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Rickellswood,  
Charlwood, Surrey.

Aug 27.14

Dear Pippa

Ellis says she thinks the medical school may begin in Sept, as they are talking of hurrying the students through, that therefore she doesn't want to come to town till then. She is going to her cottage on Monday with Vincent - so she won't be any use for your purposes.

Everyone here is extraordinarily gloomy & unhappy. The only really bright spot is Jill, who is a charming though hideous creature. And she left today.

He brought Barbara here, without a

nurse, shed a great scene in the  
middle of the night - She woke  
up alone in a strange bed, &  
howled - unfortunately I was having a  
bath at the time so was not in the  
room. I suppose at that time you  
were just about beginning to stamp  
your letters in the office. She wouldn't  
go to sleep until she had got into  
my bed & nearly kicked me to a  
jelly.

I don't propose to come to town  
till Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at any rate, though if

you want help I will come at  
any moment.

A letter beginning "Miss Stacey of the  
L Gros has kindly given me the name  
of one person in each Borough" reached  
here today from Miss Bradford - so you  
need not have toiled all last Sunday.  
It was one of the most obscure letters  
I've ever seen, because it was so badly  
worded.

Betty has got off to live in a tent & act  
as nurse to hop pickers because all the  
real ones are engaged in making from  
one Red X to another. Lord Kildare  
shows no sign of consenting to make

use of the Voluntary Aid Detachments,  
but she finds plenty of other jobs.

Don't fail to send for me if you  
want me. I go back to Ford tomorrow

Yours  
Ray

P.S. I think I found a suitable person for the  
Hampstead Red X, but I didn't see her.  
Not anyone we know. She came thro' the  
W. Emergency Corps, was a north-country woman  
about 50 who was said by Mrs Vernon (who  
saw her) to be eminently suitable & reliable.  
I haven't heard whether she took it or not,  
but I left it in Mrs V's hands, which though  
rough are intelligent hands.