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Subject: Request for repatriation in respect of Private Michael  
LYSAGHT, aged 25, 32nd Irish Battalion, Goma, No. 806769

Private Lysaght was directed to us at the Kintambo Hospital, Leopoldville, on 1 October 1960 by the Medical Officer in Goma.

This patient had been treated in November 1959 for gastric infection, and in August 1960 for peptic ulcer diagnosed by radiology. On 30 September 1960, the patient suffered a raving delirium the precise nature of which we have not been able to determine, as the patient has himself no recollection whatever of what happened and the Medical Officer has not provided us with detailed information.

We found no pathological symptoms in this patient on his admission on 1 October, and his psychic behaviour appeared normal.

It appears that the main reason for this young soldier's transfer was to enable him to accompany O'Halloran, a member of the same unit.

Nevertheless, we deem it unwise to return this young man to his unit without having submitted him to examination by a psychiatrist. In view of the fact that an examination of this kind is not at present possible in Leopoldville, and that in any case it would extend over several weeks, Lysaght's repatriation is considered essential. There is the additional fact that the existence of a peptic ulcer, even in its cicatrized form, reduces his suitability for service, and in our opinion this in itself constitutes a valid ground for repatriation.

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(signed) Dr. Beck Dr. De Sinner Dr. Beretta