

(From secretary's notebook)

(To Dr. Armstrong,  
Montreal)

November 23, 1914.

Dear Armstrong:

I have urged Keogh, the Director-General, to take your Unit as soon as possible. There are difficulties, as the question of holding the coast is still doubtful.

I have been looking over the photographs of atrocities and of mutilations and have asked in the various hospitals, and one can never get anything closer than this damned third person whom I should like to mutilate personally. I suppose there have been atrocities, particularly in the sack of Louvain, but in other parts I think they have been grossly exaggerated.

Love to all.

Wm. Osler.

\* There had been an article in the Spectator on the 'Third Person'. Dr. Osler's letter to Osami Osler says there have been all sorts of rumors and statements but do not believe there has been a single case in this country of mutilation brought to the country. Don't tell Oswald of the newspapers. I wish the Government would suppress them during the war and issue a weekly Bulletin."