

Thursday, October 5/16

Dear Mother, Father, & Carrie

Received a letter from Mother & Dad & also one from Carrie to-day, and I am certainly glad you enjoy my descriptive letters, I intended my last letter to be a diary from our return, from London up until then. But as you know by this time we are all ready to move to Thorncliffe and expected that last letter would be the last from this Camp, and I was pushed for time, I certainly wish I was home to help, you must be terribly busy with catering, Soldiers, etc. Murray & I are feeling fine "Oh say before I forget I met some Manchester Boys over here they have invited me to their Home, and nothing will satisfy them but a Photo, if you would send me one of those good ones I know it will be appreciated by them. I will write Mrs Ross & thank her but I think I had better wait until I get them so I can thank her properly. This is the introductory paragraph. I am going to start writing this on the installment plan, we have just come off Parade now, and expect to hear the Coast House go pretty soon, so of course that means a Break I think I will name this article

"Our Camp life and do we like it or not."

Thursday September, now dears of I have left out any dates just let me know and I will let you have them Because I have notes of every day.

up at 5 AM Breakfast 6 AM Muster Parade at 7 AM. This Parade was called by the pay office and believe me nobody was Backward in coming forward, to answer their names, We ^{under}standing carounded until 9 AM. from 9 AM to 10 AM we had what is commonly known as Physical Jerks, That our officer was telling you about in my last epistle who was crabby and a reformer of men, made some awfully galls put out left Hand marker etc, of course our sympathy for his mistakes was not very much. In fact we felt quite joyful about it, from 10 AM until 12 we had passing messages in extended order and our new friend tried to get even with us. by passing messages about a Black log. It didn't do him very much good because there was not one message arrived at its destination the same as it left the Base. We did not have any dinner to-day. we are getting very dandy here and are afraid of our health so we are dieting by heck. To-day I had one cheese sandwich minus the cheese, We fell in again @ 2 Pm with packs on we had lectures on Outpost duty & reconnaissance.

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Murray & I had charge of a Bunch in
our Outpost duty we had our sentry's
(connecting files and main guard well
placed and knew our duties, etc when
our superior inspected our arrangement
he said with a noble voice very good
ones, we had the same Bunch out on
a reconitering Expedition, and sent
in a good report, so we were all jake
with him,

Murray has been warned
for Guard duty to-morrow and
I do not envy him it is 3 miles out and
lonely as the dickens ruff said. Had a
good supper to-night and made up
for all vacancies caused at dinner.
at 7³⁰ Down and went over to Din Town
and had some Boiled Horn sliced
Tomatoes B & B & Tea for 8 pence went
to Bed at 8³⁰ Started to Rain and looks
like a laster.

Friday September 29
up at 5³⁰ Breakfast 6³⁰ Raining No
Parades this morning, Poor old
Murray had to go on guard in the
rain, we all stayed in our Huts and
acted like a Bunch of Kids. Boxing
wrestling, acrobatic stunts, checkers
and everything except anything
pertaining to work, We are getting
paid this afternoon and Believe me
the fellows need it, now this is how
Bad. I saw one Cigarette But about
1/4" long so around to 8 different fellows

This morning, at 2:30 the Big event come off. I got a raise of 5 cents a day, according to my rank. Lance Jack, Everybody was out to-night and it seemed funny. They say that that is alright when they are broke but they are spenders when they get their money. There was quite a few real stews to-night, they are mostly all young fellows who never took a drink before they joined the Army, our fellows had quite a time putting them to bed and keeping them quiet Murray missed all this, Don't. I went over to the YMCA & had coffee and cakes which cost us the sum of 6 pence in bed at 9:30.

Saturday Sept 30
 up at 5:30 Breakfast @ 6:30 Partridge
 Canned Beef & Butter & Tea,
 Physical Juts. 9-10 Platoon drill
 until 11:30 Our own officers are
 back to-day from their courses
 and we are certainly glad to change
 Jennie for one Stetson, But you
 would think the way Mr Stetson
 drilled us that we were a Bunch
 of Defaulter we were dismissed
 early, Sat afternoon I wrote
 nearly all afternoon & Sat night
 a Bunch of us went to the Moving
 Picture show in Tin. Town. and
 had a pretty good time. Murray come
 off guard this morning and he had
 a punk time of it. It rained nearly
 all the time and the "flap on the Old

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Sent. he had would not close" oruff said
you should have heard him, rare,
was in Bed at 9 P.M.

Sunday October 1st.

All the time was changed at 3 AM all
clocks were put Back an Hour we got
up at 6³⁰ This means we had 2 hours
extra sleep. It is a nice clear morning
Breakfast at 7³⁰ Porridge Bacon.

Bread & Tea Church Parade @ 9 AM.

Mr Graham preached It was only
a short service but very impressive
It was to-day that we first heard
we were due for a more and for
a while rumors were flying around
quite regularly, I stayed in all
afternoon and slept. Gee darn.

getting lazy. Murray Norm & I
went over to Tin Town and Had
Bacon & Eggs for our supper. That
seems to be our long suit. Just a
hint to Carrie don't ever Better
Murray's Toast I have heard him
give more than one falling down
for this grave offence, after
supper, we went over to the
YMCA & read some Back about
8³⁰ and went to Bed in all we
spent a pretty lazy day.

Monday October 2

Jep Raid about 130 This morning, It
was not very large, and I did not
even get up. more laziness. up at 5³⁰
Roll @ 6 AM. Breakfast 7³⁰ we had an
absolutely different menu this morning
it consisted of Porridge Bacon Tea B & B

It is raining again today. we had
 Physical jerks in #1 Hut. from 9-10
 Lecture on Musketry until 12
 Dinner at 12³⁰. Stew, Potatoes peas.
 Raining this afternoon so to keep us
 busy they gave us Kit Inspection in
 our Huts at 3³⁰. played House the
 remainder of the time it is a card
 game should had a Bath before
 supper, not because I needed it. no
 Supper at 5³⁰. Bread & Butter Tea Prunes
 & Tapioca pudding I would have
 been all jake only the pudding pretty
 nearly crawled off my plate & I could
 not eat it. England landed another
 Gep last night. This makes 4 now.
 pretty good going eh in Bed @ 9 PM

Tuesday October 3.

up at 5³⁰, Roll at 6. Breakfast @ 7³⁰
 we are starting a musketry course
 and if I am not careful now I will
 be giving you all a lecture on
 musketry & care of arms. as I have
 taken on this on that too, In the
 afternoon we had a lecture on
 Infantry attack, Supper at 5³⁰
 which consisted of sliced Beets
 Bread & Butter & Tea. went to
 Bed at 9 PM. we are having a
 clinic on this Musketry course
 as we have heard the same things
 100 times

Wednesday October 4/16

up @ 5³⁰ Did not sleep very good last
 night which is quite a strange

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Performance for one. If you do not
get a sleep like. Before the others do
it is impossible last on way if
we have got the greatest bunch of
Snarers in this Hut, never collected
together Before I think so any way
Breakfast @ 7³⁰ Partridge Bread &
Butter & Sausages. Musketry again
we are practising for our firing
bearing the standing, kneeling & lying
positions. This is one of the tests
we have to go through in 2 weeks.
we have to load and fire 5 rounds
rapid at 300 yards double to 200
yards put on gas helmets and fire
10 rounds rapid, all this has to be
done in 90 seconds. it sounds
almost impossible doesn't it, we
also learnt the correct position
for loading, observing, and firing
in the trenches under one of our
Instructors Mr James ^{of Grosbeak} ~~of Grosbeak~~
who has just returned from a
course. Dinner at 12³⁰ The meals
are pretty good again now. Meat
Pie potatoes & peas. and enjoyed
it. Physical drill from 2-3 and
Bomb Throwing from 3-4³⁰ Supper
at 5³⁰ Stewed apples. Bread & Butter &
Tea, Fred Huddleston, N. Stammers &
I went over to the Moving picture
show at Tin Town and we lucky
enough to strike a dandy 3 reel
picture. Home and went to Bed

at 9 AM.

Thursday, October 5 up to date
 up @ 5³⁰ Roll call 6 AM Route march
 6³⁰ Breakfast at 7³⁰ Bacon & Butter
 & Partridge Muesli this morning
 consisted of snoring by numbers we
 were all asleep, Dinner 12³⁰ Stew
 & Potatoes & Carrots and it was good.
 from 2-3 Physical Jerts and on the
 syllabus of Draining from 3-4.30 a
 medical inspection was called
 for. Our Doctor inspected about
 200 of us in about 5 minutes so you
 can understand what kind of an
 inspection it is now 4⁰ I have been
 writing this letter all day between
 paradises so on caught up.

That menu you sent made me
 feel pretty hungry I wish I was
 there well dear, I guess this will
 have to do for now Remember me
 to Annie & Bessie & Carrie please
 call up A Goddard & L M Tenzie &
 remember me to them

Wishing you are all well &

remain

Your loving Don & Bro to
 the Blow out Kid.

Bob.
 M Woracy