

Bacon, Alice

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"The Retreat" tho I am
sure I must have
often tried the patience
of the nurses.. I am
now leading a busy
life, & we are all
very pleased with
the latest war news
& trust soon Peace
may be restored to
our Country.

Yours respectfully
Alice Bacon

Escaped - after 6 mrs residence
went home & recovered
in 1915
The Square
Borobridge

act. 4/1/18
to
Dr. Bedford Pease;
Dear Sir

You will I am sure
be surprised to have
a few lines from
me. But I hope for
forgiveness for
trespassing on your
time.
I just want to

Let. you know I
am again - well now
& I do thank you
& the nurses for
your past kindness
to me. & I apologize
for being so unkind
as to return here
without - consent; I
have just - returned
from my holidays
in the country -

I have been thinking
much of my stay
in the "Retreat" & feel
thankful to think
there are such good
unselfish people
to look after those
who are weak &
not themselves. - I
know I had not -
one unkind word
from any one at -

From *William Bacon,*
 (LATE JOHN BACON.)
 Grocer, Provision & Seed Merchant,
 Boroughbridge.

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To Dear Dr. Pierer

I am extremely obliged
 to you for your letter & the forms.

I have not been able to catch
 Dr. Daggitt at home either yesterday
 or today. His partner has joined
 the forces & he is very busy.

When I told him they could not take
 Mrs. Bacon into Sehalbo Park he thought
 the retreat would be more harassing
 than the situation of Bootham Park.

Mrs. Bacon has been a little brighter
 the last 2 days she has been out with
 friends most of the time.

We will get the forms filled in

as soon as possible if Dr. Daggett
advises it.

Yours faithfully

Wm. Bacon

1st June, 1915.

Dear Mr. Bacon,

I am sorry to hear that you have not been able to make arrangements at Scaleber Park, as I cannot but think that a change would be beneficial to Mrs. Bacon. Is there any objection to her going to Bootham Park in York? I quite agree with you that it is unlikely that a nurse in the house would be of much service, and indeed just now it is almost impossible to get nurses. I should not at all wish to make any difficulty about your securing proper care and treatment for Mrs. Bacon, especially as we have some room, and consequently I am sending some forms for use if Dr. Daggett thinks it is necessary.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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From *William Bacon,*
 (LATE JOHN BACON.)
 Grocer, Provision & Seed Merchant,
 Boroughbridge.

31. MAY 1915

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To *Dr. Bedford Pearce.* *York.*

Dear Sir

With reference to a conversation

I had with Dr. Mackenzie last Wednesday
 I wrote to Scalbor Park asking if they
 would take my wife but unfortunately
 they are full. I enclose Dr. Gilman's
 letter. Can you take her into the
 Retreat. She has fallen off during
 the last 3 or 4 weeks. We can't get
 her to go for walks some days or
 even get her out of bed some days.
 She always seems better when
 she has been out & met someone

to chat with. She seems to dread
anyone calling to see her & she
won't do any work. I am afraid
if we were to get a nurse into
the house Mr Bacon would
become difficult to manage.
Hoping you will be able to
take her

Yours faithfully

Wm Bacon

May 21, 1915

Dear Dr. Daggett,

I am exceedingly sorry to hear of Mrs. Bacon's relapse. It is most disappointing, and I fear it looks as if this time the case will become chronic.

I incline to think it will be better for her not to return to the Retreat. It will give her rather a better chance if she goes to a new place with fresh surroundings.

I would suggest your applying to Dr. Jefferies, Bootham Park, York or Dr. Gilmour, Scalebor Park, Burley-in-Wharfedale. I am sorry to have to make this suggestion because we got on very well with Mrs. Bacon and she was much liked personally, but under the circumstances I think it is better that she should go to a fresh place.

Yours very truly,

May 11, 1915

Dear Dr. Baggett,

I am exceedingly sorry to hear of your
relapse. It is most disappointing, and I fear it looks
as if the time will have to be spent in the hospital
for some time. I am sure that the doctor will be able to
do what is best for you. I will give you my
best wishes and hope that you will soon be
able to return to your home.

I would suggest your staying in the
hospital until you are well enough to
return home. I am sure that the doctor will be able to
do what is best for you. I will give you my
best wishes and hope that you will soon be
able to return to your home.

TELEPHONE
No 9 BOROUGHBRIDGE.

Decy 20/15

Ladywell,
Boroughbridge,
York.

Dear D. Pearce

I was asked today to see M^{rs} Bacon, who, you will doubtless remember, was recently under your care at "The Retreat", & who came away without notice. — I'm sorry to say she is distinctly worse again. She has lost all interest in her home — lies about on a couch nearly all day — has no appetite, & imagines every thing is going wrong. For instance she repeats to her Husband that "if she had not been born the world would

have been very much better —
"She is the cause of the war."
"She cannot die" "That she
will live for ever." —

Don't you think it would be
better for her to come back
to the Retreat? — I thought,
at first, a change where her
interest in life might be stimulated
& where her general health
could be "braced" up a little
might be beneficial — but on second
thought, I don't think it would
be wise to urge it.

I should be so pleased if you
would write me on the matter. —

Apologizing for troubling you, believe me,
Sincerely yours
Henry Daxto

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.



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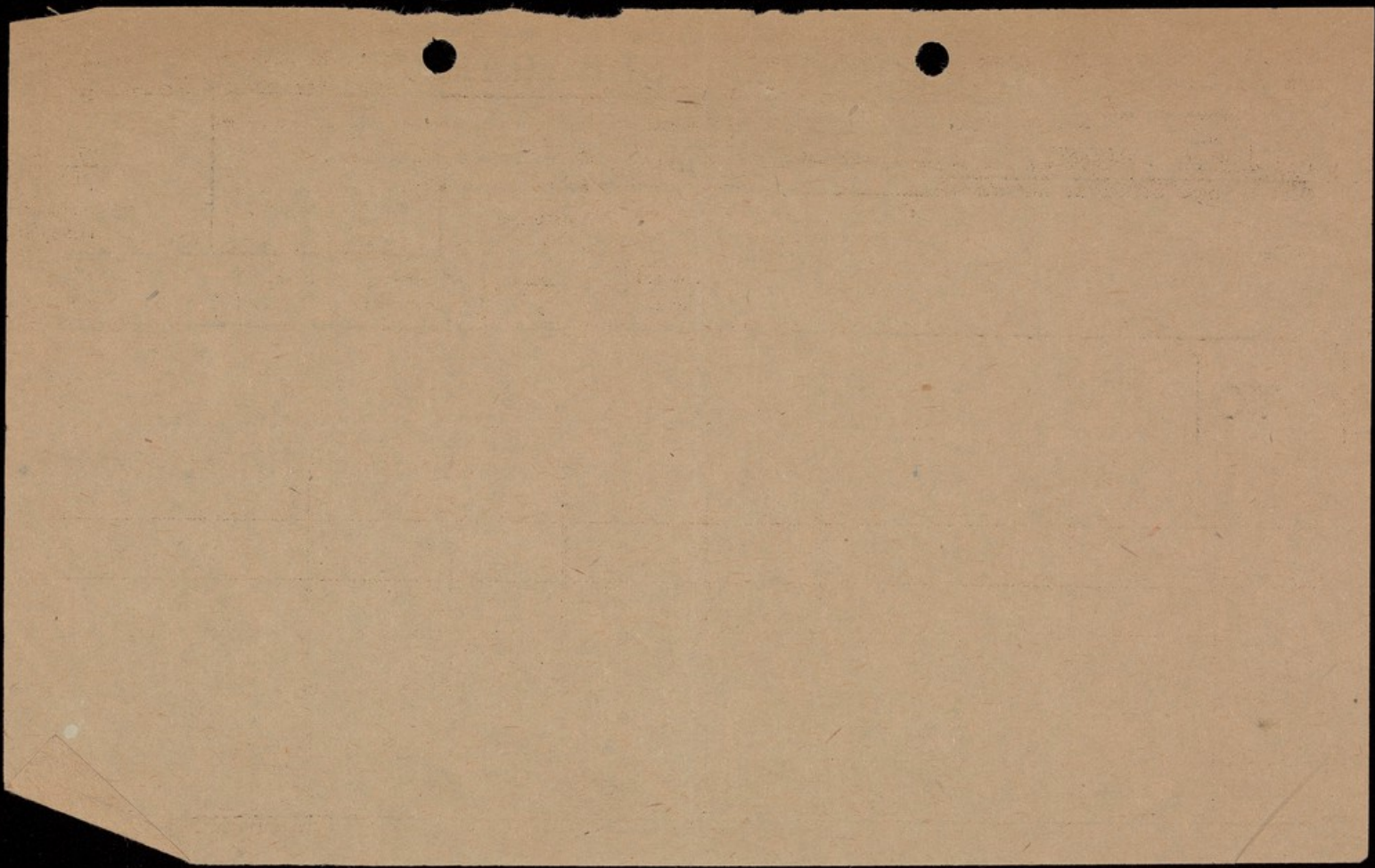
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TO { Mr Bedford Pierce The Retreat
York
Recovered
Bacon



From *William Bacon,*
(LATE JOHN BACON.)
Grocer, Provision & Seed Merchant,
Boroughbridge,

- 6. MAY 1915

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To The Secretary The Retreat York

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of
your letter enclosing £6-6-0
allowance for 2 weeks board for
which I thank you. The item
£19-0-0 was Bacon now recollects
having the things & is quite in
order & I am quite satisfied.

Yours faithfully

Wm Bacon

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May 6 1912

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of
May 1. The account has been set
according to the order as the same has
not been charged for on that date. The
the two books for the 1-20 being
considered as a unit. I have however
spoken to the difference the balance has
to be taken forward being two books
lost. The books that under the
circumstances the may be allowed -
the sum of 1.00 per copy.

May 6 1915

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of
May 1. The account was made out
according to rule as Mrs. Bacon was
not discharged from our books until Nov. 20.
The two weeks from Nov. 6-20 being
considered only as a visit - I have, however,
spoken to Dr. Pierce & he authorizes me
to rebate business being two weeks
board - He thinks that under the
circumstances this may be allowed -
The item £1.9.0 you required

about was made up as follows -

3 night dresses	1.3.9.
Dress dyed navy blue	5.3
	<hr/>
	1.9.0

Yours faithfully

Wm. E. Waller

Sect.

Wm. E. Waller Esq.

about two weeks up as follows -

3 light dresses
two light heavy blue
1.0.0
2.5

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Wm. J. Walker
S. J. Walker
S. J. Walker

Wm. J. Walker

Bacon

£ 1. 9. 0

3 night dresses

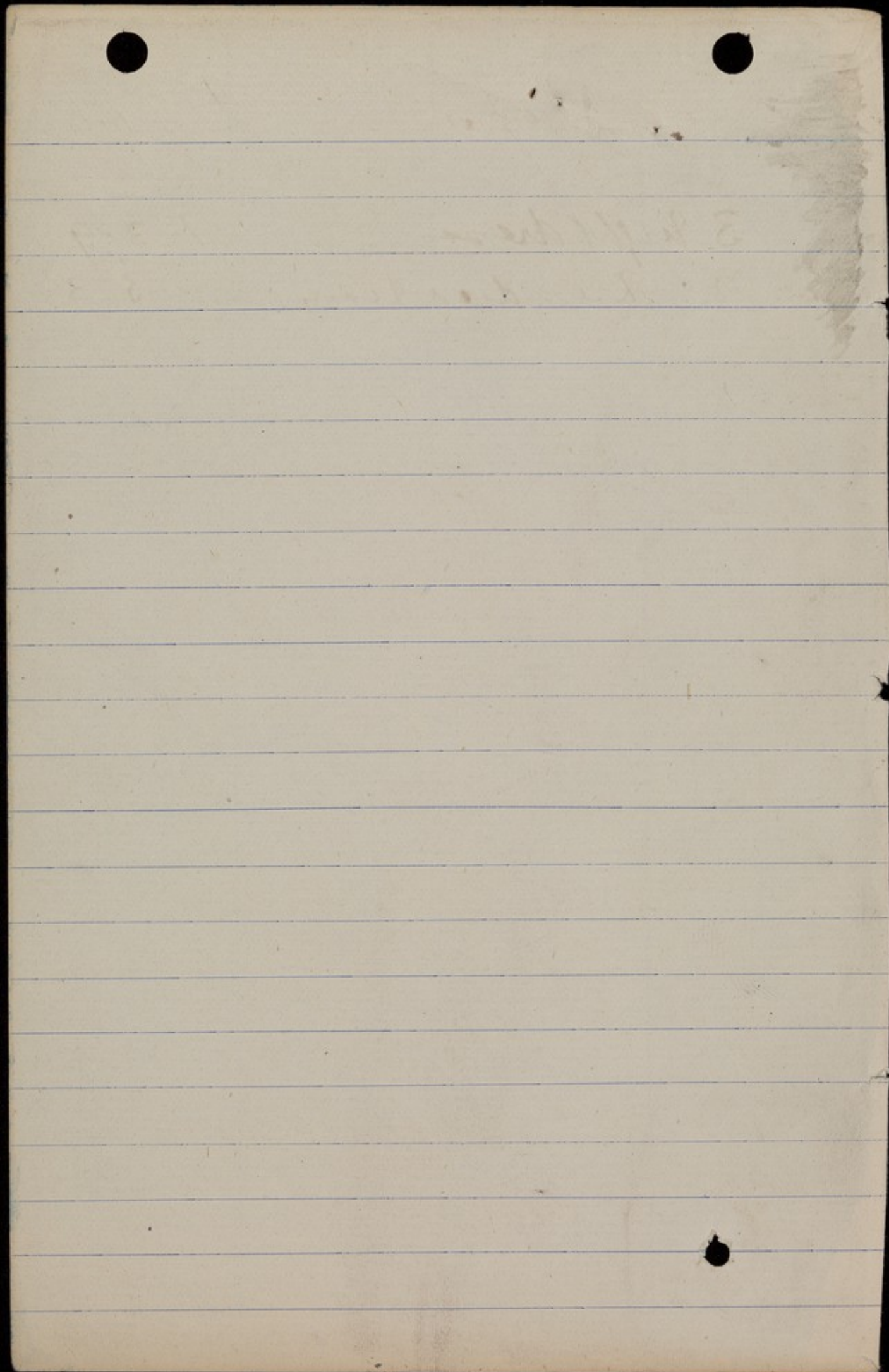
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Jan. 22. Dress dyed navy

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Mrs Bacon left her 6.

2 wks. 6. 6. 0



From *William Bacon,*
(LATE JOHN BACON.)
Grocer, Provision & Seed Merchant,
Boroughbridge,

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To the Secretary the District York

Dear Sir

Yours of the 28th ult. to hand

Mrs. Bacon came home on March 6th

I don't quite see how the 10 weeks Board
works out to £35.11-0 unless you take
it to the time we received her Discharge
which would be about March 20th.

Will you kindly say what the item
£11/9/- millinery & dressmaking was for
Mrs. Bacon says she had nothing except
nightgowns.

Yours faithfully
Wm Bacon



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23rd March, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Bacon,

Very many thanks for your letter. I have been delighted to hear that you have got on so well, and that you are back at home taking up ordinary life. Let me congratulate you heartily.

I am sure that it was a pleasure to the nurses to do anything they could to help you, and I will make a point of letting them know of your kind message to them.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

20th March, 1915.

My dear Henry
I have
been thinking of you
and how well
you are getting on
and how much
you are enjoying
your life.
I am sure that
you are very
happy and
contented.
I am sure that
you are very
happy and
contented.

Yours truly,

I am,

Yours truly,

From
William Bacon,
 (LATE JOHN BACON.)
 Grocer, Provision & Seed Merchant,
 Boroughbridge,

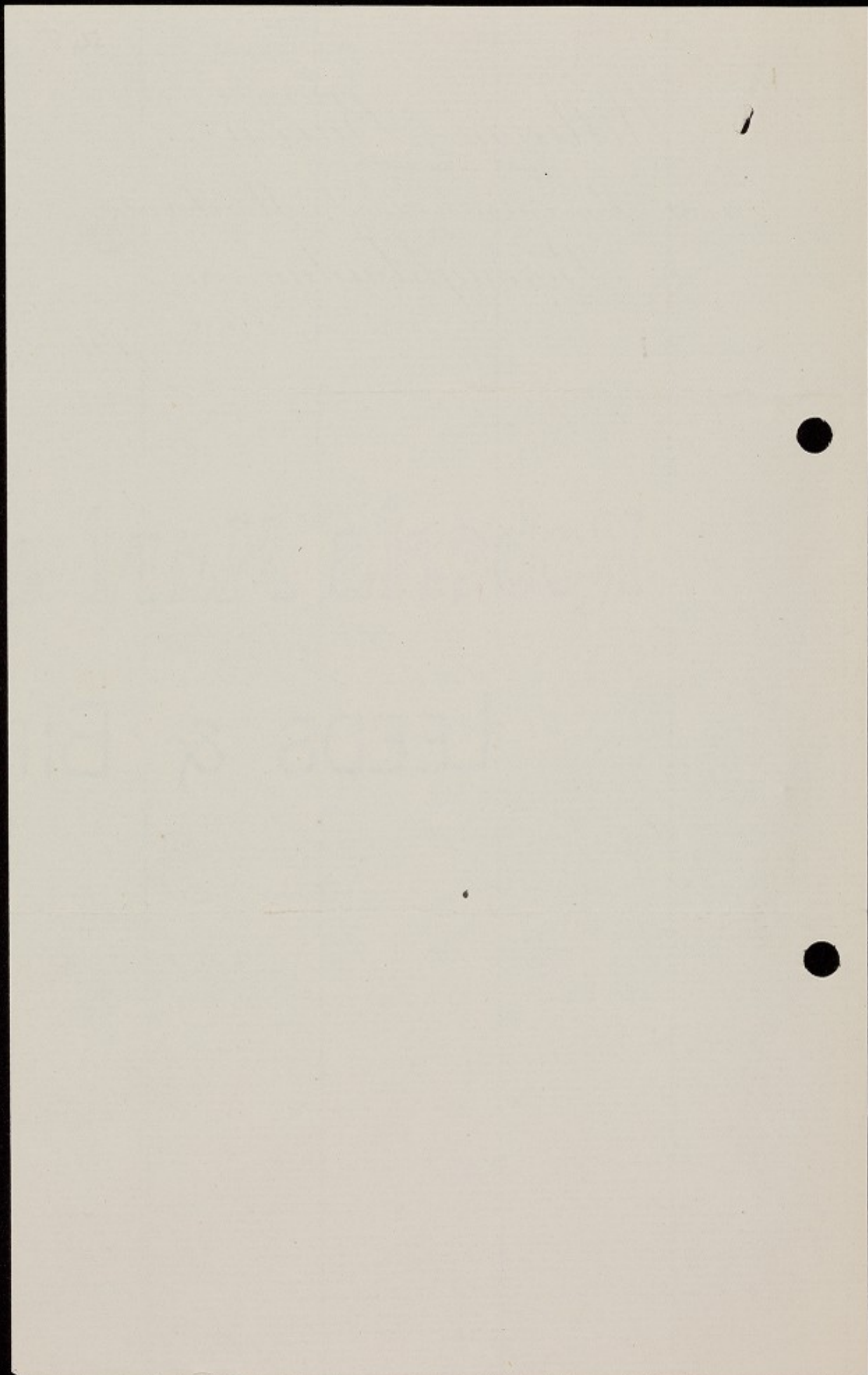
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To Dear Dr. Currie.

I am in receipt of your letter
 of the 20th containing Mr. Bacon's discharge.

I am pleased to report my wife is
 going about the house in her old style.
 She seems to take an interest in everything
 although she has very little to do. She gets
 out daily for walks & rides in the car
 as often as possible. I have asked her
 to write you a few lines & apologise for
 coming away so quietly & against the
 rules. Personally I feel very grateful
 for all your kindness & also for the kind
 attention of the nurses during the time she
 was at the Retreat. I hope she will go
 on gaining strength & flesh & that her
 delusions will not return.

Yours very truly
 W. Bacon



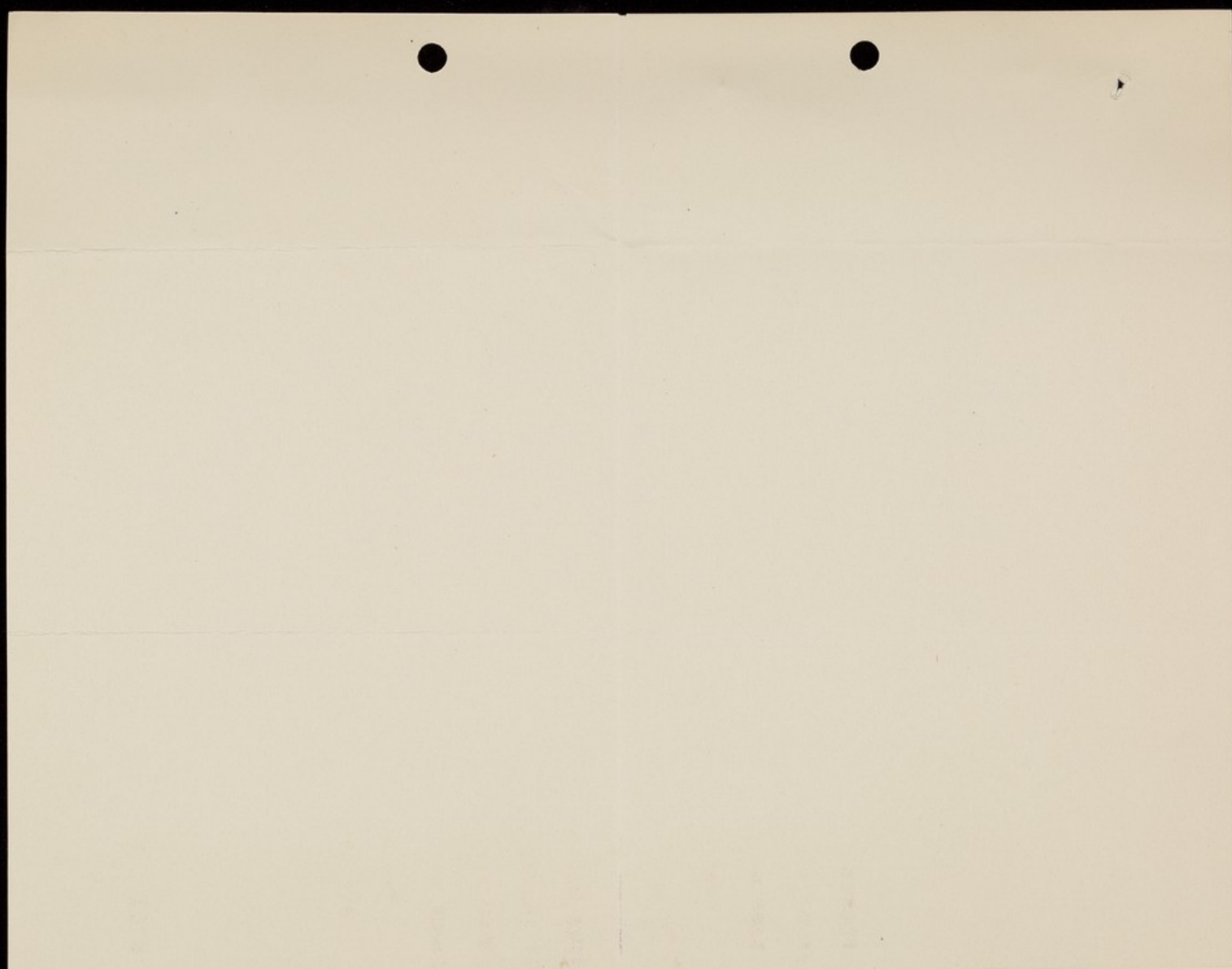
Bordbridge

26 Bedford Peirce

I am very sorry

that I caused you so
much trouble &
anxiety. Please
accept my best-
thanks for all your
kindness to me

Yours truly
Alice Balow



having quite a holiday.

Excuse my writing like this but I thought you will like to know how things are.

I am

Yours. Sincerely

Dorothy Toysey.

c/o Mrs Bacon. 510.
High St.
Borough bridge

Dear Dr Pierce,

Perhaps I should have written before, but I was waiting for the Doctor here, to call. Mr Bacon told me this morning, you did not think there was any need for me to stay now, so I am returning on Friday. You would be surprized, to see Mrs Bacon now she is a changed woman. When

ment, since the few weeks
when last he visited her.
Mrs. Bacon takes her food
well now, and in fact
has quite settled down to
her home life. I have
been made quite at home
here. We have had
motor rides every day, we
may motor to Harrogate
tomorrow and to Ripon
on Thursday, so I am

I arrived here on Saturday.
I found Mrs Bacon entertain-
ing a lady visitor, looking
as much at home as though
she had never left it. I
really think Mrs Bacon
will do well at home, she
is looking very well and
contented, attending to
household duties and the
children. Mr Bacon him-
self says, Mrs Bacon seems
like her old self now, and
^{he} sees a marked improve-

10th March, 1915.

Dear Dr. Daggett,

I am very pleased indeed to hear the improved account of Mrs. Bacon, and under the circumstances it seems clearly best that she should remain at home. One realises that it was a stupid thing to go away as she did, but one has learnt in dealing with insane people not to talk stupid things too seriously, and sometimes they turn out better than expected.

I may say that the law requires that Mrs. Bacon shall be discharged entirely from certificates in fourteen days after her escape unless she returns or is brought back. This will give you a little time to see how she goes on.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

10th March, 1915

Dear Mr. Dargatzis,

I am very pleased indeed to hear the
improved account of Mrs. Bacon, and under the
circumstances it seems clearly best that she should
remain at home. One realises that it was a stupid
thing to go away as she did, and one has learnt in
dealing with human beings not to talk stupid things
too seriously, and sometimes they turn out better
than expected.

I may say that the law requires that
Mrs. Bacon shall be discharged officially from certification
in fourteen days after her discharge unless she returns
or is brought back. This will give you a little
time to see how she goes on.
With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

March 9/15

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Ladywell,
Boroughbridge,
York.

Dear F. Pease

I have seen Mr. Bacon
& talked over the subject of
your letter to me of the 7th. —
— He thinks Mr. Bacon

seems so well — better in every
way — that he would rather
keep her at home & see how
she gets on; he would however
like to keep the Nurse till

Friday. — If there are any
fresh developments I will let
you know. — I hope this
arrangement will be agreeable
to you. With kind regards
Sincerely yours W. J. Pease

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From *William Bacon,*
 (LATE JOHN BACON.)
 Grocer, Provision & Seed Merchant,
 Boroughbridge,

6. MAR. 1915

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To *Dr. Redford Pierce* *York*

Dear Sir

Mr Bacon arrived by the
 1-50 pm train today. It appears she
 told the ticket inspector she had lost
 her purse, they took her name & address
 & allowed her to proceed. He seems
 nicely as far as I can judge but I
 await your opinion as to what we
 are to do. Please advise what we
 are to do. The nurse cannot get back
 by train until Monday but we propose
 to keep her until your reply. Would
 it be advisable to let her go to one of
 her sisters at Ingleby near Stobbesley

for a few days. I am away from
home 3 or 4 days a week during
the next 3 months & my time
pretty well occupied so that I
cannot drive her about as
should be to when weather is
suitable. I have just seen
Dr. Daygett & we have decided
to act according to your
advice.

Yours faithfully

Wm Bacon

March 8th 1910.

To Mr. Pierce

On Saturday
morning March 6th I was
in charge of four of the
Ladies who were to go for
a country walk. I stood
at the top of the stairs
on the Corridor with
Mrs. Bacon & two of the
Ladies waiting for the
Fourth. I happened to
walk across to the North
Room to see if the Lady

was ready & when I
returned Mr Bacon had
disappeared I reported it
at once & rushed to the
Lodge the Gate Keeper
had not seen her pass
& she was not within
sight

J. Stulson

From

William Bacon,

(LATE JOHN BACON.)

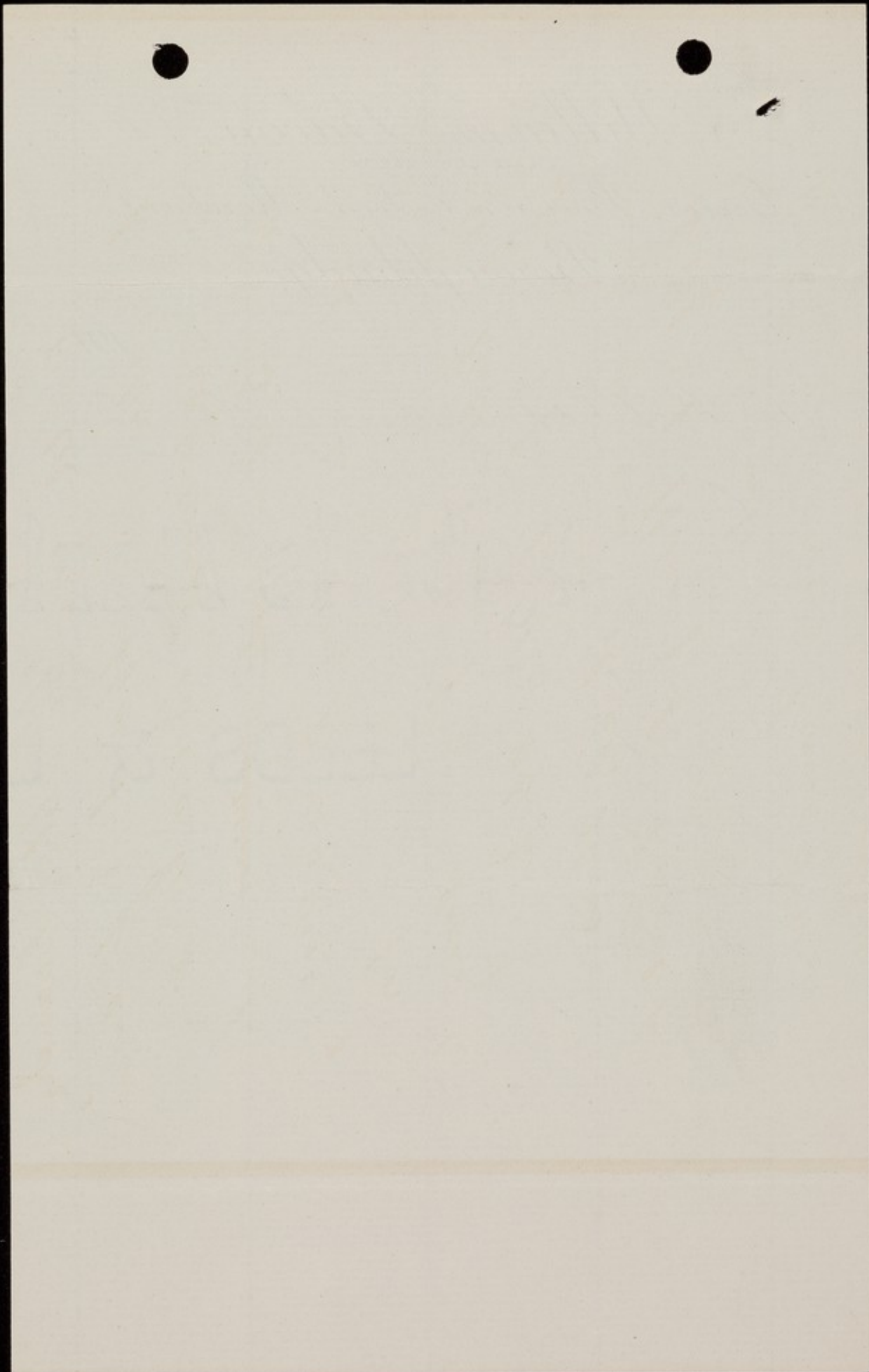
Grocer, Provision & Seed Merchant,
Boroughbridge,Feb 16 1915To Dr Redford Pierce Ltd

Dear Sir

Two of my wife's
Sisters saw Mrs Bacon on
Saturday. They seemed rather
disappointed with her slow
progress, but I hope she will
derive benefit from the
treatment. I enclose cheque
in settlement of a/c

Yours faithfully

Wm Bacon



Ludlow
Boroughbridge

York

July 23/14

Dear D. Pearce

Would you be able, I wonder,
to make an appointment some
day next week, to see Mr &
Mrs Bacon, ~~with a view~~ at
York, with a view to advising
as to future treatment for
the latter? — I am sorry to
say I think the slight
improvement which showed
itself at Harrogate, has not
been maintained. —

Mrs Bacon came home from
Harrogate last week, where
she was rather upset by another
Patient in the house, whom I
understand, had D & L the next
bedroom to herself! further there

August 23/14
Dear D. Jones

I have just received your letter of the 21st inst. and am glad to hear from you. I am well and hope this finds you the same. I have not much news to write at present. I am still in the same place and doing the same work. I hope to hear from you again soon. I am, dear D. Jones, very truly yours, [Signature]

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was some disagreement between
The Proprietress & The ladies at
the Home! — She has now delusions
that her home is going to be
burnt down, in fact the whole
of Boro bridge, & that there won't
be enough water to cope wth the fire.
She says, too, that there is
a shortage of food in the house
& fears lest her Children don't
get sufficient to eat! This is
the state of things. — For my
own part I don't see anything
for it but Institutional treatment
but, as you know, the Husband is
averse to it. — Mr Bacon
would like to meet you late in
the evening (say about 7 o'clock)
if that could be arranged, as it

is difficult for him to get
away before 6 or 6.30 from here.
A choice of ~~the~~ convenient days
for you would be appreciated.
Apologising for this long
letter believe me & kind
regards

Merrily Jones
Harry / Duggett

is different for the 1st
many before 6 to 6.30 hours. There
is a change of the command
for you would be expected
to be in the 1st
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3rd July, 1914.

Dear Dr. Daggett,

I am very much obliged for your letter about Mrs. Bacon, and I am glad to hear that she is decidedly better though I am sorry there are still some fears and abseptions.

With regard to the question about which you ask, if the patient would like to come to the Retreat as a Boarder I think there is a good deal to be said for her doing so. She would have the support of the Medical Officers and the staff and would feel safer generally. On the other hand it should be explained to her plainly that it is a Hospital for mental disorders. It is quite probable that the garden and the amusements would be of real assistance to a patient of this kind provided she settled in determined to help herself and make the best of things.

As regards terms the lowest rate has gone up to £3. 3. 0 a week. I gather this is less expensive than the present arrangement. If Mrs. Bacon required a night nurse she would have to sleep in a small dormitory with other patients, as this does not

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provide a special night nurse, the charge for which
would be £2. 2. 0 extra.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



The Secretary is instructed to obtain the necessary signatures to the accompanying form of guarantee before the care of any patient is undertaken by The Retreat.

YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Alice Bacon of

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dringcott, The Mount, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessities, or extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk of the said Hospital. AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the 28th day of Oct 1914

Name

Wm Bacon

Residence

Boroughbridge

Occupation

Green

SIGNED by the said

Wm Bacon

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

R. C. Harland

High St.

Boroughbridge.

N.B.—The charge for Board, Lodging and Medical care is payable quarterly, in advance. Disbursements by the Institution on behalf of patients, and other exceptional expenses, are charged in the following quarter's account. A residence of less than a month is charged as a month.

In the event of the death, removal, or discharge of a patient before the expiry of the quarter covered by the last payment, the surplus amount is returned by the Retreat.



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