January 11, 1943

SUBJECT: Reported cases of encephalitis, cause undetermined

TO: The Commanding Officer, Camp Polk, Louisiana
(Attention: The Commanding Officer, Station Hospital)

1. With reference to the reported cases of encephalitis, cause undetermined in Lieut. [Redacted] (fatal) and Private [Redacted] on [Redacted], 1943, it is requested that samples of the blood and spinal fluid on these patients be sent to the Army Medical School, Washington, D.C., as indicated in 300 Circular Letter No. 107, Subject: "Laboratory aids in the diagnosis of neurotroic virus disease." A copy of this Circular Letter is inclosed for your convenience.

2. First blood specimen should be accompanied by a history of the case in quadruplicate as indicated in Paragraph 3 a (5) of Circular Letter No. 107.

3. For your information, Dr. Albert E. Sabin of the Children's Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, a member of the Commission on Neurotropic Virus Diseases, Board for the Investigation and Control of Influenza and Other Epidemic Diseases in the Army, may be consulted by mail, telephone or radio, concerning this and other cases of neurotropic virus diseases. He is also authorized to fly to any Army post and perform post-mortem studies on these cases should this become necessary and be desired by the Surgeon.

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