THE ROHNS

We made our first call at the Rohns, a new emergency hospital that has been opened (in a Göttingen hotel) and the sight rather shook me even after what we have seen in the past weeks. A large room which previously a dance hall now contains about 150 beds - head touching head with about 1½ ft between the feet. The patients were lying in their own clothes with a single blanket and I leave you to imagine the stench which even sulphur candles failed to smother. A number of German Red Cross staff seemed to be making an attempt to make the people comfortable but it seemed an impossible task under the circumstances - and conditions are not likely to improve as the daily trek seems to contain more and more "fragile" cases.

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(in einem Brief vom 15.12.1945 an seinen Bruder)