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Oct 30.

Dearest Legh

I am going to Boulogne tomorrow morning & I don't know whether writing will belong from there now - altho' probably it will.

I hope things are going well at home & you all - as well as they can with the great horror of this war over us all. It is so bad that one feels it can't go on much longer - & yet neither side can afford to stop. I fear S. Africa is rather a bad complication.

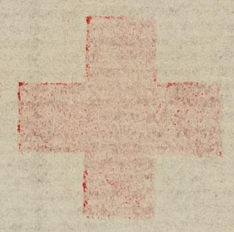
Tell me about the Orient Comp. when you write again - how ships are going & if they are still as difficult as they were or settling down at all. Paris looks much more like herself than when we came - but most of the better shops are still shut & the banks open for a few hours only & the stock exchange closes. There have been no German air ships here lately but heaps of friendly ones.

There is a terrible amt. of work for us in Boulogne & we think of moving some of our stores & staff there into temporary quarters for perhaps a month. If we are actually in strait

then I need provisions, ambulance service, instruments, staff & all the other things I recommend from the Staff of the Director General

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I trust that the R.A.M. will allow us to work there. It is no a question of need unfortunately but of permission to apply civilian help to the military hospitals which cannot undertake the work.

The town of Boulogne is already overcrowded & all the beds being taken by military & Brit. Red Cross so I think we will go to Wimereux a little place on the coast about 2 m. from Boulogne.

We have the option of an empty Chateau there. This is no ideal but it is the only thing. We have 50 canvas beds, boots dressing blankets clothing (much of this 10y's) packed & are sending bales by car & ambulance & the rest by train. D.M. & I are going on tomorrow morning. & if we think the place in anyway hospitable we will close it & the baggage & the rest start on Sunday morning. We will keep open this place as our

headquarters since for obvious reasons it is much better to have a place in Paris - We have 4 v. kind people & cars who are helping us to move & who will help remedy our lack at Wimereux by bringing wounded from the station to us & taking them back to Boulogne to the Hospital Ship - ~~at~~ we shall only be a clearing hospital - dressing station & will pass the men thro' quickly - at least that is what I expect.

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Hope Mother is not minding my absence. I think she's rather interested in having us here & thinks it good for "the Cause". (as it is) but of course letters cant come daily & she fills it dull - or says so. I think Gladys is doing a success. Has any financial arrangement been made i her?

Tell me about Colin when you write? It is nice that he should be at school - I hope he is doing alright. He is not as easy as Donald - but I think he ought to grow easier - & less dreamy - & he's a dear child.

I am so thankful that they arent 10 years older & of age to be joining in this horrible business. It really doesnt seem worth while to have little boys, & train them when their lives are wasted wholesale like this.

I wonder if you & Roy & perhaps M. - wd come to Boulogne & see us if we stay there aye time. I believe that passenger boats are running regularly - & that there wd be no difficulty in coming over for the day - but you wd find this out.

Please say to Roy that our supplies of clothes are magnificent - & a v. comfort to us as the days are getting cold now & it wd be

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dearful not to have enough things for the men -
We need more blankets for the Boulogne hospital
& wired to England & have had 200 given us by return
wire. People are really rather wonderful.

I am afraid the Boulogne people are inclined to be
"on the make" - over the letting of lodgings & that we may
have to pay an absurd rent for the empty house
but I think we ought to go there & must face the
expense. In Paris we have been treated with

extraordinary generosity by everyone. & prep notices
of the hospital have brought in a good many
donations.

I am very glad to hear good news of the Children's
Hospital - Please also tell my that Dr. M. & I
think Dr. Bolton will be a first rate addition to the
WHC staff. She is going to be proposed as surgeon
to the Hospital & her name will probably come up at the
next management committee meeting
Yours
K. G. G.

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