & of writing in their papers & will have done too much "in the cause of humanity."

I had good news from Oxford this week - a note from Lady Coler. They are all well & Sir Wm. is not careering around as much as he did.

Today whilst doing a P.M. I wore a short white gown made in "Hamilton Canada" I wonder if Mamma, or anybody I know, had a hand in cutting it out or sewing it on the machine. It was splendid & the sleeves plenty long enough for me.

I hope Mamma's cold is better again & that you are all well again. Am glad to hear that Christopher & Jean have got a flat in Hamilton.

There never seems much news to give. By the way Randal was here twice with Maj. Gen. Macdonagh. He looks very well.

Loving to all
Archibald H.

No. 3. Conad. Gen. Hosp.

17th Feb. 1917

B.C.F.

Dear Grace,

Since I wrote last letters have come from you Mamma and Papa all of which brought good news. I hope Aunt Mary is quite herself again & that Angus only has to be careful.

Mr. R. B. Tenie also wrote - yes both Leighton and Cecil Wood went to the Celans;

The cold has at last abated and we now have mud and fog in plenty.

My pneumonia but it full & the cases have been pretty bad and a good deal of my time

has been spent in the laboratory. By the way

I have a Red Cross man from the Friends

Ambulance unit as a patient & the other day his chief came up to see him & I kept all the Quaker news. They still have a large

hospital at Dunkerque and besides numerous convoys of ambulances have fine ambulance

trains working for the British. I expect to see Dr. MacHolds some day soon and Maxwell

who took Baker's place as head up at Dunkerque. The Army has given some Red+

men honorary rank & Maxwell is now Captain

One afternoon this week I walked down
to Wimereux & had tea at the officers' mess
of No. 14 General, where I was last summer.
St Col. Goodwin has gone up to the Guards Division.
He is such a splendid man. Many of the officers
are changed but I saw Capt. MacKenzie
de la Cœur and some others. I am going
back for dinner on Sunday night.

Col. Birkett has gone on leave but he
expects to be very busy fussing about with
matters concerning "the unit". He probably will
only have one night at Oxford. St. Col. Clarke
is now in charge. Dr. Armstrong (now St. Col.) has
come over from England for a short trip and
stayed here last night.

I am sending you my book Dans les Flandres which perhaps the family may
like to look over. When I come home it will
be a time calling in these books from the
Colvins and others of the family for the war library.

You will see that of late there has
not been much news and that the life is
not at all adventurous. This cold weather
has made one get into bed too early at night
& one reads for too little & writes practically
no letters - and everything is now picking up again.

Loving to all the family.

Ambrose

What is Jean's address?

1.

The article to appear in the Oct
number of Burlington Magazine (it will be late
in coming out) is to be "by Lionel Cust
& Christopher Melville", I am told. Of course
the negatives are mine & I sent practically
all the notes I found out about the Carlo
Dolci portraits. Still it is very generous
of him & he is big enough to do such a thing.

The book is now under way
as a demy quarto. I hesitated but the
pictures will be of a good size & for the
extra expense, I have written to Mrs. Guest
to help me — she is so immensely wealthy
& her wealth is in the A.S.A.

I thought you three would like
to hear. I shall send a Burlington Magazine
& leave you decide whether you will show
it to Papa — if it says nothing of the
book coming out.

T. G. M.

~~way of the Eleanor~~ dead yet in star 2.

On very busy with proof. It has all come now. Dr. Shifley writes that it will be a 'great success' & does me 'infinite credit'. Well that, at least, sounds hopeful.

At the Roy. Coll. of. Physic there are certain tables of dried venous arteries etc. They were presented by the R. of. Winchelsea (a Finch) from Burley in 1823 as having belonged to Harvey & are known as the "Tabulae Harveianae" one of their choicest possessions. In an Ital. letter my Finch speaks of his Tavole compared them with certain he saw in Holland.

Harvey died in 1657 - 43 years before Burley was built & though F.'s brother married his niece I thought it unlikely that the tables ever got to Burley. Was afraid to write

a note in my book to this effect for fear
of disturbing the minds of such an august
body as the College. However wrote to the
Librarian & the assistant Horace Barlow
replied telling me all they knew there ~~that~~
was very little.

Now in his Hawaiian Crater

But Prof. John. Abbott. Sir Thos. ~~Barlow~~^{xx} R. A.
makes the suggestion that the tables had belonged
to Finch (curious coincidence !!). I have written
to him & have got such a nice reply
& shall look him up in London. He
says it is now "nearly certain" that
the tables never belonged to Horne.

Now for an Appendix - more
work you see but it is worth it.
I only wish for absolute proof.

How do you like the Burlington Bag?

7. A. M.

Dear Eleanor,

There is good news about the book & soon I shall receive a sample copy of the cover. You will be surprised how nice it will look. Bill Francis, at my request has written a short prospectus. You see that it is costing so much that I shall have to try my best to sell as many as possible. Ask your friends, who may be interested in any way, to buy it—but as a matter of fact I think Canadian copies will be sold at a loss.

Archie

Last Saturday (a week ago) a cable
came from Oxford "Finch & Raines here,
perfect. Poole". It made me most excited
& on Wednesday my 'advanced copy' arrived
with it letters from Sir Wm. & Lady
Poole _____ well

which I must shew the family some
day. The book is splendidly dressed &
I really feel very proud of it. I hope Poole's
copy is already on the way (Sir Wm told them
to hurry it). I have also written asking the
Press to send one each to Eleanor, Edmund,
Wm. Edmund, Dr. Holsted & later on
if they do not cost me too much shall
send one to Dr. Blundell, Dr. Shepherd,
Mrs. Birrell (a good way off giving Col. B. one).

Next the reviews — W. C. will do it for
the Concert & one other paper — but let us see
what the Spectator, Times etc say. Come what

Can not go on
Monday & Tuesday
Wednesday & Friday

W. C. thinks that the time & money well spent - as somebody said to me (Mr. Stump of the Hist. Mus. Comm.) "one feels a new man when he has finished his first book". Certainly I had extraordinary opportunities & luck & hope I did take some advantage of them. People are much surprised here for I am afraid I have only been notorious here, pof. billiards, dancing. Well here's that you will all have some amusement & get to like my two old heroes.

In the preface I made no mention of Grace's gift - I pondered over it but thought better not to do so. True the less do I feel very very grateful to her. She shall have her share of the gigantic profits! Let us hope a few are sold. Let people outside the Duke St family order from a bookseller in Eng. as there will be no profits on copies sold in Canada. I do not yet know the price, but should think about 10%.

T. G. M.

25, 3, Canadian Gen. Hosp.

B. C. F.

2nd March 1917

Dear Jean,

Hearst congratulations to you and Christopher. Papa's letter has just arrived telling me about the boy. It is splendid. I am very proud to be an uncle again. I hope he will be a fine healthy child & later on a big strong man. What a time you will have looking after him in your new flat and all. Certainly it will be family life. Do let me have a snap-shot of the youngster soon.

With the Leconie sunk I

thought that probably all the Canadian mail would have been lost but yesterday such a nice long letter came from Koper with all his news today. Papa's together with one from Miss Galt from Montreal. You will remember that she & Mrs. Richmond came together to La Panne. She went out to Egypt and went on to Mesopotamia evidently via Dadia - so that she has seen a good many theatres of the war. She is a splendid person and has plenty of determination. I remember how she suffered from flat feet at La Panne. The weeks literally shoot past

but we seem to keep up with them. We are fairly busy and no doubt in a few months' time will be much more so. However I had better not bury a mother of a young child with medical details.

On Wednesday night I went down town to a French charity concert which was quite nice & quite interesting. One may think one does know a little French but when a French monologuist or elocutionist gets started in modern French slang it is impossible for us to follow all they say. There was an excellent harpist of fourteen or fifteen and another girl of about twelve who played simply splendidly on the piano throughout down the house. One understands how terribly France has suffered from the war when one hears them "let off" a little harmless "steam" against ~~the Boches~~. Our orchestra did quite well at the concert also.

Last night Mr. Pollen a great authority on naval warfare & the man who writes for Land & Water with Mr. Hilaire Belloc lectured here. He is one of a group of men now in France lecturing on all kinds of subjects & was most interesting and not too technical. He described the Battle

of Jutland very vividly. We might have smashed the German High Seas Fleet to pieces but to have tried to do so would have been too great risks & had we lost then the war would have gone to the Germans.

It is really getting Spring-like here now & I get the old feeling (just as in the Kingston days) that one should get down to studying hard for the examinations. It will soon be warm enough to sit in one's hat to read, without a fire, but tonight it is quite nice to have the little stove going.

I had letters from the ~~Cobh~~ this week. Revere is well & hopes soon to get some leave. By the way last week Jim Heward (lance corporal I think he is) walked up to see me on his return from leave. He looks very well for him but he will never look brilliant. He says that all the family are well.

Send me your proper address some time please. I shall direct this to Duke Street. Good luck with the boy Jean.

Your affectionate brother

Archibald T.

No. 3, Conad Gen. Hospital

B. E. F.

10th March 1917

Dear Edmund,

At the same time as I am writing this I am sending off a cigarette lighter.

It is only a "souvenir" although it works all right, when you took the wick with benzine or gasoline, ~~but~~ it is not likely to be used much by you. Never mind it is quite a nice little ornament & will add to your brass collection perhaps.

As usual there is not much news. The pneumonia cases have not been quite so bad lately and therefore the days not quite so hectic. However I am getting used to climbing out of bed at any time of the night and sometimes it is pretty cold. However there is one satisfaction about these night alarms for one can always say when he gets back to the bat - "well now I know there are three good hours ahead for sleep". It is very pleasing to send four pneumonia convalescents off to England in one batch as we did the other day and two more go today.

On Thursday Mr. Bob. Borden & two
of his ministers came to dinner. Our mother
Miss McHotchy is a niece of his, so he was
pleased to come here. I was much pleased
with the man. He looks such a rugged
fellow & we spoke to us he seemed, &
think is, absolutely sincere. We could not
say that we liked the looks of his
companions so well. Major Jack Lash &
Colonel come as sort of aides.

They are putting up a lot of
big Indian tents in all the available
free and open spaces of the camp and
we expect soon to be up to summer
capacity or over & above that of last
year. There are certain to be huge
casualty lists. I am very sorry to see
that Lucas Major F. T. Canfield although
has been killed. I suppose it must be
Travers.

What is the news with
you? You asked me once to make some
comment on that Col. Gorrel - well

now it would be superfluous to do so - for you know that the poor fellow committed suicide.

The days & weeks do fly past so and I never seem to get much reading done. The other day however I brought Dr. Shipley's book of essays, which I hope soon to send on to Papa.

Have had one game of golf lately and really hit the ball quite well. I played Capt Allen on Irishman from No. 14. Gen. Hoop & Capt. Plumley - but they will beat me the next time. You will be looking forward to your tennis soon and I hope you also get to Hamilton for some golf.

I had no visitors passing through this week,

Best love to Faith &

George

yours ever

Archie.

No Conv. mail last week. Possibly some letters were lost with the "Laconia".

No. 3, Coned. Gen. Hosp.

16th March 1917

B. E. F.

Dear Papa, with love & regards to mother

No letters come from home last week or none so far this, but I expect some mail was lost in the "Laconia" & that we shall get some today or tomorrow. I shall not wait however before writing. How is Jean's baby getting along, I am very anxious to hear more about him?

Well we have passed through some cold and rainy weather, but it is now quite fine again & probably tomorrow I may be able to walk over to get a game. It is just a little over a week since I was there last.

The pneumonia hut has been a most cheerful place of late and as the other long hut of Z was being cleaned up a bit, there has not been much work to do and therefore one has had time to read up back British Med.

Journals etc. I have also been enjoying a book of Dr. Shifley's essays and which I hope soon to send on to you. He does write so well about 'Bees' and there is a very nice essay on "The Revival of Science". The one on Hate you have already seen, I think.

Everybody is well & we are all fearing against the rush days - but no one knows when they will come.

Last night I had dinner again at No. 14, Gen. Hospital - where I was attacked last Summer. It is always a pleasure to go there &c to see MacKenzie & Sandison (the latter from Aberdeen).

You will be getting a present from me in a short time, perhaps before this arrives and I hope it will be a nice surprise for you - for there is no one whom I should wish to please more. Well you will see it when it comes. It has been great fun to get it ready for you.

Love to you all

Archibald II.

No. 3, Canadian Gen. Hosp.
B. E. F.

24th March 1917

Dear Mamma,

Well this week we cannot complain that there have been no Canadian letters for I come on Wednesday and two or three on Thursday & Friday. I think there was one from all the family except Jean and of her very good news instead. Many thanks to you all. So glad to hear that John or Jack ^{I think} Willis is getting along so well and that the older members of the family are all fit. You will enjoy a visit from Eleanor so much and later on one from Grace. I should like so much to see how that child Barbara has got along and of course George whom I have never seen. But trips to Canada are out of the question & I am here to see this business through I hope — and

the end is still quite far off.

Well things seem to be going very well at the front although one cannot deny but that this move of the Hun is a pretty shrewd one. I had such a nice letter from Devere yesterday. His battery is busy following up. One evening they were 1500 yards from the Germans but the next day the enemy was eight miles away. He says the Germans are destroying everything - roads, etc (as you read in the papers) and that practically no cover remains.

The life here has been much as usual lately - but I managed to get a game of golf last Saturday which was a great pleasure. In the past week we have had quite a lot of snow & it has been freezing but today is bright again. One of Boulogne's rainy seasons will soon commence I suppose.

It was very interesting indeed to

read Papa's account of his first pneumo-thorax case. It is some time since there has been a death from pneumonia and I have not had to get up so often at night. The other ward has been filled with the usual types of cases.

I hope that before this comes my present to Papa will have arrived and I hope that you ~~—~~ will derive some pleasure from it also. Sir William knows about it and some day you will hear what nice things he has to say. I cannot feel conceited (when I contrast myself with my heroes Papa, Jack MacCollum, Dr. Lom and others) but I must confess that I feel quite proud just now about this piece of work — but not satisfied.

Love to you all
Archibald W.

Cable from Ex. "Finch & Barnes here perfect" [Agd] Boler

Dear Auntie,

I sent you a wire this morning - I could n't help it. Finch & Barnes arrived by post & really the book is perfectly charming - It is so nice to look at - colour perfect, covers all right and lettering charming - I think the whole thing is splendid & I could not be prouder if Bill or Renée had done it. I only wish I could be in your house when your father opens it. --- The Camb. Press has done its very best. I suppose you will not have yours before Monday. --- Mrs. Chapin asks me to tell you how wonderful she thinks the index is to F & B --- Best love dear Auntie affecly [Agd] G. R. O we always miss you

Dear Auntie, 17-2-17

An advance copy of Finch & Barnes came today - outside looking so spick & span and inside just perfect! It is on a 1/1 bit of work - beauty congratulations! The story is well told and brim full of interest. I am sure it will have a warm reception. The plates are first class & the gratis poem come out so well. The Finch room is a great addition. I have read through the text carefully & can find no mistakes. The index is not a bit too full & is most useful. Further, Dr. Magdalen, was in this p.m. & found several items of interest of which he took notes, your father will be delighted. I will see to a good review in the Concert & in the C. Med. Jour. I believe it will go - in any case you will have got your money's worth out of it. How delighted your father will be, I am asking Mr. Clay to hang on a copy to him we hope to see Dr. Babbitt tomorrow.

Ever yours

[Agd] Wm Boler.

March 1st my Dear Mallock, 17-2-17

This is to answer your letter & cord and also to thank you for the Book which reached me yesterday. It truly is a thing to congratulate you on and I do so most heartily. The whole thing is first class and most excellently produced & got up - It will give quite a superior air to my table. --- Again many thanks for the book.

Yours [Agd] Clifford White

22-3-17

Dear Mallock,

To express my appreciation of your most gracious gift needs better words than I can handle, but for want of better expression

I should like to show you herewith is beautiful and a high manifestation of the ability I always knew was latent in you. You used your time in this country well, when you bring forth this venture, and I con fully enter into your consciousness of having been lifted to a higher plane altogether by your efforts; as you style it, "much-needed education". This work will do more to bring you & all friends who read it, nearer to the true goal of life, far nearer than if you had made on "epoch-making" discovery in sciences, and I noted with interest your quotation from Finch on pag. 49, which appears to be a summary of his conclusions on the purpose of life.

It speaks interestingly for your great spiritual growth that you have achieved such literary work in the midst of the restlessness of hospital work; hence the greater is my privilege in being presented with a copy of it.

Sincerest greetings
from [Sgd] C. C. Gunner

25 March '97 Dear Capt. Mallock,

I have received your book & have read it with great interest. It is a pleasure to me to have contributed in any way to it. I saw Sir William Colenso not long ago who told me that he thought very highly of the book & your work.

All good luck to you

Yrs very truly

[Sgd] Lionel Cust.

25 March '97 Dear Capt. Mallock,

I am much gratified by your kindness in sending me your handsome volume. - "Finch & Baird: A Seventeenth Century Friendship". It is in every sense a highly creditable achievement. I greatly admire the thoroughness of the research & the pertinence as well as artistic interest of the illustrations. The story is most attractive, the ghosts of the time friends must be showering benedictions on you. The circumstances in which you undertook the task greatly enhance its permanent interest & identify it with current history.

I hope when you have the time & opportunity you will give me the pleasure of a visit

With all good wishes

I am

Yours very truly
[Sgd] Sidney Lee.

Ch. College Camb.

29th March '17 Dear Sir,

I am writing to offer you our best thanks for presenting your book Finch & Barnes to the College Library. It is a very fine volume; the text is most interesting and so are the plates. If I had known, I could have given you a little more information as to the burial place of Finch & Barnes. They are buried in a vault which contains one or two other members of the same family. We only got to know this a few years ago when a curious manuscript book was presented to the library. I am very glad that the two friends have been worthily commemorated at last.

With renewed thanks

Very truly yours

[Sgd] A. V. Valentine Richards

Leicester

I have for some years possessed a copy of the Constantinople inscription made on the spot which I was forbidden to publish. I told the Master [Dr. Higley] this but he seemed to think you had all the information you wanted. But it contains some information and its vault [?] which might have interested you. If you come here again, I shall be pleased to show it to you.

Seville Club 2-IV-17

My Dear Mallock,

I was delighted to get the notice of your book's appearance and promptly went out and obtained a copy - finishing off the reading last night. What a heap of work there is in it and how you have delved - How I wish that I had seen it in proof [he might have helped me a lot last year]

for I could have put you right regarding Henry More's epistle dedicatory to Anne Conway - which you failed to discover - you'll find it prefacing what to me is the most interesting and characteristic of More's works - his "Antidote against Atheism".

Also there is an important reference to Anne Conway in general literature - and to her death and to Henry More which as showing your editor you might have referred to in passing - Have you ever read that most fascinating story of the religious movements of the 17th century, Short [?] is "John Dyer's Last Will" [I told him what a favorite it was of Eleanor's - but that she had not read it]. If not make a point of getting hold of it. You are just ripe to thoroughly enjoy it. In fact there is a certain parallelism between John Dyer and John Finch.

So too for a medical man both van Helmont's Valentine Greatrakes "the Stork" are extraordinarily interesting characters Greatrakes was, if I remember aright, a Lancashire man - the family now call themselves "Greatrix" and apparently, a century before Vesalius, and a century and a half before Elliot [?] & Braid, he was the first Englishman to employ hypnotherapy in the cure of disease.

But you have given me great enjoyment and congratulations you most heartily on a very unusual and very scholarly piece of work - needs must that at the first opportunity you get into line to follow Finch &

Baines into the College of Physicians. By the way have you presented a copy of the work to the R. C. P.? If not I will very gladly do this for you - as also, unless Lester offers to do it, I will write an appreciation for the Journal of the Canad. Med. Assoc.

Have just been getting news of all of you from Jack

McCrae.

Bless you

yours sincerely

[Sgd] J. G. Adams

67 Gloucester Place - Portman Sq., W.

April 2 - 1917.

Dear Dr. Mallock,

What a beautiful book your Finch & Raines is and how well chosen are the pictures. The distinctness of the two men makes it easy to fill up the details in the various scenes of their lives. When they sit with Mrs and Lady Conway at Bagley her ~~migraine~~ eager enjoyment of the conversation in spite of her migraine at once becomes apparent and then when the men have gone to walk in the woods she lies down with her hand to her head & Mrs. Sarah draws a curtain to keep the sunlight from her ladyship's face. Perchance the only misprint is on p. 8. Killaloe. The place at the title are Kilaloe. It was a famous pass leading, I suppose, from the lesser Ulster (Downs Antrim) towards Tyrone & was written in native language Carol Altach the Ulsterman's name or pass, for in the late medieval period Altach generally meant a name of Down or Antrim the district called Ulidia in Latin. Norman Moore is one of the best living scholars of ancient Irish & even wrote a grammar of that tongue]. Conway was the place in Wales. Is not the estoile on the chevron of the arms of Finch a mark of cadency for which a mallet would usually appear. It is easy to see how the ~~two~~ greyhounds got tilted up so that they become rampant instead of passant. Was not Cohen a puppy Councillor & therefore Pt. Nor. not. How beautiful the two pictures of van Hoogstraten are! Had we lived in times of peace I should have gone over to see that at the Hague at once. In Madame's death the chief circumstances that suggested poison was her husband's character. Bossuet certainly implies that there was ~~as~~ no doubt Madame's death was natural. Littre' could not bear to think that the Bishop of Meaux had any inward uncertainty as this would have for ever spoiled for his readers & for those who heard him, the sublimity of the oraison. If you will some day read & reread the oraison you will rearrange the words. I only make these remarks on trifles that you may see I have read every word of your book & it is a most excellent performance & I offer you my warmest congratulations upon it. My wife is delighted with the picture of Lady Conway. With her kind regards and my own

Believe me yours sincerely

[Sgd] Norman Moore.

Liverpool 26th March '14

Dear Capt. Melbush,

I am extremely obliged to you for the valuable gift of Finch and Barnes. I have read it through with the greatest interest - and my only wish about it was, that it could have been much longer.

I was interested to note that Sir Jo: F's English was quite as obscure as his Station; which I had supposed to be due to a foreigner's imperfect acquaintance with the idiom. Of course his professional duties were carried out in Latin - in which for the sake of his students one may hope he was somewhat clearer.

With renewed thanks

Believe me

Very truly yours
[Agd] C. Baxter

Introducing about your Samoan

[R. D. S. was a school-boy friend of Mr. Baxter's indeed was Mr. Baxter's best man at his first wedding and also dedicated one of his books to him. I had a Samoan (a man of the New Zealand Regiments) who told me how every one still speaks of "Mr. Stevenson" — when writing I told Mr. Baxter of this.]

Hanoi Battle [near Hastings]

April 14. 1917

Dear Captain Melbush,

You may like to know that the Times Literary Supplement has a review of your book. If you have not received a copy I will send you one. [12th April 17]. You will easily perceive its authorship. [I guessed this on reading the review — it was so Irish!!] This is my country house & we have come here for Sunday — my son having come for a week's leave from the Orkney Isles. I expect you are very busy after this battle of Anzac & advance

Always

Yours sincerely
[Agd] Norman Moore