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Sunday
Witley Camp.
Surrey
April 22 1917

My dear Mother Father & Carrie
Well dears here we are
still in Quarantine but expect
to come out Thursday or Friday
and believe me dears we will
be glad to be out and around
with the Boys again.

Everything is going on
here much the same as usual
The rumors about going away
are the chief topic of conver-
sation But when and where we
are going no one seems to know
Do you see we may have to
go without our passes after
all. And my. and I have been
counting so much on getting



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one.

This Quarantine of ours
has turned into a night
Quarantine, we parade with
the Battalion and do just as
much and at nights we go
back to our pen and are
guarded so we cannot go out.
Last Thursday we feel it at
9 AM with heavy marching, which
consists of a full pack weighing
about 60^{lbs} and our Rifle, we
wear our Steel Helmets which
have a habit of giving us a
thump in the neck. I suppose
until we get used to their
weight.



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we marched all morning and
stopped for dinner at Wareley
abbey. It is an old estate and
the mansion has been turned
into a convalescent Hospital
It was the most beautiful
place I have ever seen, a
great stately house surrounded
by beautiful grounds etc
also the old Wareley ruins
are there, we had some very
interesting talks with some of
the soldiers, who took us
through the Hospital and
showed us around as much
as time permitted. I saw some
of the most pitiable sights I



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had never seen or imagined
But Maugh said of this
at 130 the Blow the fall in
we were then Paraded up in
front of the Hospital where
the nurses gave us some
Cigarettes after which we
started for Camp. "It was
raining nearly all day. we
arrived Back here about 5 Pm
and had marched 22 miles and
believe me dear this Quarantine
that looked just as good to me
as if it had been a Palace.
Nearly all of our feet were
blistered and we were pretty
tired.



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On Friday I had to finish up
my Class. The Brigade
officer was examiner all the
way through

Here are the results:

written exam on Mechanism 86%

Ranges firing 75%

dut & field work 90%

This is the average; The

Officer was well pleased

and I could have hugged each

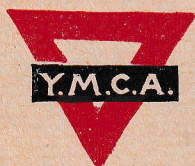
one of the fellows for doing

so good. Murray lead in
everything and he is certainly

an A1 Machine gun man

if he ever needs to be His

written work and firing were



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almost perfect.

On Saturday morning we went out to Hankley Common 5 miles from here for field manoeuvring. The Quartermasters and the Signallers were divided up to represent a Battalion and we had to make an attack on the other, we each had about 50 rounds of Blot and we had quite a nice little sham fight. Gen Hughes was out there and he seemed very well pleased. We arrived back here about 2 P.M. the last.



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days have been dandy
& by the looks of things
we will get some nice
weather which is as you
have heard half the Battle

We have not had any
Canadian mail lately
and believe me we can
hardly wait to hear

Oh say. Please send me
a fifty Box of Mural.
Cigarettes I had one the
other day and it was a
dandy charge

Remember me to
all with all the love
I have
Bob.