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Dear Margaret:

It seems like old times to be out on an epidemiological investigation in California. And what an epidemic! We expect to show that the vaccine had nothing to do with it, but we had a tense time until the bulletins began to come in from Seattle and the southeast showing that the same vaccine lots had not been followed with jaundice in those countries. Now we are beginning to find cases in civilians who were

never vaccinated, and we hope to trace the epidemic from its approximate place of origin in Southern California. The best thing is that the cases are very mild and most of the patients are in bed only because they were told to stay there. It's fine to work with these picked young boys.

Poppies are out and also lupins. The weather is fine, but cool, of course. We are well treated and are given every facility including transportation in Army cars.

To-morrow we stay here to make visits and straighten out our notes. The next day, Thursday

the 26th, we start early in ~~an~~ two Army cars for Fort Ord and from there we go on to Los Angeles, Pasadena, Barstow, etc., to straighten out the tangled information. My group consists of Kall Meyer, Baner, Eaton, but army officers will help in their own areas. The investigation is ~~an~~ an activity of the Commission on Tropical Diseases of which I am Chairman. I do hope we can do a creditable and conclusive piece of work and at the same time contribute something ~~toward~~ on the etiology of infectious jaundice.

Give Billibup a kiss for me and deliver my love to all. Circumstances compelled me to move fast when I arrived but the pace should soon slow down a little.

It may still be weeks before I reach home, but I will come as soon as I can bring this important investigation to an end.

I saw Miss Ida May Stevens to day and to-morrow I shall spend the forenoon in Berkeley.

With much love,

Kilbun.