13 Norham Gardens, Oxford, 21st (December 1916).

Dear Bill,

I am sending you for Xmas Galen's Natural Faculties - Greek and English just out. You will be interested. Great old man.

I have been knocked out for 10 days with bronchitis - fever 3 nights and cough very severe - enough to split my diaphragm.

I hope some cigars, etc. came in time for the mess - from the Civil Service Stores. Let me know.

Very good letters from Isaac, who seems very happy and full of work. Could you get off for a day and see poor Norman (Gwyn)? I am worried about him - or tell Jack Mac. (McCrae) to go down. It would cheer him. An enteric infection - and he has had malaria. I have not seen May (Osborne) for weeks. She is at the Brains' for Xmas. Gwyn (Francis) is at Bramshott.

We are all hoping that Gen. Jones will be in the saddle again next week.

Love to all the boys.

Yours affec.,