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THE Y.M.C.A. WITH H.M. TROOPS

For God
for King &
for Country

From.....

..... Batt. Reg't. Coy.

Address reply to

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Welsh Guards
Guards Depo.
Battersea
Surrey

Friday
Dear Dad.

I received the tobacco and Cigars
this morning, and am very grateful for same.
I was sorry I was not able to
come home Whitson. But it was not my fault.
and I did my best to get leave. I hope to be
successful later on when Letty is home. It will
be a case of seeing the Captain. A large number
of men here, belonging to the Welsh took french
leave, and many of them have not yet returned.
I don't envy them on their return. I hope Jack

was home with you.

I have been very ill the last three days. I was inoculated last Tuesday, and suffered very badly from the effects. I had a terrible pain in my right breast, where I received the injection. It felt like having a rusty pin stuck in and left there. Some of the others were much worse and were delirious. We had 48 hours rest, and by this morning I was quite myself and was on parade as usual. I had a very quiet holiday Whiston. We only had Monday off, and I did not go out of Caterham. I took part in a military funeral Saturday afternoon. One of our sergeants, a policeman from Bridgend, died here from pneumonia, and we took him to the station on a gun carriage to send him on his last journey home. It impressed me very much, as it was the first event of this kind for me to ever partake in.

Some of the Scots Guards from this Depot was killed in the great train smash in the north on their way home, on leave.

I hope you are all well at home. I am expecting to hear from some of you. Tell mother to write, or write yourself. It is always good to hear from home. I have no more news now, so will conclude with best love to all. am just going for a stroll to Purley (about 4 miles from here) and have not much time. Hoping to see you shortly. Yours affectionately
David