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My dear Fraser Roberts,

Congratulations on your last news. My wife will be delighted to hear it.

I shall be very glad to have your paper for the Annals, and I always am in the case of what you write.

I am afraid you may find that the task of getting the army transfusion data into order will not have grown easier with the passage of time, and that it may be found to be more complex and ambiguous on many points than it need have been.

There is one point of very special interest, which I think you are already alive to, but which I should like to mention now, and that is the value, if you could get them, of any subgroups of genuinely Welsh origin. You may recall that the 5 or 6% of Welsh surnames found at Slough gave, like the Scotch, more O and less A than the London population. So far, strangely enough, we have no direct evidence of this from Wales, where the only substantial sample has been from Cardiff and gave values not unlike Exeter or Bristol.

If you find that the Army data requires, and seems to deserve, a substantial amount of work, I do hope you will utilise it in a
further note for the Annals, where the discussion of the difficulties that arise might usefully be put on record.

Yours sincerely,