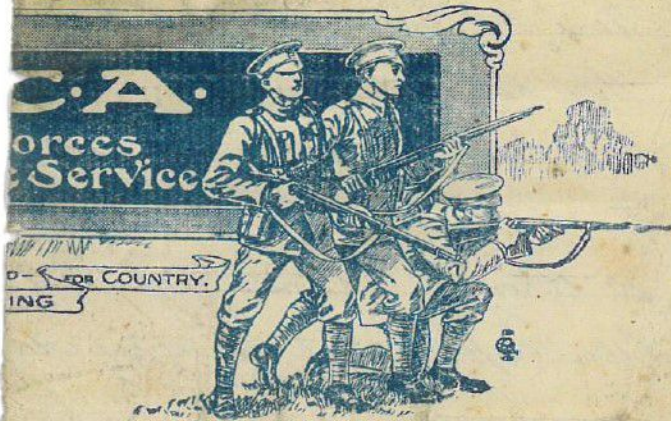


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_____m
_____Batt. _____ Reg't. _____ Coy.
Address reply to _____

Private D^d James
No 657. Welsh Guards
Shepherd Bush
London.

Dear Jack

Just a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. We are in a fine place, (the White City) and I am enjoying my self immensely. You will observe that I am in the Welsh Guards and a jolly fine regiment it is. They are very strict here and our work is very hard, though we have only 4 parades a day. (each lasting an hour, with an hour's spell in between) They don't half put us through it, and I feel like lying down to sleep as soon as we have been dismissed for the day. I have been here over a fortnight now, and am getting into the work all right. All the Guards are
over

here. Grenadier, Welsh. Co
they are all fine men. I
all recruits get their foot
to Catesham shortly, where we
go through. We were supposed
been expecting to go every day
from London, and in the con
lot of London, though we don't
almost every form of amusement
a fine J. M. C. A. (where I am writing this) where we come
gettin' anything, bar refreshments, free, all kinds of games
from Indoor Tennis to dominoes, and Smoking Concerts and
Cinematograph Shows galore. It is a wonderful place, and
I shall be gay when we see it. I had my uniform about
2 days after I arrived here. it fits me all right, but I have torn
my trousers at the knee, through playing "hand ball" in the Gym
yesterday. We have not received our Badges yet, when we do
I shall get my photo-taken and send one along to you.

And how are you getting on yourself, I daresay
you are having a fine time. When did you write home last.
write as often as you can as it will cheer Mother up, for the
home is quite empty with two of us away. I have written twice
a week since I have been here. I have heaps of letters to
write and generally do them on Sunday and Wednesday. It is
possible that I may get furlough next Easter. It would be all
right if we could be home the same time, would, at it. I hope
such will be the case. Write and let me know how you are
You can use the address I have given. It will reach me all right.
I shall write again soon. Your affectionate Brother.

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