

COS 417/121.98

Surgeon General's Office,

Washington, D. C.

April 21, 1916.

My dear Osler:

Yours of March the 30th is acknowledged. I am very sorry that I could not join in the detail but the President did not suggest such a thing and under the circumstances I felt that I could not ask it.

While our troubles are not near as big as yours we still have some. The Mexicans and the Germans are on our hands at present.

The names of the officers detailed: Lieut. Colonel Alfred E. Bradley; Major Clyde S. Ford, and Major Wm. J. L. Lyster. Dr. Bradley served under you, I understand, at Blockley, in Philadelphia. They are all first-rate men and anxious for the work. I shall notify them of your offer to look after them when they go to London and shall tell them to call upon you at Oxford. I am much obliged to you for bringing about this detail and giving our officers an opportunity to see something of actual conditions in Europe. The matter could not have been arranged except for your personal appeal to the President.

Mrs. Gorgas joins me in kindest regards to Lady Osler and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Gorgas.