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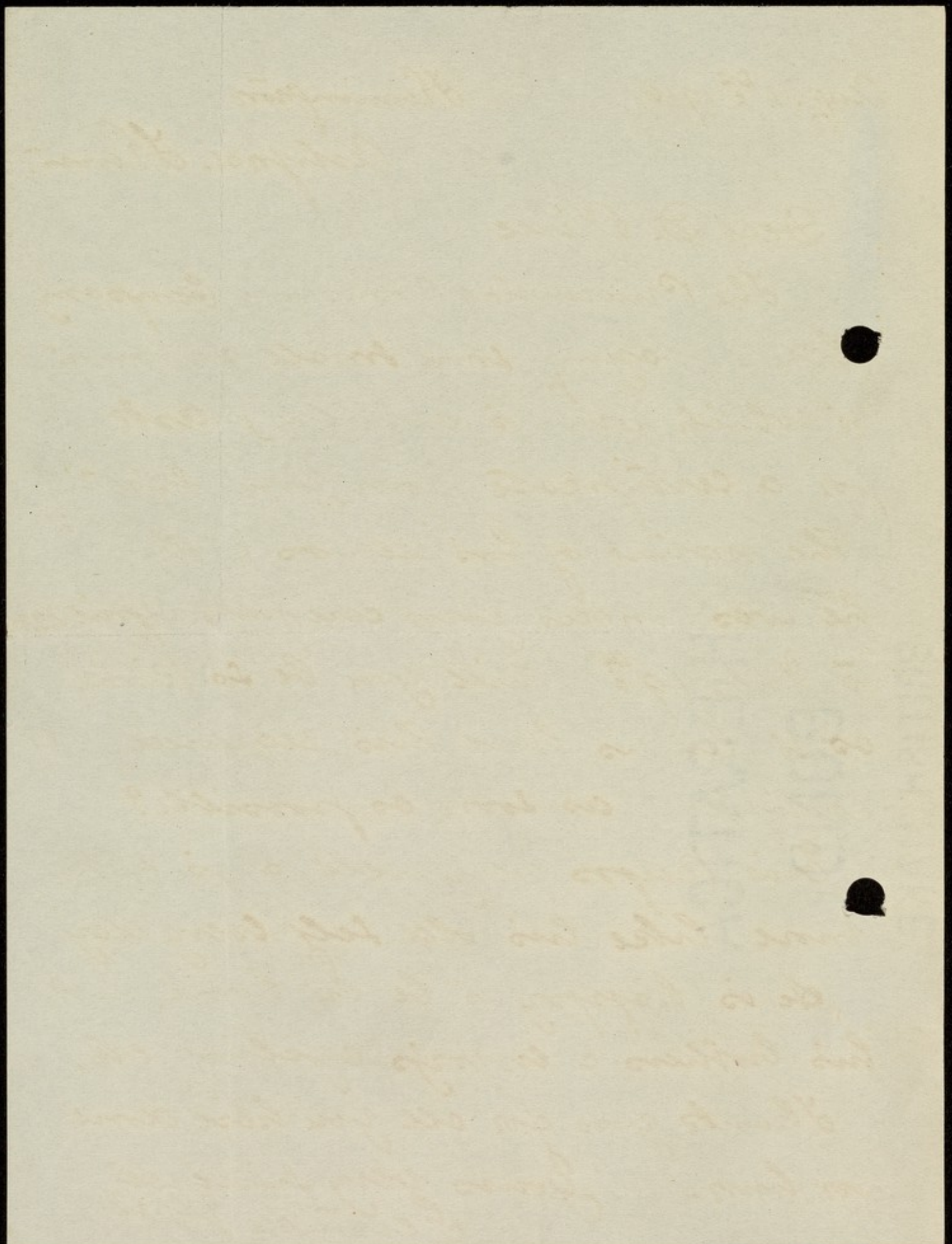
Dear Dr Pierce

The Prudential Assurance Company
(before paying some small amount
to which Eric is entitled) ask
for a certificate from you stating
the nature of his illness & that
he was under your care from April 22nd
to July 19th. Will you be so kind
as to let us have this required
certificate as soon as possible?

Eric keeps very well & is getting
more like his old self every day.

He is happy to be at home with
his brothers & enjoys cycling etc.

Thank you for all you have done
for him. Yours very sincerely
Gertrude Jeffery.



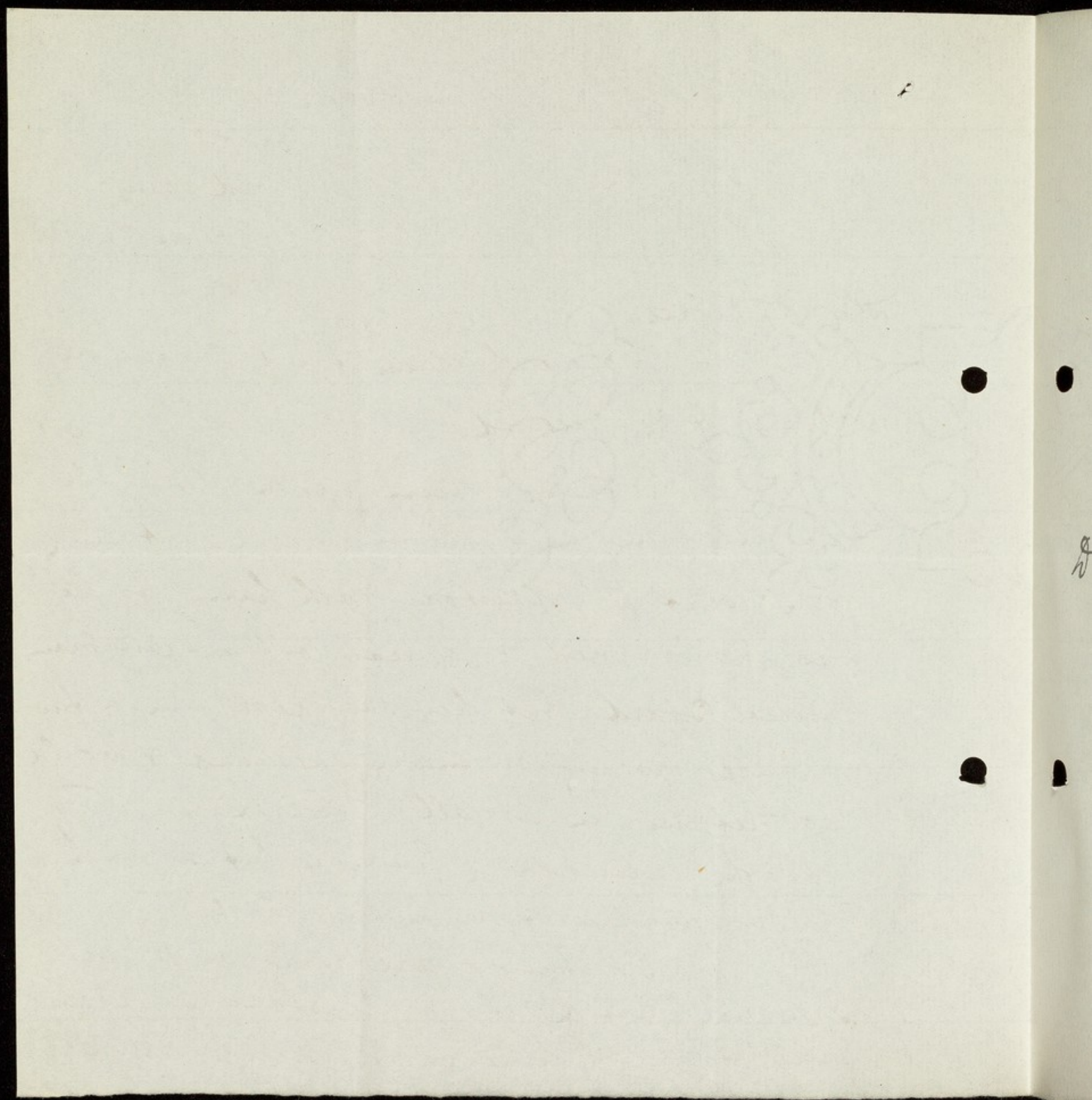
Meadorosside
Kilmington
Ashford, Kent
15/10/1916.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Herewith please find Cheque in
settlement of $\frac{1}{2}$ received.

Eric has been going on splendidly
& is enjoying his farm work. A week
ago I went to Folkestone with him, as he
was summoned to appear before a Canadian
Medical Board, but they only kept him a few
minutes asking ordinary questions, & would
not let me in at all. He has a two
months extension of Pension, but so far has
not recd. anything from the very start!

As things are going on so well
I do not think it is necessary to retain
Eric's name on the leave of absence list, but



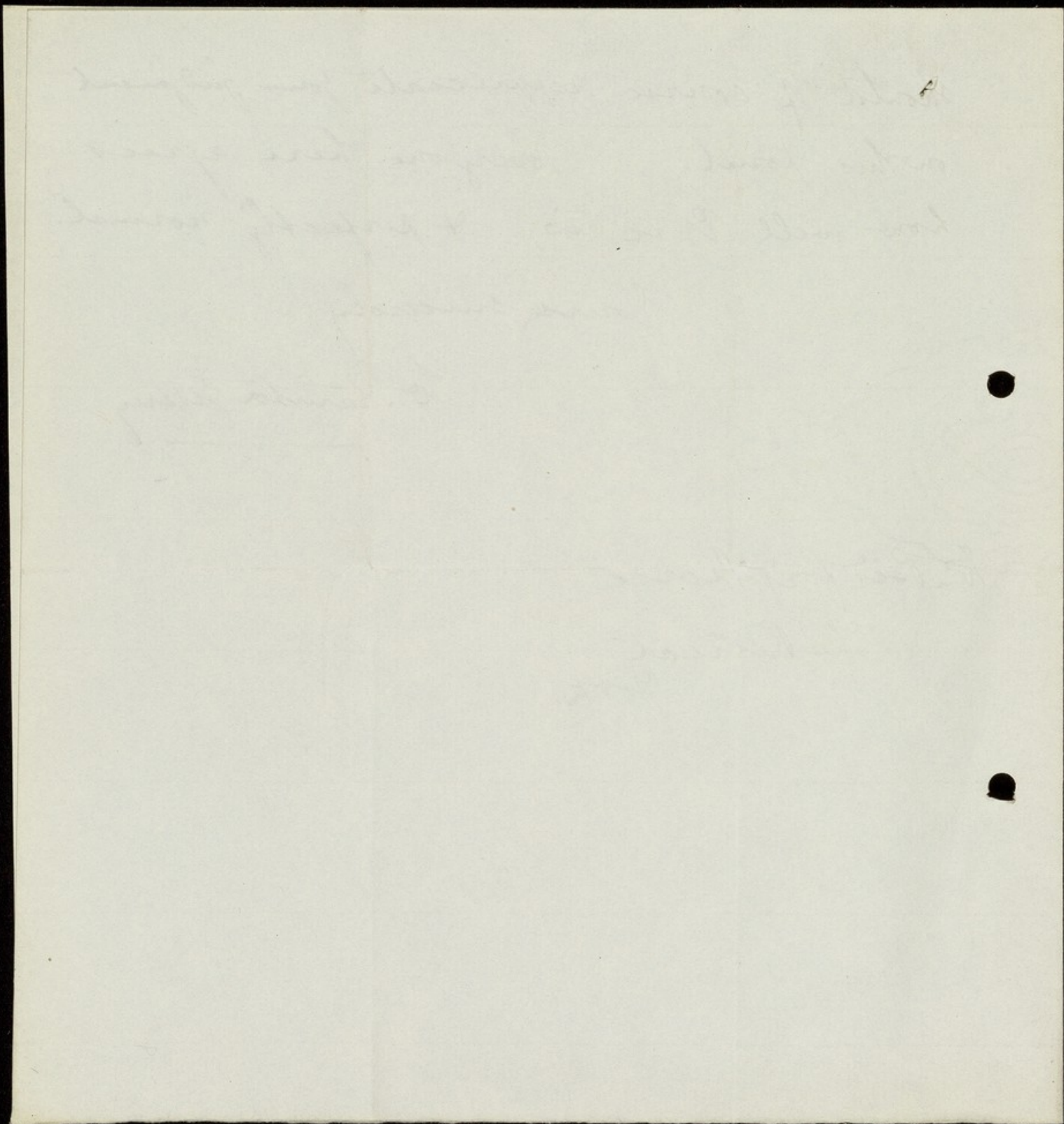
should of course appreciate your judgment
on this point. Everyone here agrees
how well Eric is, & perfectly normal.

Yours sincerely

W. Stanitor Jeffery

Dr. Bedford Pierce

The Retreat
York.



Hennington

Ashford. Tenn.

Sept: 19th 1916.

Dear Dr Pierce

I thank you for your kind
note & the certificate

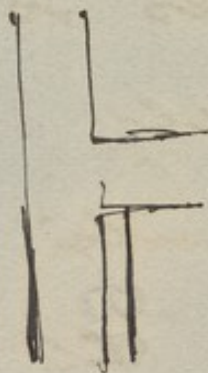
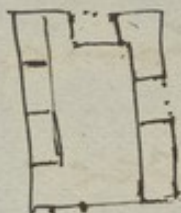
Eric has steadily improved
since leaving "The Retreat" &
there has been no sign of
any mental disturbance.

All his faculties are
very clear & quite normal
& he looks so much like
his old self now, that it
is difficult to realize
how very ill he has been.

It is well to have your

certificate to show to the
Military authorities in
case of need, & we are
very much obliged to
you for all the trouble
you have taken.

Yours sincerely
Gertrude Jeffery.



2nd August, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Jeffrey,

many thanks for your
letter.

I am very glad indeed
to hear that your boy is steadily
getting strong.

I enclose a certificate
which I hope will meet the
purpose.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

2nd August, 1916.

This is to certify that
Eric Stainton Jeffrey was
suffering from mental confusion
arising from in the course of
Military duties. He was under
my care from April 22nd to July 19th
when he left with leave of absence
on trial.

September 18th, 1961⁶.

Dear Mrs. Jeffrey,

I am very~~n~~ sorry to hear that Eric has again to be "boarded". I send a certificate which should help.

You should supplement in writing what you noticed of mental disability after he left the Retreat.

Yours very truly,

of the other side

of the other side

of the other side

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of the other side

September 18th, 1916.

This is to certify that Eric Stainton Jeffrey is a certified patient at the Retreat, York, on leave ~~of~~ absence on trial.

He was admitted April 22nd, 1916, suffering from Confusional insanity with the history of having been mentally affected about three months. He had been in Gallipoli, was invalided with dysentery and jaundice, and broke down in Alexandria and was sent to Retley.

On admission he was confused and restless, was often impulsively violent and uncertain, he could not understand his position, had hallucinations of hearing and fleeting delusions, e.g. that strange and horrible things were in his mattress. Throughout his residence here he was in excellent physical health.

After about two months he began to improve and on July 19th he was well enough to go away on trial. He was advised after a holiday to take up work on a farm. In my opinion he remains unfit for military service.

Medical Superintendent.

DIVISIONAL

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Stennings

Ashford. Kent.

Sept. 15th 1916.

Dear Mr Pierce

Eric has shortly to attend an Army Medical Board to be examined, & we are so afraid he will be again claimed for military service.

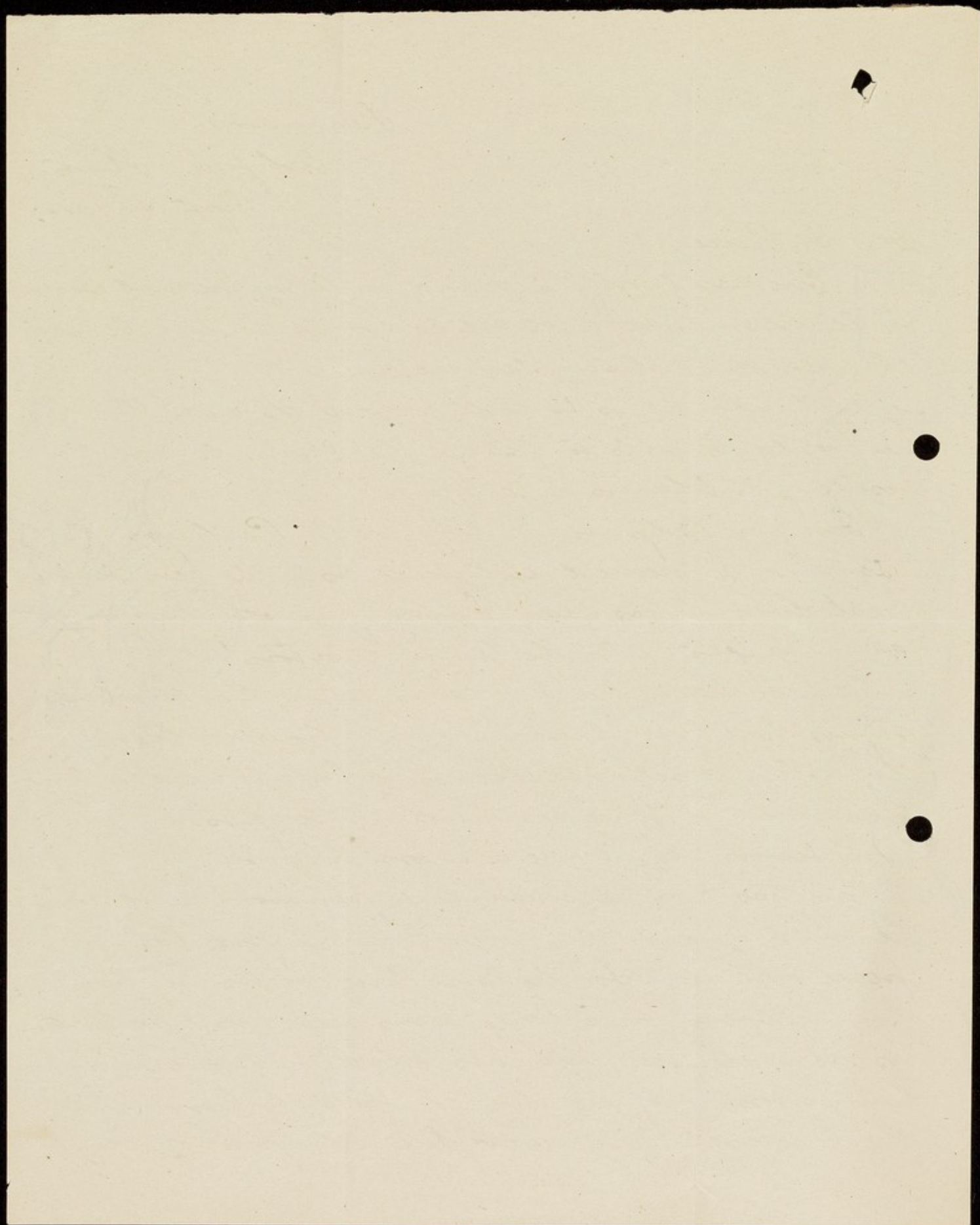
Although he is so well now, I do not think he would be able to stand the strain & rough usage of a soldier's life again.

Can you help us in any way? Perhaps by sending a medical certificate as to the very serious breakdown he has had? Surely your opinion must carry weight with the Army Doctors!

We have lately heard of cases where the discharge papers have been ignored, & men who had been definitely discharged because of broken health, have been forced to serve again as conscripts!

It seems very cruel & most unjust.

Eric has not received any pensions, & we don't want it if only they will leave the poor boy in peace now. For the last three weeks he has been helping on a large farm near us, & Mr Watson is very pleased with his steady work & prizes him most useful. They are specially busy with the harvesting just now, but in spite of very



long days Eric thoroughly enjoys the work & free
out door life. He comes home every night.

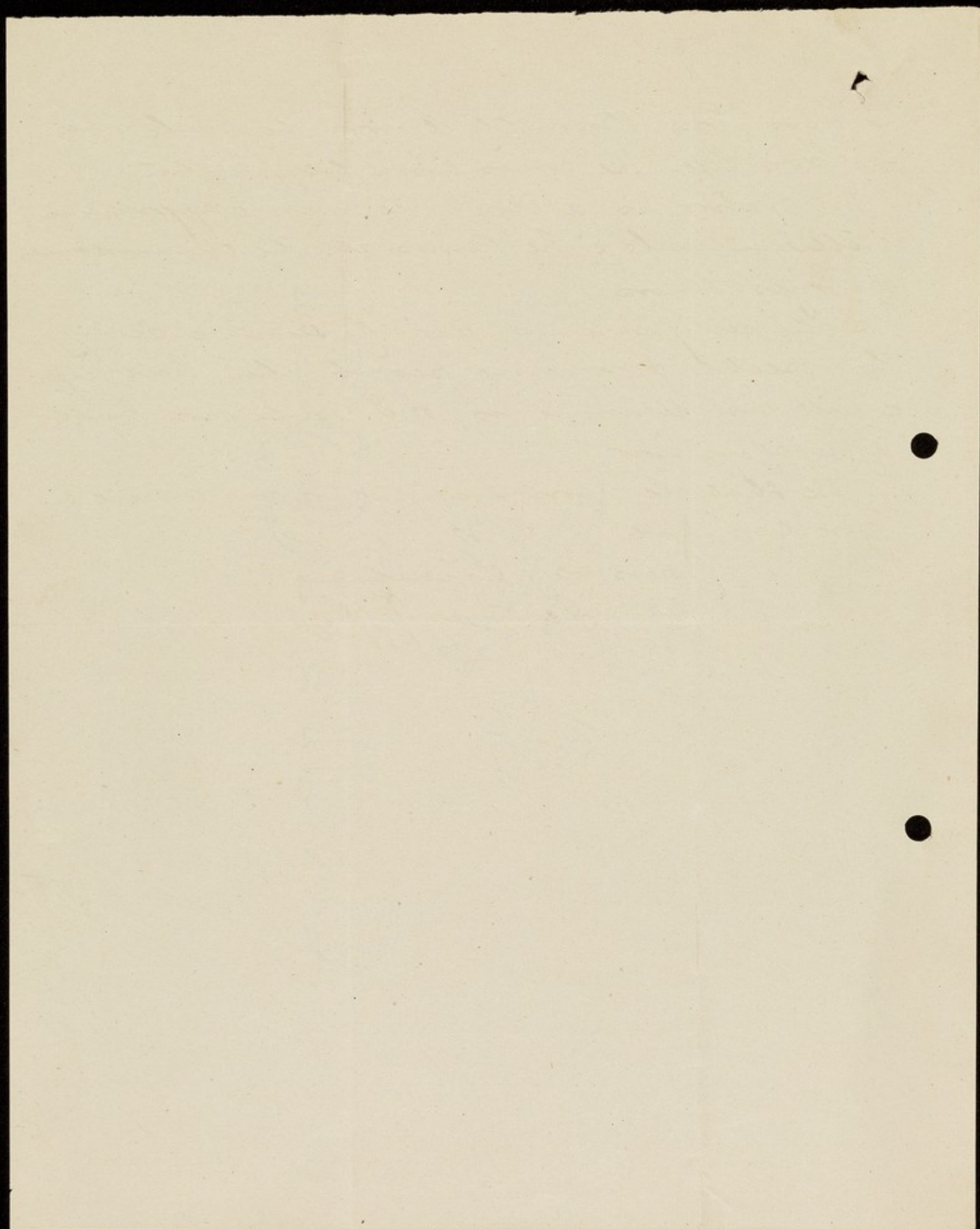
Mr Watson is a very nice man & appreciates
intelligent work, & he knows all the circumstances
of Eric's illness.

The certificate you kindly sent to satisfy
the Health Insurance people, they have kept
& will not return to us, or I would not trouble

you again now

We shall be most grateful for any advice
you can give.

Yours very sincerely
Gertrude Jeffery.



TELEPHONE
38 WETHERBY.

BELMONT,
WETHERBY.

18.7.16

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I intended to have
written before this to apolo-
gize for bringing Eric back
a little after 3 pm on Sat-
urday & ask if he was quite
well after the round we
took him. He made the
acquaintance of several
new relations - & seemed
well & happy all the
time. May I trouble you

to give enclosed to his
Mother on her arrival
tomorrow?

I cannot catch her at
home from here -

With kindest regards
& hoping all is well

I am

Yours sincerely

Annie Weston

July 17th, 1916.

Sir,

Eric Stainton Jeffrey No.

I am obliged for your notice informing me that this man is being awarded a pension of 20/- per week. He has been maintained at the Retreat at the expense of his father, William Stainton Jeffrey, Kennington, Nr. Ashford, Kent, who is responsible for the charges, but any allowance that you may send to me will be placed to the credit of his account. I am glad to say that the lad is doing very well and we quite hope that he will be discharged before very long.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

July 17th, 1916.

Eric Starbuck Jeffrey No.

I am obliged for your notice informing me that this man is being awarded a pension of \$300 per year. He has been mentioned at the Bureau at the expense of his father, William Starbuck Jeffrey, Remington, N.Y. Mr. Ashford, who is responsible for the pension, but any assistance that you may send to me will be placed to the credit of his account. I am glad to say that the lad is doing very well and we quite hope that he will be discharged before very long.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Superintendent,
Central Army Pension Issue Office,
Baker Street,
London, W.,

and the following number quoted.

CENTRAL ARMY PENSION ISSUE OFFICE,

BAKER STREET,

LONDON, W.,

July 1916.

47659/16.R40².

SIR,

I am to inform you that Eric Stanton Jeffery,

late of the East Kent Regiment
at present an inmate of the Retreat, York,
has been awarded a pension of 20s. a week,
for six months conditional
with effect from the 12th March last, and I am to
request that you will be good enough to state to whom the cost of
his maintenance is chargeable.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

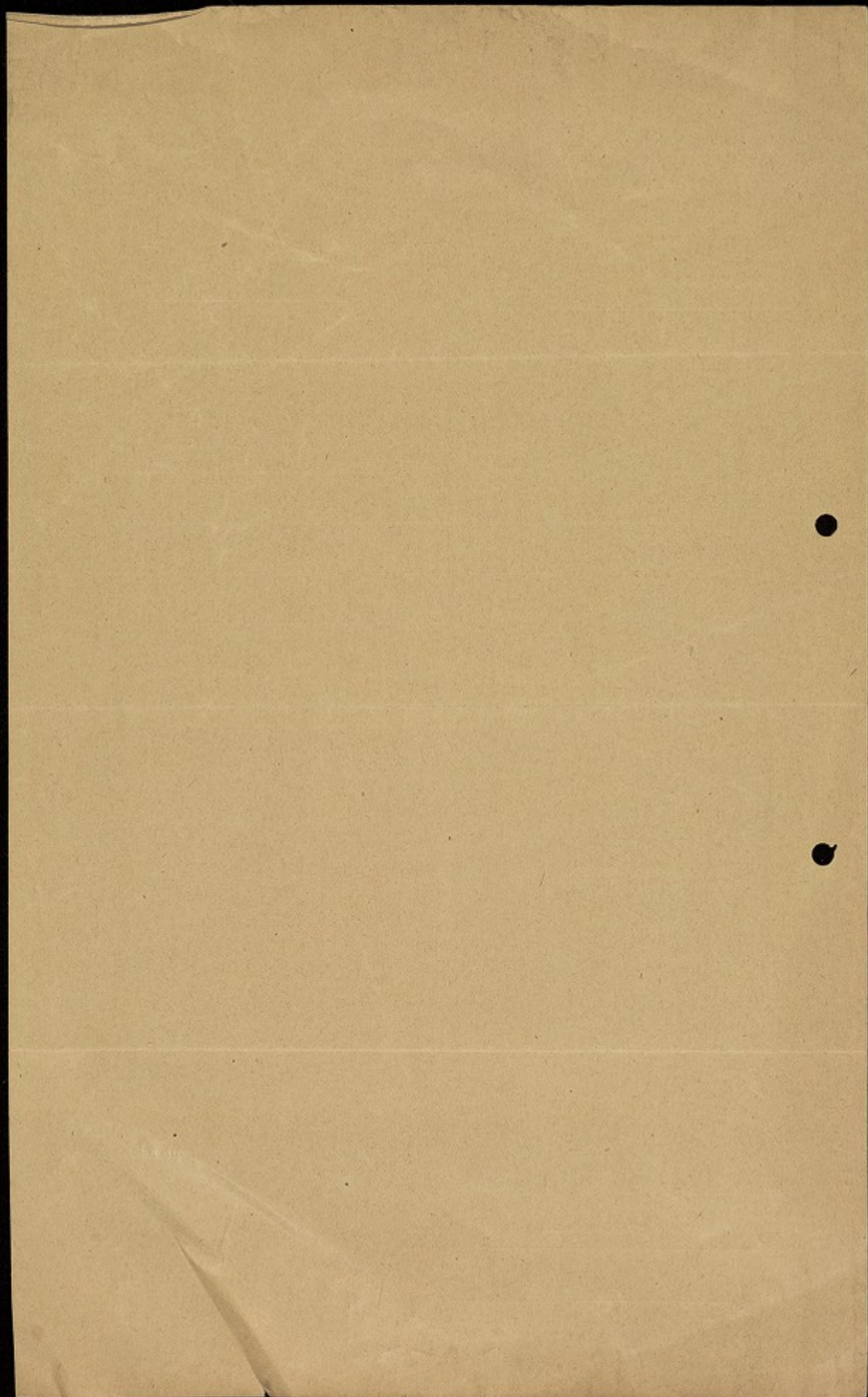


Superintendent.

The Medical Superintendent,

The Retreat
York





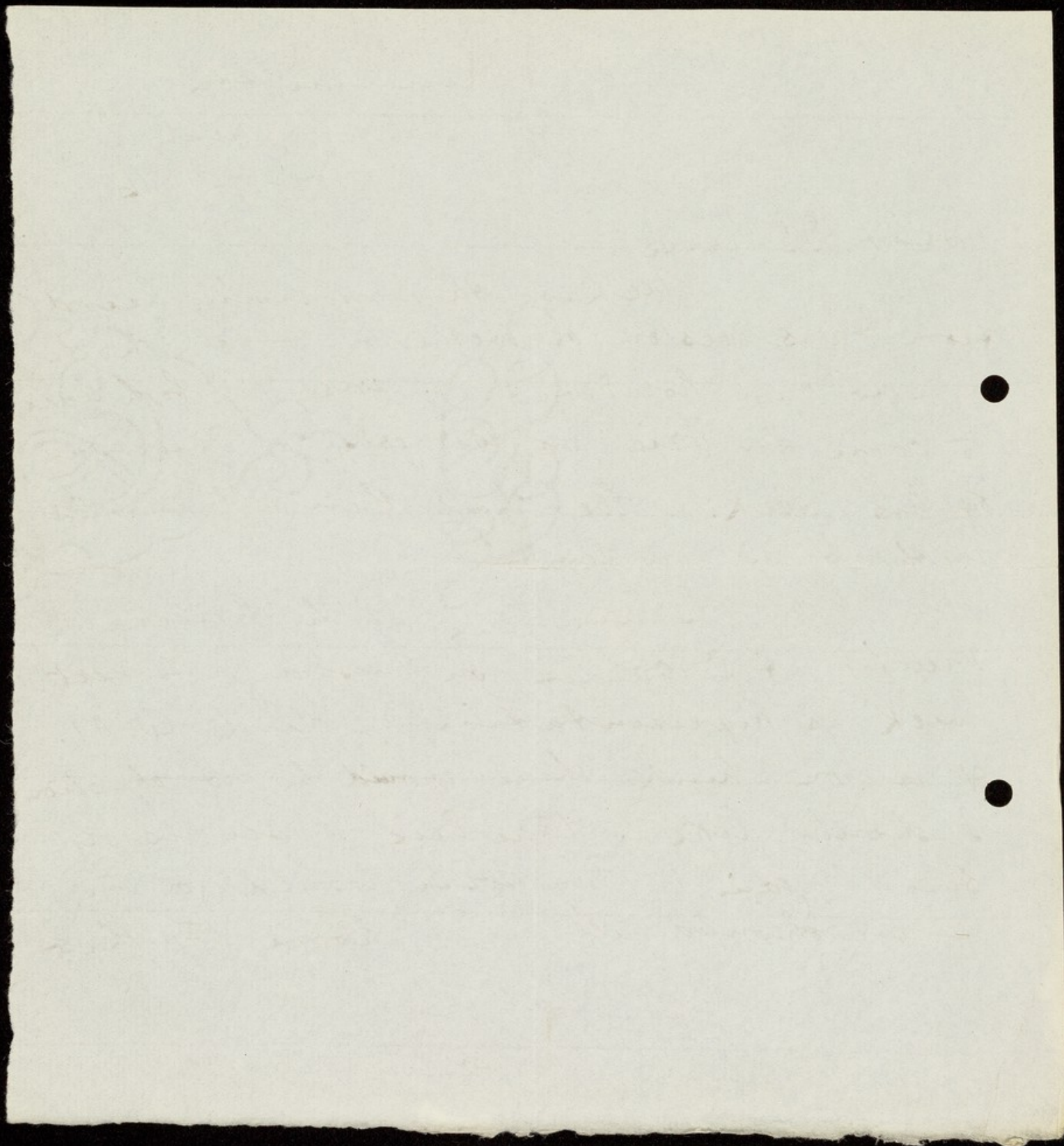
Kennington
Ashford, Kent
17-7-1916

Dear Dr. Pierce

We have this morning heard from Mrs. Weston of Wetherby, & as I have a few days holiday my wife & I both hope to come for Eric on Wednesday or Thursday of this week. We shall then all stay at Wetherby for a few days.

I am due at the General Meeting at S. Walden on Tuesday in next week as Representative of Kent Q. M. & if you think there would be no objection I should like to take Eric to see his old school again. My wife would go too, & we should all return home together.

Yours faithfully
W. Stanton Jeffery.



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Meadowside
Kemmington
Ashford, Kent
13-7-1916

Dear Dr. Pierce

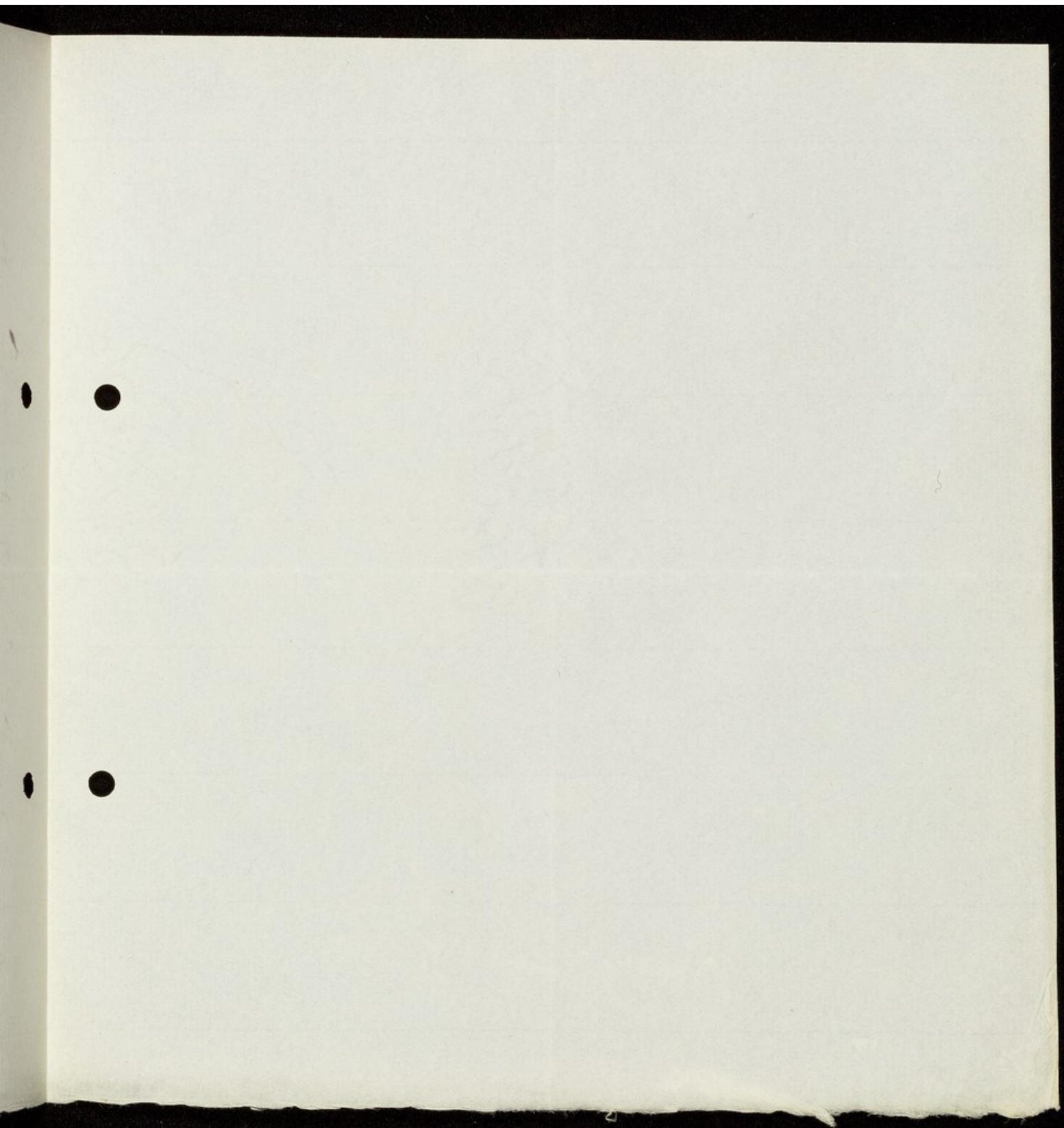
Thank you for your most encouraging letter re Eric received this morning. We had a nice note from Eric yesterday embodying your suggestions.

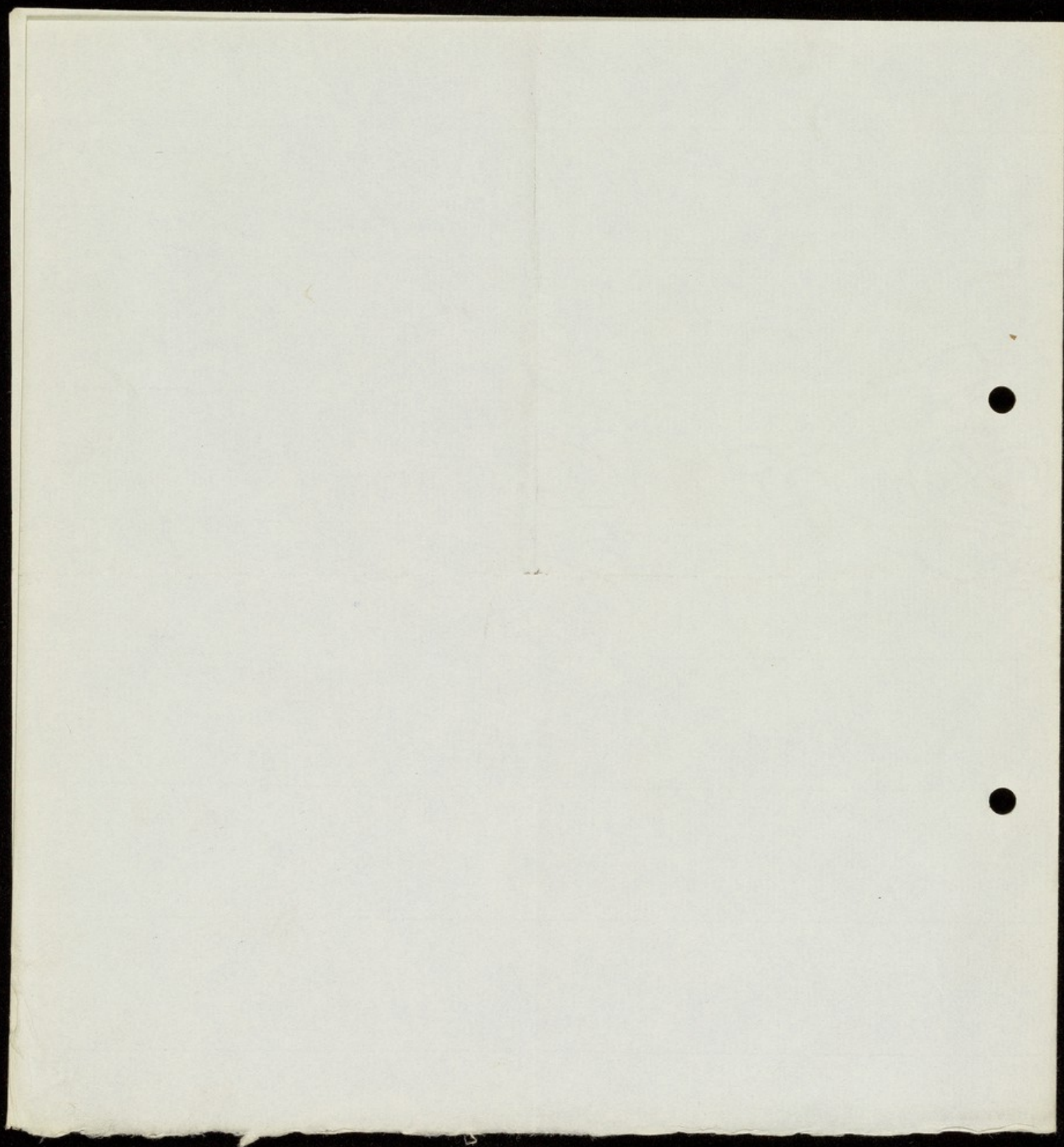
My wife wrote to her sister Mrs Weston, "Belmont," Wetherby, yesterday asking her if possible to speak to you on the telephone. We should like to do whatever you think best, & either my wife or I could come up next week & travel home with E., as we presume a long journey alone would hardly be wise. Also it would be very helpful to see you & have the benefit of your advice as to his occupation in the future.

On hearing from Wetherby we will write to you again. We are very thankful you consider Eric well enough to visit relations & come home.

I expect you will soon be in a position to let me know my indebtedness. I thank you for all the care & attention given. Yours sincerely W. Stanton Jeffery.

Dear Mother
I have just received your letter
and was very glad to hear from
you. I am well and hope this
letter finds you the same. I
am writing you now as I have
nothing else to do. I am
very busy at present but I
will write you again soon.
I am your affectionate son,
John Doe





11th July, 1916.

Dear Mr. Jeffrey,

I am glad to say that your son continues quite nicely, and we can detect no sign of mental disturbance. He has been helping with the hay-making and in many other respects he has been helpful in the garden.

I suggested that he should write to you about making plans for the future. If there is any member of the family who could go away with him for a holiday before he returns home I think it would be a good plan, but I do not feel very strongly about this if it cannot easily be arranged.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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I am in a very bad way, and I am
very sorry to hear of your illness.
I hope you will get better soon.
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Yours very truly,

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Ashford. Kent.

29/6/16.

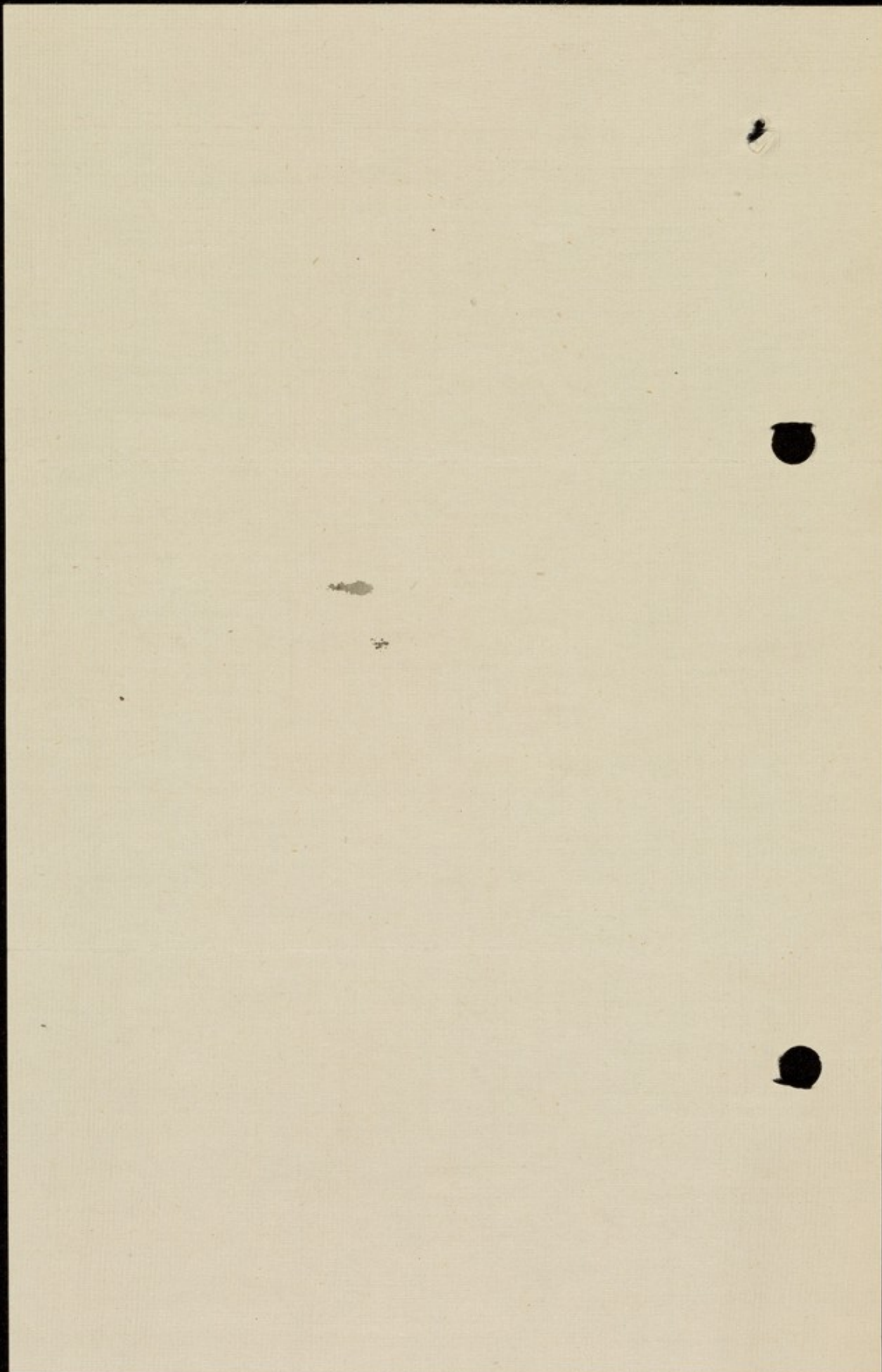
Dear Dr. Pierce

Your kind letter of the 24th inst.
is very cheering, & we are most
thankful to know of the great
improvement in our boys' state.

His letters are very happy
& each one seems more normal.

We have absolute confidence
in you & shall feel quite
satisfied when you make
any decision as to his
coming home.

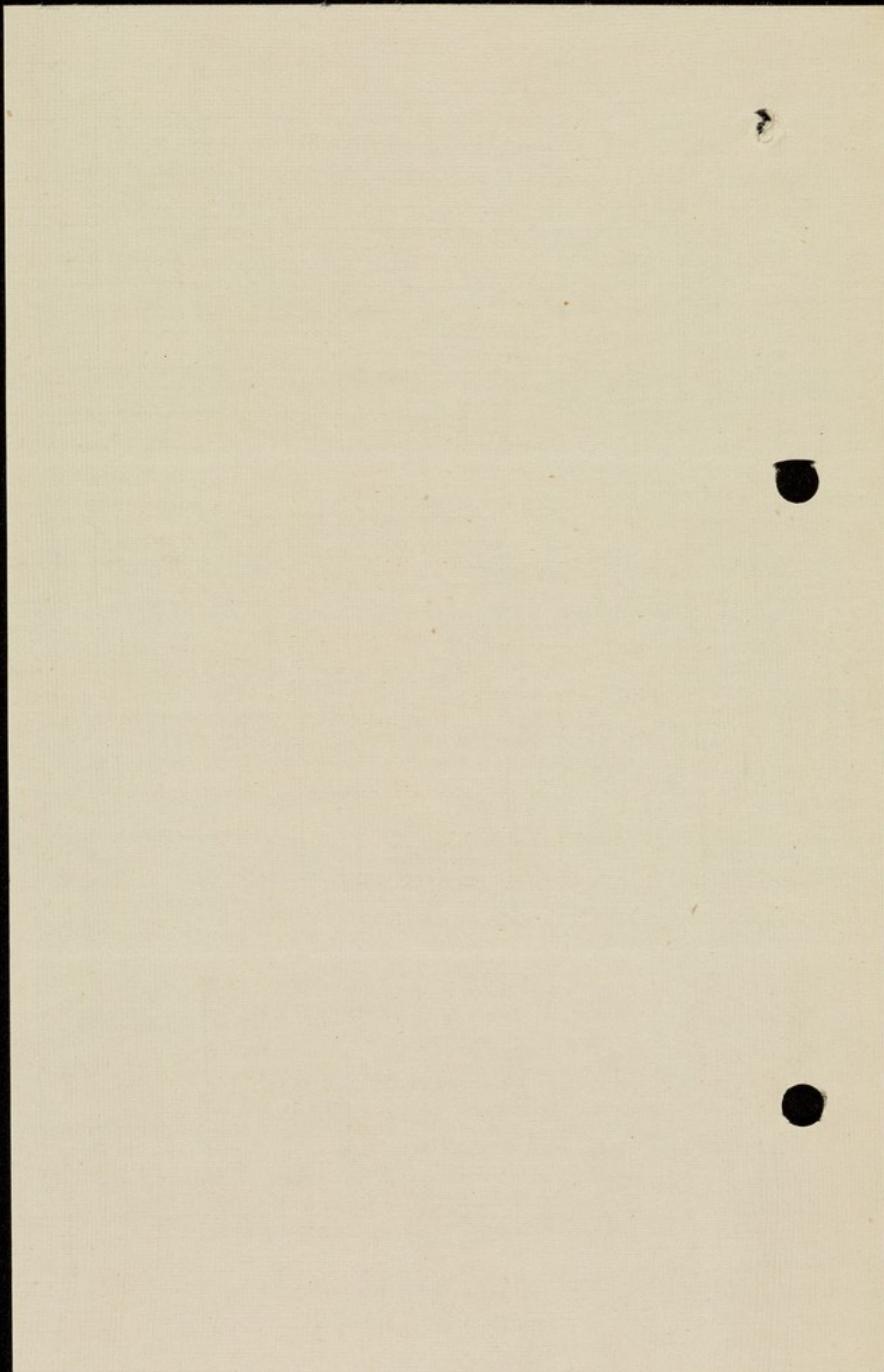
We have been afraid to tell
Eric of the death of his cousin



Jack M^cMichael, who was
killed in action in France
on May 23rd, but of course
it will be impossible to keep
this from him when he comes
home. If you think it
advisable will you be so good
as to tell him?

It will be a comfort to Eric
to know that he did not
suffer at all.

Eric knew of Guy Weston's
death in France last November,
but I think had forgotten it
during his illness, although
he frequently turned uneasy
about him.



I am so sorry to trouble
you with all this business

Think it is best to tell
you & leave you to decide
what is to be done.

We are very grateful for all
the kindness & care given
to our boy

Yours very sincerely
Gertrude Jeffery.



Hennington

Ashford, Kent

27-6-1916

I am much obliged for
your most encouraging note recd
yesterday. You will have had
mine crossing this. Another nice
letter from E. yesterday. He seems
to be enjoying Cricket & very much
to S. Jeffery.

POST



CARD



Mr Bedford Pierce

The Retreat

York.

Meadowside
Kennington
Ashford, Kent. 25/6/1916

Dear Dr. Pierce

We have been very pleased indeed to have such nice letters from Eric lately & feel persuaded he must be improving now. The last spoke of playing in a Cricket match, & also other games &c. He used to be so fond of Cricket. I am sure with these occupations he must be feeling less of a prisoner, as he has said nothing for some time about escaping.

I am writing particularly now because I have just heard from Chelsea, & you will see by the Form enclosed that they are granting Eric a pension of 20/- per week for six months.

Will you kindly get Eric's signature on pages 2 and 3, & if you think well the other particulars on page 2 where I have pencilled. On its return I will complete & forward to the right quarter.

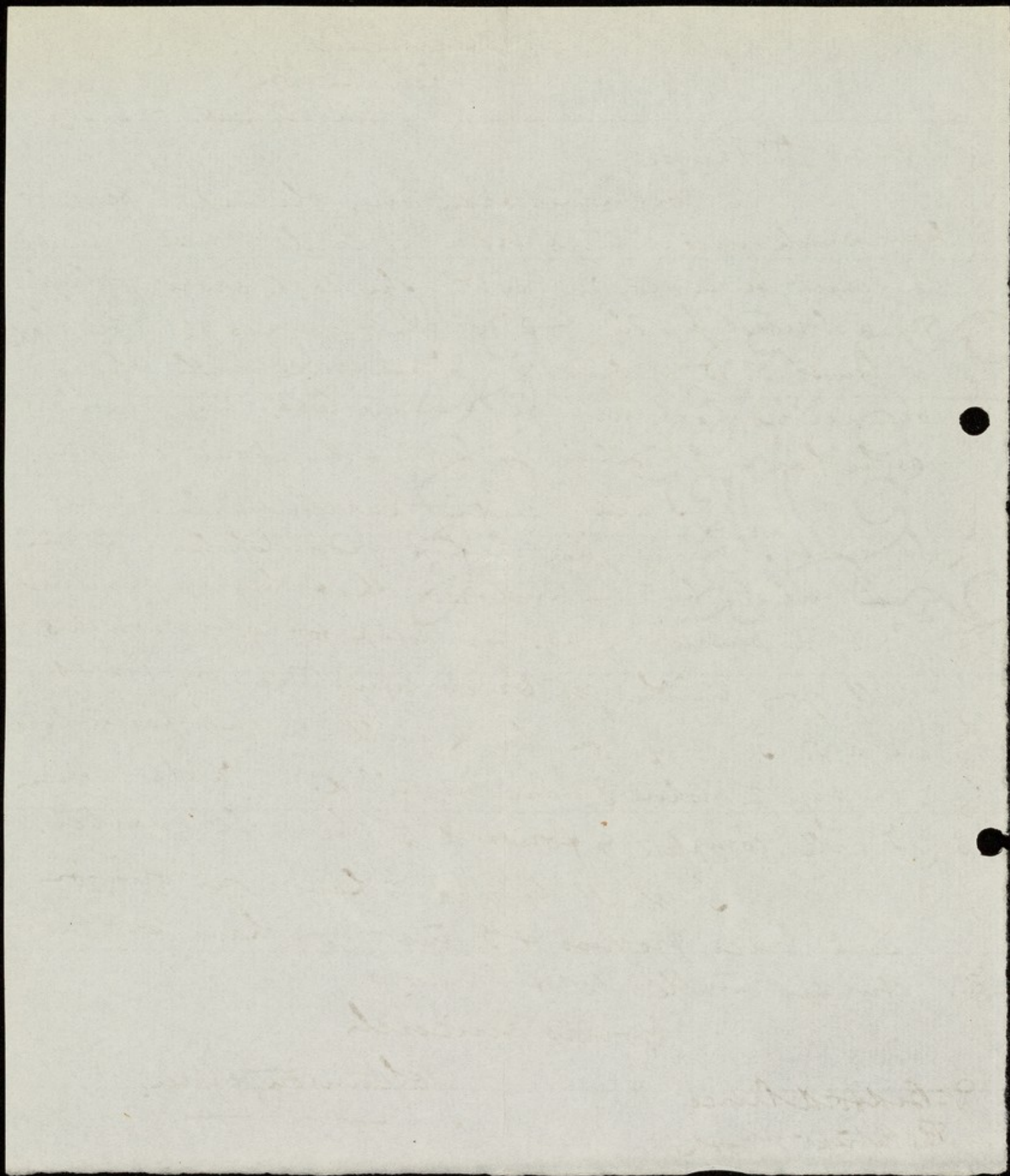
I shall be glad to have your opinion as to Eric's progress & I trust you have had no further trouble about windows.

Yours sincerely

to Stainton Jeffrey.

Dr. Bedford Pierce
The Retreat, York.

P.S. I take it you will be good enough to fill in the Certificate on page 2.



June 2nd, 1916.

Dear Mr. Jeffrey,

Just a line to acknowledge your letter of the 21st, and to say that I will submit to the Committee your proposal in respect to terms.

Since I wrote I can hardly report any improvement, the same impulsive tendencies continue. The other day in quite an aimless way your son put his hand through some glass, and cut his fingers slightly. He says he wants to work but there is not the constancy of mind to do so. I do not think it would be well to send him any money. As soon as he can work we shall pay him an hour, but at present I have to have a nurse with him all day, constantly by his side or some difficulty would arise from his impulsive actions.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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Meadowside
Kilmington
Ashford, Kent 21/5/1916

Dear Dr. Pierce

I was very pleased to have your letter yesterday, returning card re Eric's Insurance. Thank you much for the details you give. It certainly sounds to us as if he is improving. His aunt, who is with us just now, was delighted with the letter E. sent to her.

It has occurred to us that as one of the troubles is the matter of payment would you advise our sending E. some pocket money, so that he might himself pay say for his washing? This morning we received enclosed P.O. Order for balance of back pay. As it must be

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Cashed at Ashford will you be good enough to get Eric's signature & return it at your convenience.

Now as to our payment, we are most anxious that something should be done as we fully appreciate your care & treatment, & also the fact that the Comtee have allowed the matter to stand over for a month. It is very difficult for me to name a sum particularly as we do not yet know what the authorities will allow in the way of a pension. For the Committee's guidance however I would say that my salary is £4 per week, & I have Eric's two younger brothers at the Friends' School, Saffron Walden, at reduced terms. Pending the Pension Commissioners' decision may I suggest 25/- to 30/- per week. We should wish to add to this later when we know about the Pension, for we realise the care & trouble that is being taken & of course hope & believe that it may not be necessary for any great length of time. Yours sincerely W. Staniton Jeffrey.

Theodoroside
 Kemmington
 Ashford, Kent
 17-5-1916

Dear Dr. Pierce

I have just had enclosed card from the Regimental Paymaster, Netley. May I trouble you to get Eric to sign same & the local Insurance Man will do the rest.

I have had three letters from Eric since he has been at The Retreat, & each time we think there is decided improvement. He seems much troubled

however about the pay for what he calls his board & lodging, so perhaps he could be told he is getting some Army pay & he shall do his part. I have written to him on these lines.

So far there is nothing further from the Pension Board though I have lately given them all the particulars they asked for. We shall be very grateful for any news of Eric. Yours sincerely to. Stanton Jeffery.

P.S. - Kindly return card at your early convenience.

San Francisco

Dear Mr. [illegible]

Thank you for the [illegible]

of the 5-10-16

I am very glad to hear

that you are well and hope

that you will continue to

be so for many years to come

and that you will be able to

enjoy the rest of your life

in the most comfortable and

convenient manner possible

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27th April, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Jeffrey,

I am very pleased to have seen the letters which you have kindly sent. It is very pleasant to think that young soldiers are so kindly looked after in Alexandria, and that there are persons who take such an interest in them.

I have been away for a week's holiday and have only just seen your boy, and I must not say much about him. Last night he was confused, thinking there was a man or a pig or something alive in his mattress. To-day he is clearer and able to give a better account of himself, but still he does not realise the situation properly.

We are nursing him in bed and keeping him as quiet as possible. Before long we shall have him in bed in the open air, but just at present I think it is well for him to see very few people.

This is the sort of case which we expect to get well, but still one cannot but be anxious at such a serious breakdown.

You will, no doubt, write to him ordinary letters just as if he were away on a visit and keep him informed as to family news.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

24/4/16.

Hunnington
Ashford. Hants.

Dear Sir

Our Doctor advises me to let you see enclosed letters, which I received from an English lady living in Egypt, & doing good work amongst the soldiers. Eric had mentioned her kindness to him, in one of his letters.

The first unofficial report I had of his sudden attack was from a fellow soldier who described it as "neurosthenia due to religion". This is what Miss Henry refers to in her letter dated Feb. 28th. I do hope our poor boy will recover & find comfort & peace of mind again.

We never heard him use bad language & his manners were very polite until the last two or three weeks when his behaviour grew very rough often, & he has used words which he of course must have heard occasionally while soldiering.

I think this was just a phase & that it may have passed.

Will it be well for us to write to him regularly?

Yours sincerely
Gertrude Jeffery.

Dr. Beatrix Prince

Hennington

Ashford. Tenn.

May 1st 1916

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thank you for your kind note.

We are very glad to have news of Eric & to know he is being nursed in bed, he needed rest so badly.

It is a comfort to feel that he is now having such skillful treatment & nursing & I do trust he will recover.

We still hear nothing from the War Office but will let you know as soon as we do.

Yours very sincerely
Gertrude Jeffery.

Memorandum
to the President
of the United States

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
10th inst. in relation to the
subject of the proposed
amendment to the
Constitution of the United States.
I am very glad to hear that
you are so interested in this
important question, and I am
glad to see that you are
so fully conversant with the
subject. I am sure that your
views will be of great value
to the Commission.

Meadowside
 Kennington
 Ashford, Kent.

21-4-1916

Dear Sir

I thank you for yours of Apr. 18
 and regret that I shall not have the pleasure
 of seeing you on Saturday. We expect to
 reach York during the afternoon.

I will certainly let you know
 about the War Office allowance directly
 a decision is arrived at. I have a
 formal acknowledgment of my letter
 from the Chelsea Hospital people this
 morning.

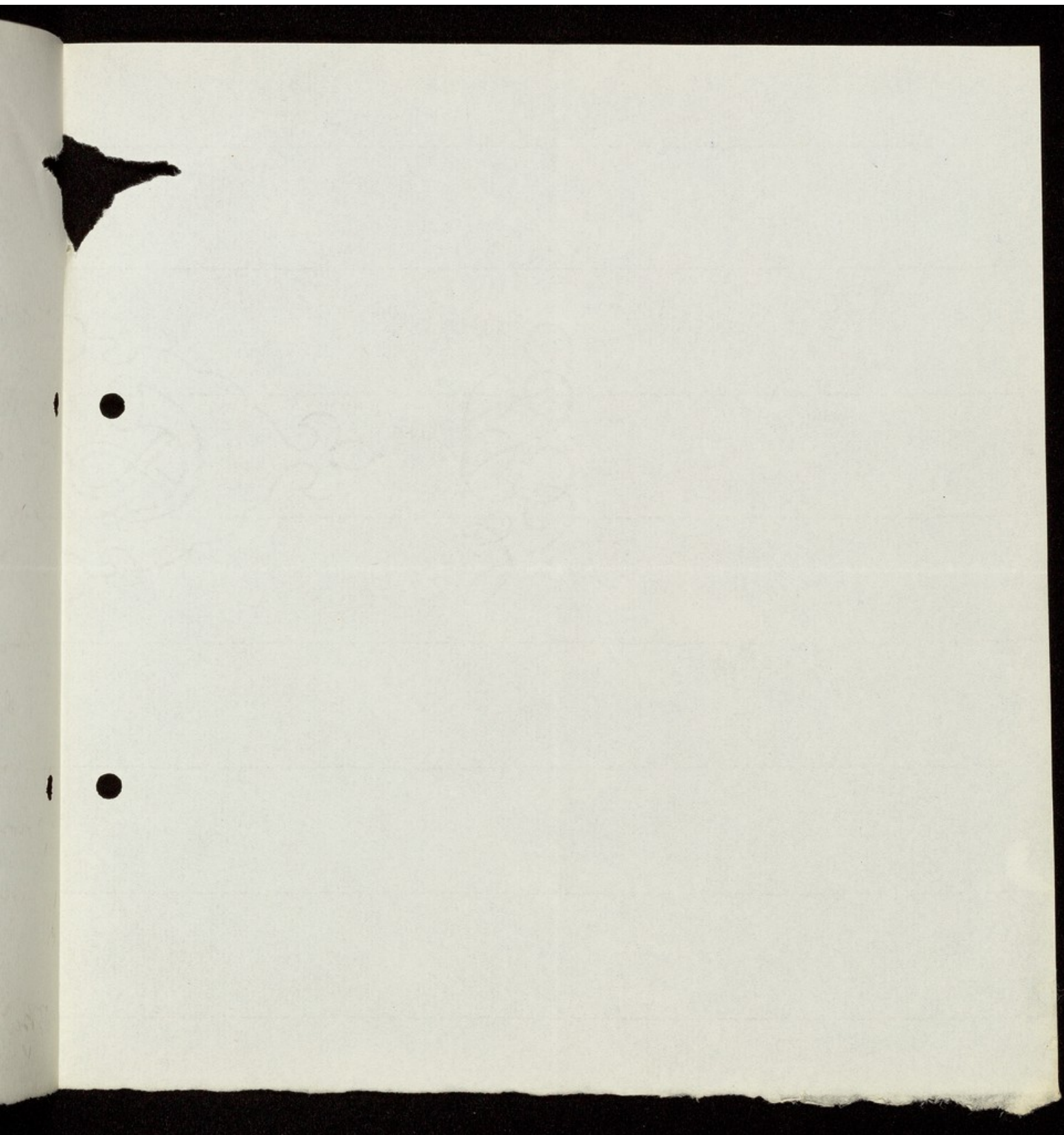
Yours faithfully

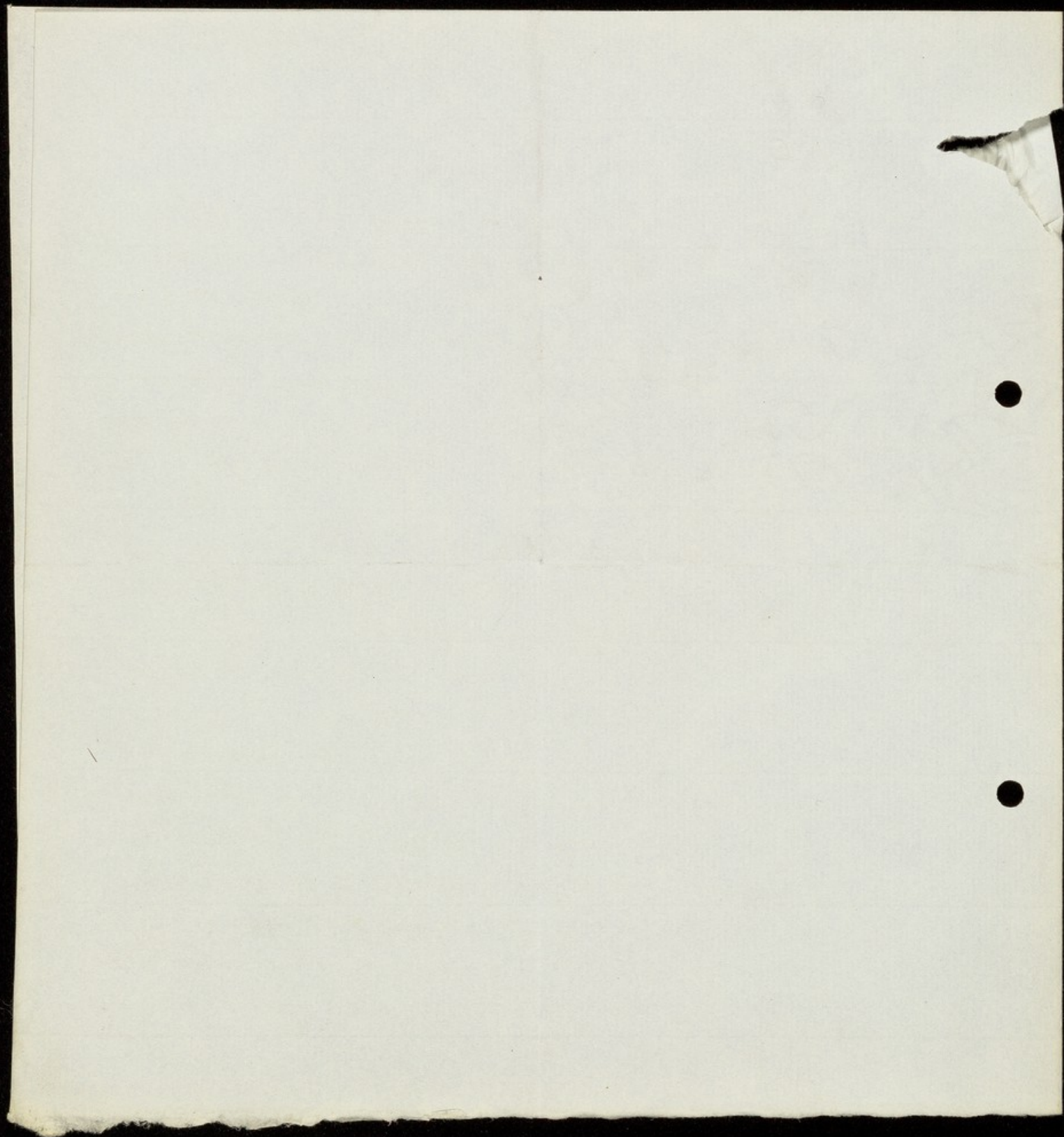
W. Stainton Jeffrey

D. Bedford Pierce
 The Retreat, York.

P.S. I am bringing the forms with me.
 They have all been duly filled up.







13th April, 1916.

Dear Friend,

Mr. Waller is unfortunately not well, and I am, therefore, replying to your letter about Eric Jeffrey.

From the description given it is clear that he cannot come here as a voluntary patient, and certificates will, therefore, be necessary. I have sent Mr. Jeffrey a set of forms for certificates, so that if it is decided for the patient to come to the Retreat he has the necessary papers.

We will gladly do all we can to help him. The account given does not seem very satisfactory, but it is difficult to judge from a letter.

With regard to terms, I understand Mr. Jeffrey cannot pay the ordinary terms, which are now £3. 3. 0 per week. The Committee will be largely guided by you, as our Agent, as to what reduction of terms is necessary in this case. There is a meeting of the Committee on Tuesday next, and if you could write to me before then on the subject, I will submit the application. As the patient is a member of the Society of Friends there is not likely to be much difficulty, but every case is considered on its merits.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

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I remain,
Yours very truly,

13th April, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I can hardly reply definitely on the subject of terms, as this has to be settled by the Committee of Management, but there is not likely to be any difficulty seeing that your son is a member of the Society of Friends.

We have had a letter from Mr. Headley, who is our Agent, and I have asked him to write to me on this subject before the meeting of the Committee on Tuesday next.

If it is necessary for your son to come soon the question of terms can certainly be left over.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

W. Stainton Jeffrey, Esq.

Meadowside,

Kennington,

Ashford,

Kent.

18th April, 1912.

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Yours very truly,

W. Steinton Jeffrey, Esq.

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Kennington,

Ashford,

Kent.

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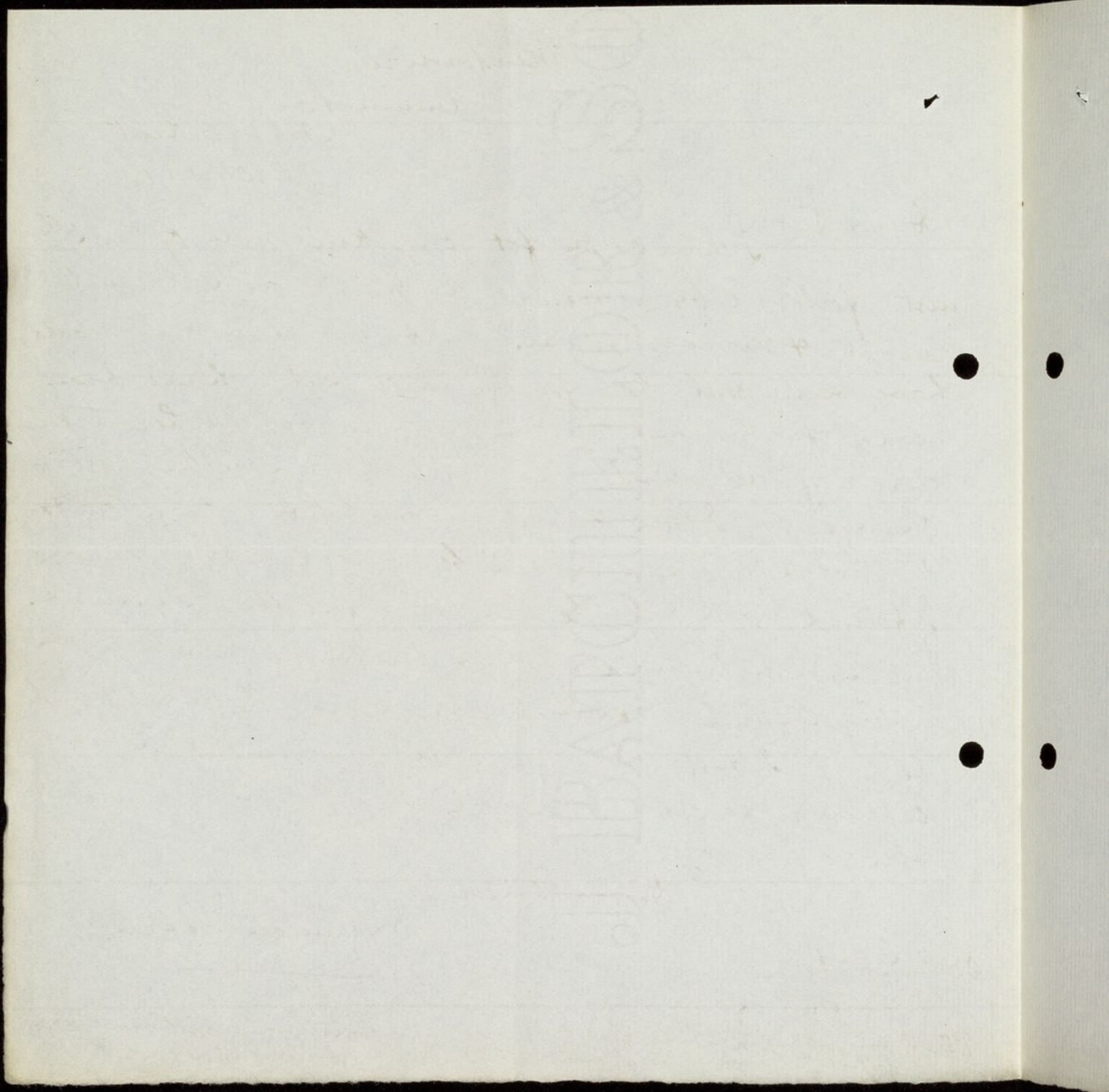
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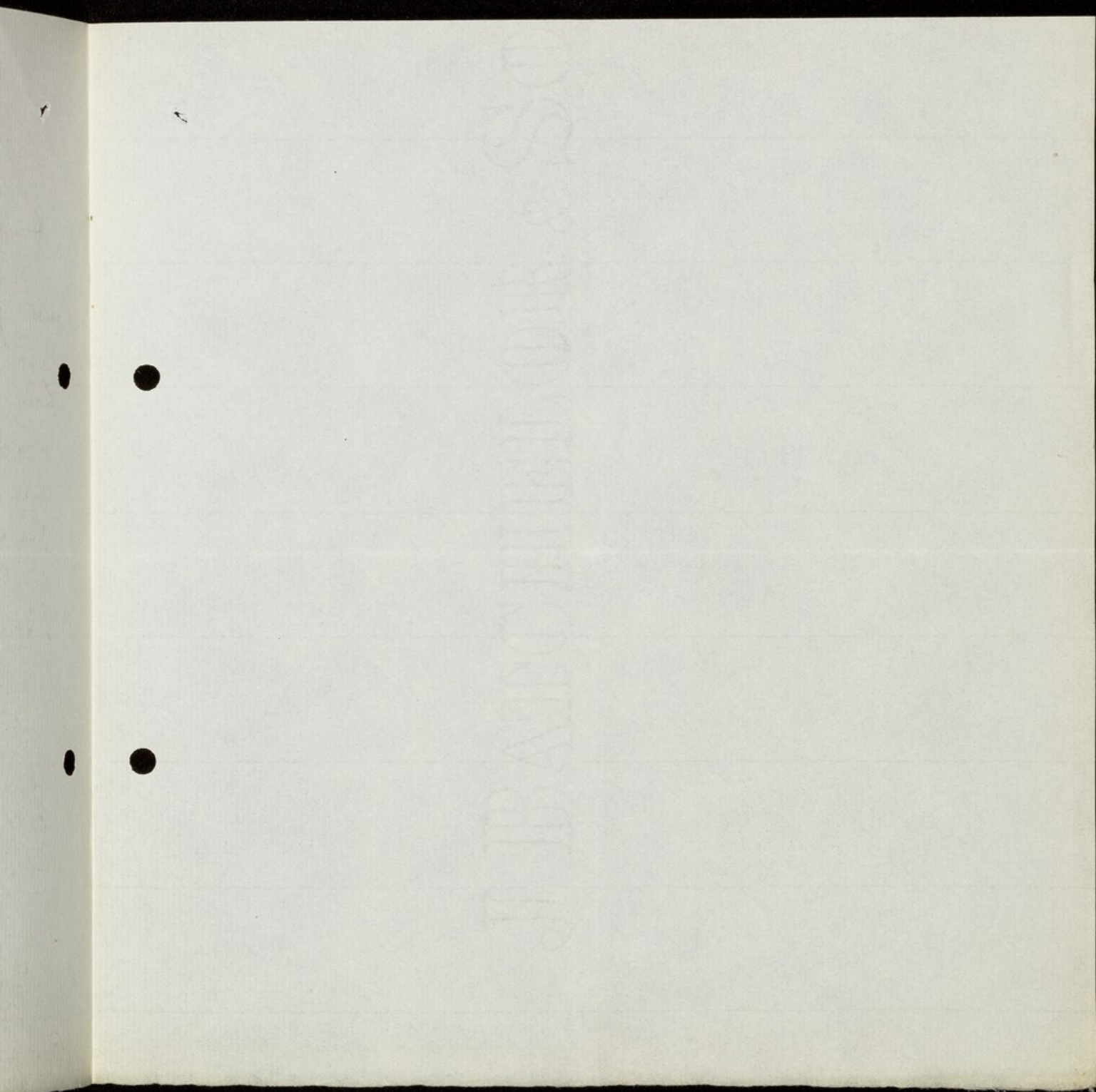
Dear Sir I thank you for your kind note of the 5th inst. followed by another on the 6th with Retreat Report & various forms. An earlier reply would have been sent, but for the fact that I have been away further into the country than we are here, taking charge of Eric while the nurse had a little rest & change. I took entire responsibility yesterday (Sunday) & although Eric had had a better week in some respects I found with me he was very difficult to manage. This has influenced me in deciding to write to you without further delay to ask what the terms would be. I trust there may be some reduction, as expenses in connection with this trouble have already been very heavy.

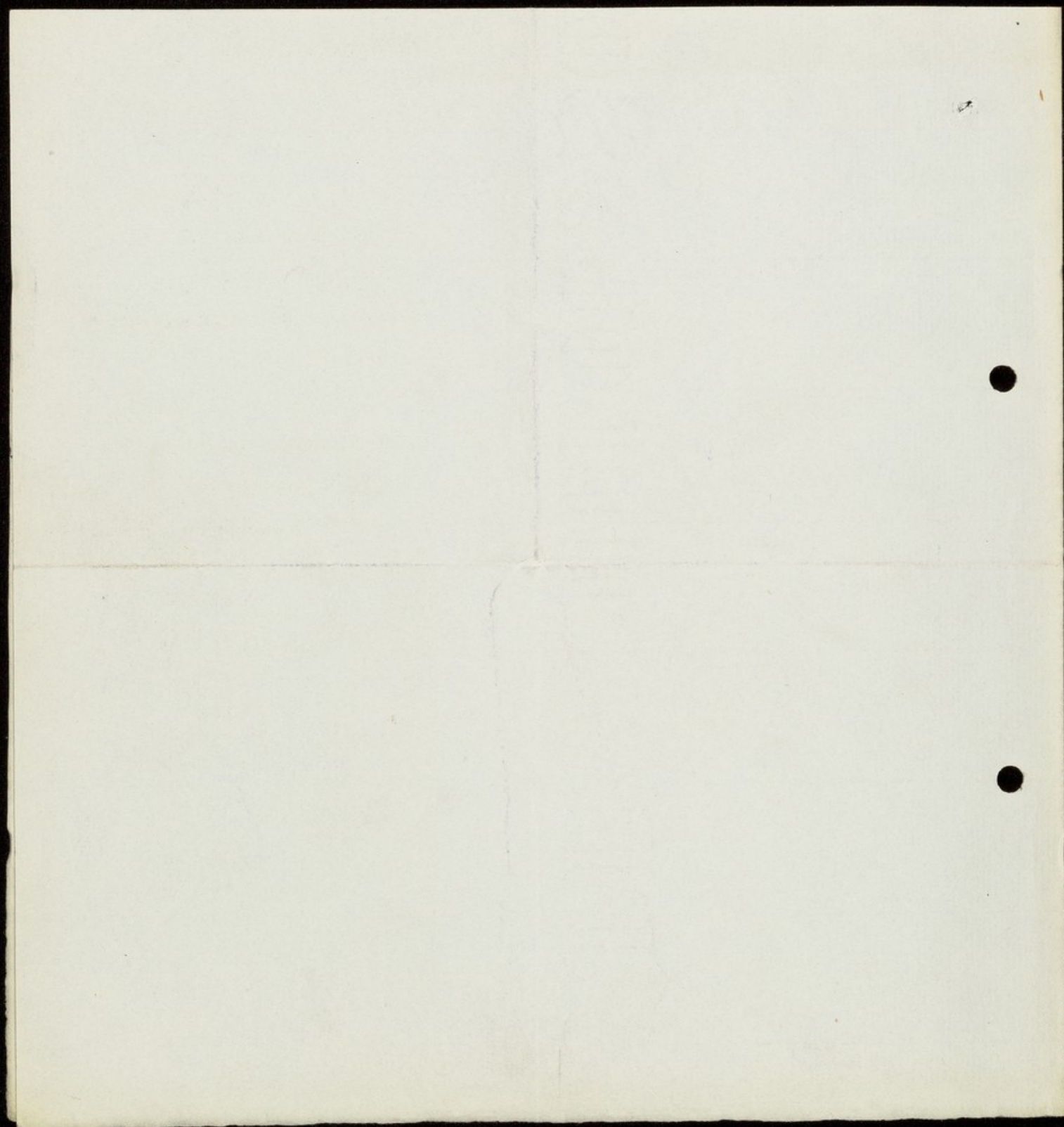
Yours sincerely
W. Stainton Jeffrey.

Dr. Bedford Pierce
The Retreat, York

P.S. I am interested to hear that Mrs. Pierce was contemporary with me at Sidcot. I recollect the name, though naturally I knew more about the "Boys' side"!







FROM

Herbert Dimsdale Headley, Bays, Challock, Nr. Ashford, Kent.

Telegrams: HEADLEY, CHALLOCK, ASHFORD.

10 - 4 1916.

To

Dear Friend W.E. Waller

I am interested in a sad case of a young fellow who has come home from Egypt in a very bad state of health.

Eric Jeffery son of William S. Jeffery both members of our Society & both ^{I believe} old Saffron Walden scholars.

We have found a quiet cottage near my home here for Eric. This male attendant at the present time but Dr. Littledale, who has had some experience with such cases - thinks that the lad would be ^{under} better conditions if he were placed in an institution where the

Kindly notify change of address

Yours truly H.D. Headley

Retreat: I have asked Dr. Lilledale who I know very well to give me a description of the case and I am enclosing his two notes to me in order that you or rather Dr. Beaford Price may see exactly how the matter stands and kindly let me know whether it is one that you could take at the Retreat.

I ought to add that the parents of Eric J. do not know that I am writing to you & possibly might not wish the fact to be treated in this way. I thought however that as your agent I should be doing the best thing to pretty much ensure whether there would be an opening & the probable charge & then I can either put the matter before them or not according to your reply. I might add that this is a case where expense is a ~~great~~ consideration.

18th April, 1916.

Dear Sir,

It will be quite all right for your son to come on Saturday, the 22nd. Unfortunately I shall myself be away from home, but my colleague, Dr. Mackenzie, will see to anything that may be necessary.

With regard to the fees, the matter could not be definitely settled, as the Committee did not have sufficient information as to what could be rightly afforded, and it was allowed to stand over until next Committee. Perhaps by then you will know what the War Office can allow.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

W. Stainton Jeffrey, Esq.

Meadowside,

Kennington,

Ashford,

Kent.

6th April, 1916.

Dear Friend,

I send herewith a copy of the Retreat Report which will give you particulars respecting the admission of patients, and I can send you forms for admission at any time should they become necessary.

With respect to terms, I have no doubt whatever that the Committee would willingly sanction a reduction of terms for your son under the circumstances, the more so as he is a member of the Society of Friends. Perhaps if the matter is to be proceeded with, you will send me a letter of application which I can submit to the Committee when they next meet.

I much hope that this attack of excitement may subside and that treatment here will not become necessary.

My wife, whose name was Hamilton, tells me that she was at school with you at Sidcot. Possibly you may remember her.

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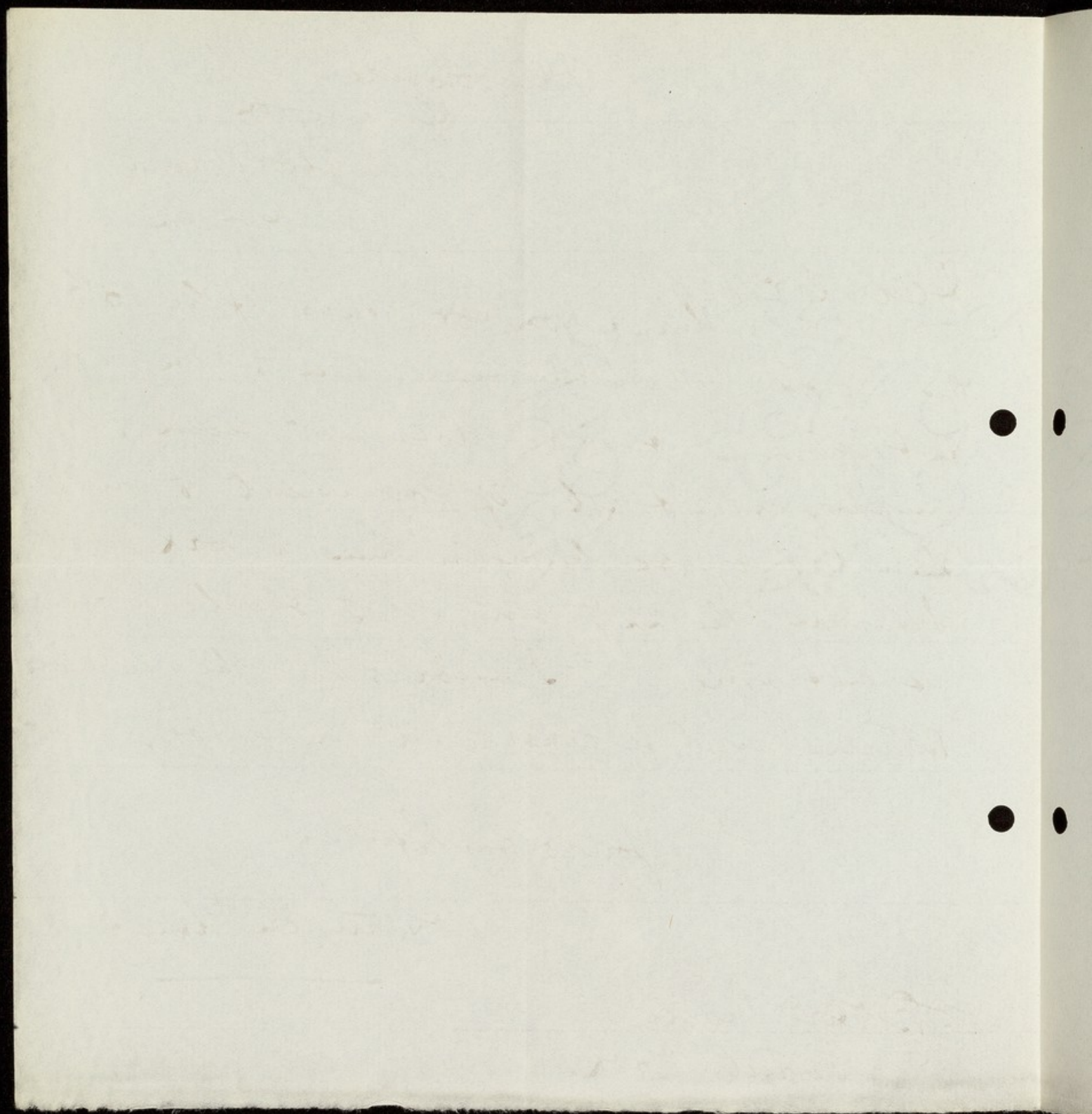
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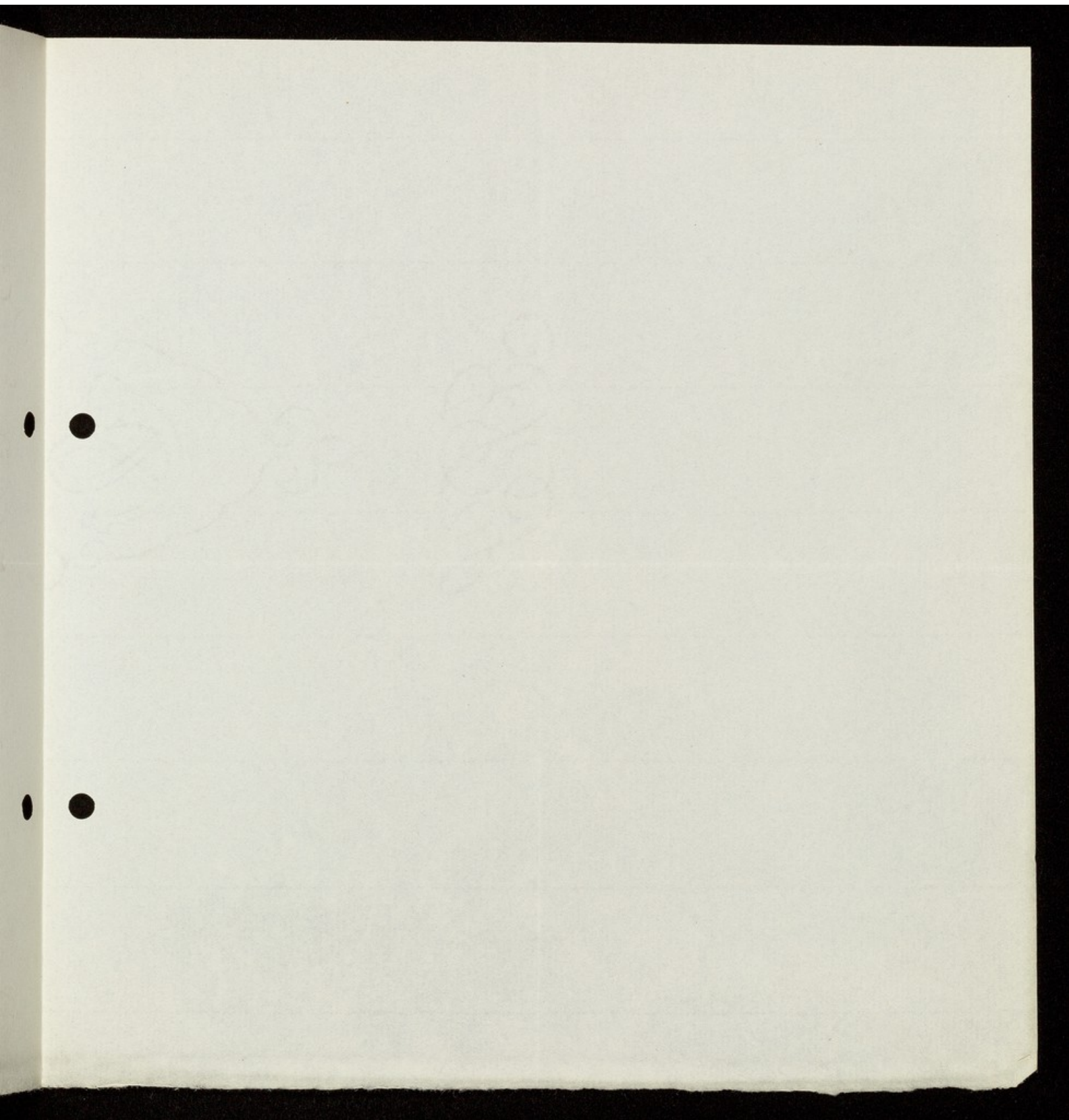
Dear Sir I thank you for yours of the 13th
& I am glad Mr. Headley has written to you on the
subject. As Eric does not seem to be
improving at all, if convenient to you I
should propose bringing him to York next
Saturday the 22nd inst., as I should be free
at that time. I understand the question
of terms will be considered on Tuesday next.

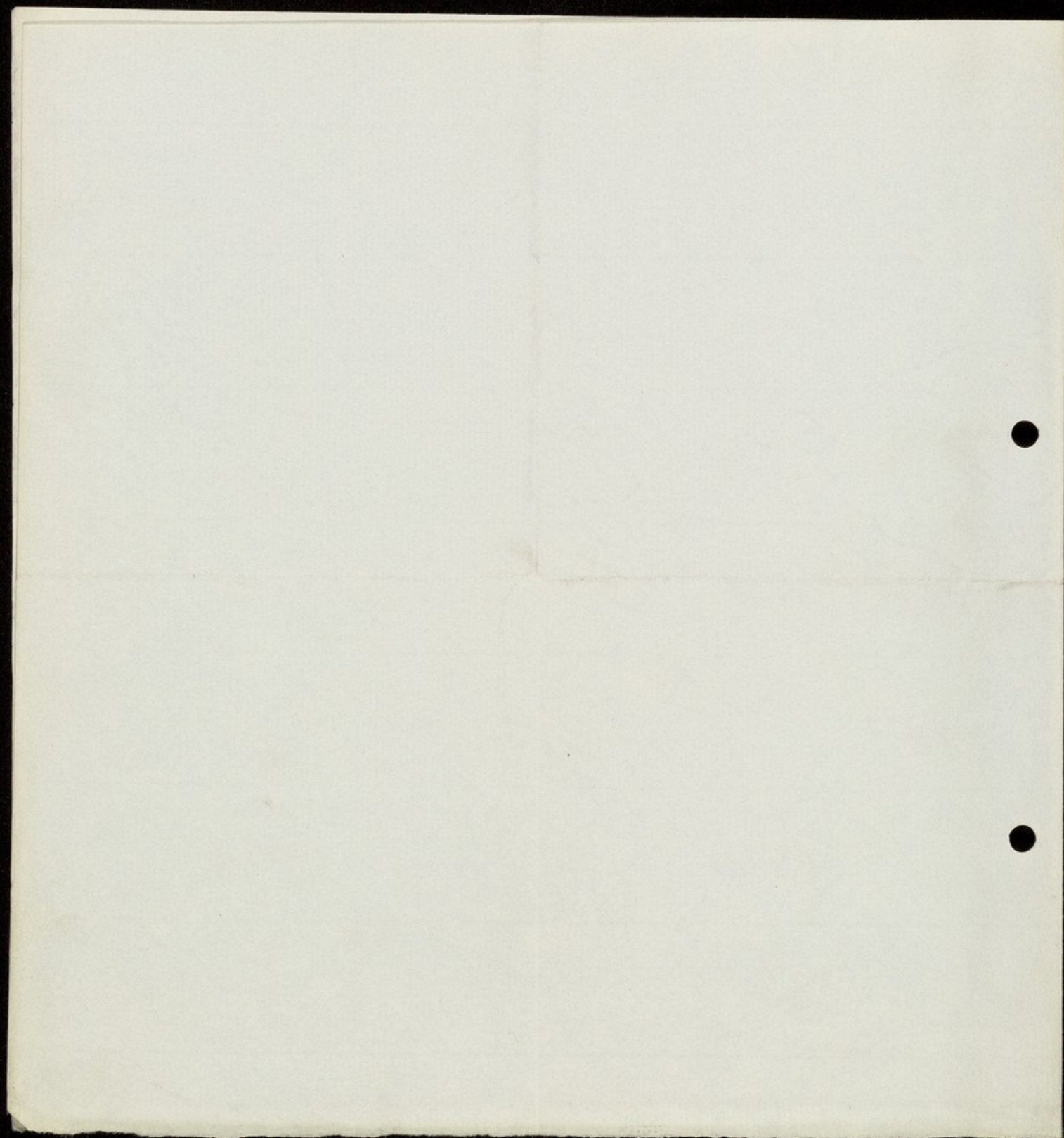
Yours faithfully

W. Stanton Jeffrey

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The Retreat, York.







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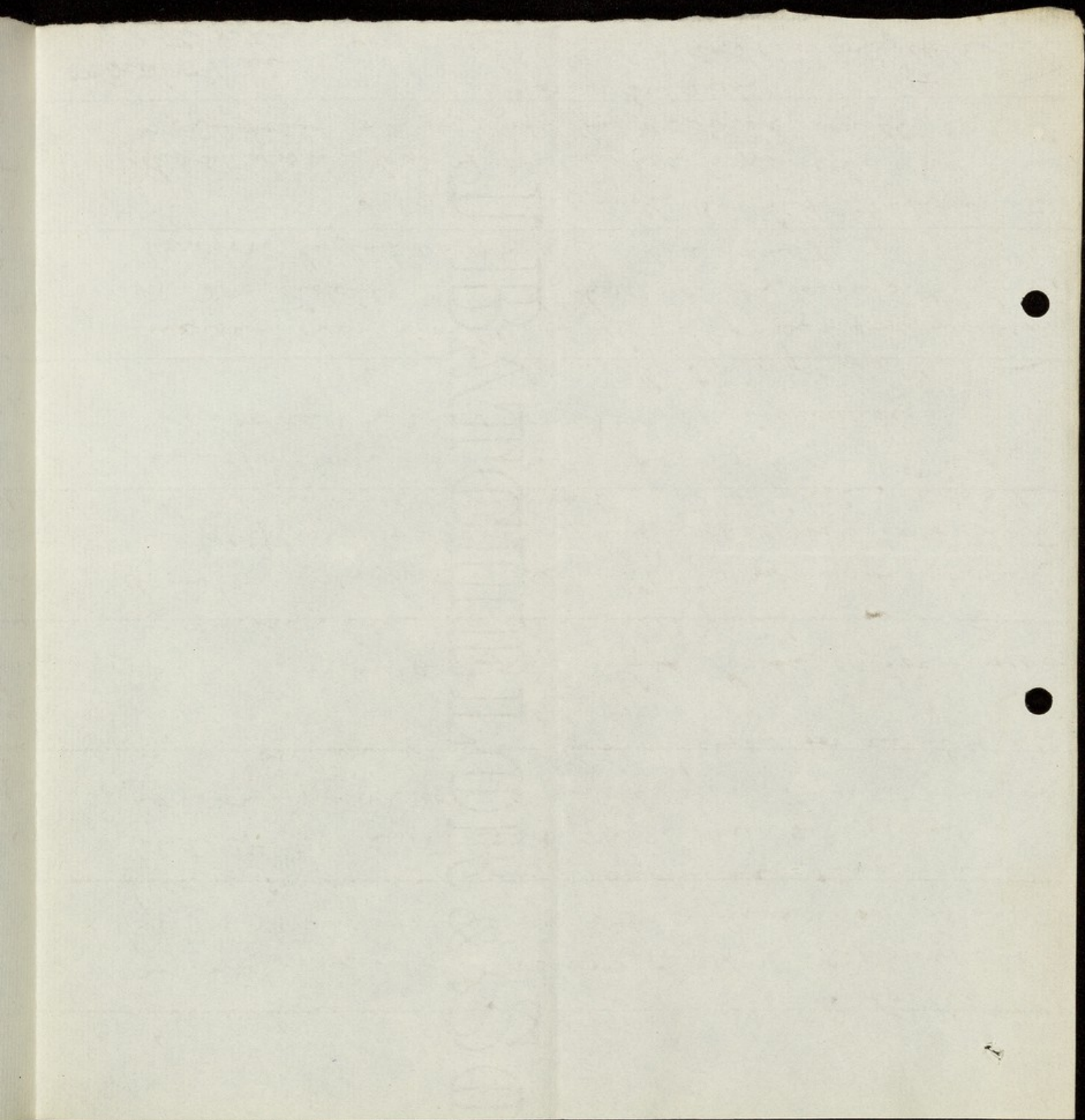
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Dear Sir

On the advice of Mr. Sam Davies (Rowntree, York) I write to you about my son Eric who is suffering from acute neurosthenia brought on by the severe strain & suffering he has been through while serving in the trenches as a signaller in Gallipoli during Aug., Sept. & Oct. of last year. He was then only 18½, having joined for the war soon after leaving the Friends' School, Saffron Walden. From Nov. 5 to January he was in hospital in Dhalta & Gozo, suffering from fever & debility & also dysentery. When partially recovered he was sent to Egypt & was on duty there. He was taken suddenly very ill while on Sentry duty, but we are unable to ascertain the immediate cause of this, as he remembers nothing after being taken to Hospital in Alexandria.

He was sent to England, to Netley Hospital in February & invalided from the Army, being brought home to us just five weeks ago.

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For a time his Mother was able to do the nursing under our Doctor's careful supervision, but the turns of delirium & restlessness have become so much more pronounced that I have had to get a trained male nurse from a London Institution a week ago. I am not however in a position to bear this expense for an indefinite time.

We are trying what three or four weeks away from home a few miles further into the country with his nurse will do for him, but if he does not improve it may be necessary for him to have more expert treatment. My son has an excellent character with his discharge papers, & Mr. J. P. Walker (of S. Walden) & others would supply credentials.

As a Member of the Society of Friends I am anxious that should the above course become necessary my son should be in the best possible hands & I should therefore be glad if you will state terms &c.

I write thus fully so that you may understand the situation, but of course we hope what we are now doing may have the desired result.

Yours sincerely

W. Stainton Jeffrey

Dr. Bedford Pierce
The Retreat, York.