

1ST BN. WELSH GUARDS,
WELLINGTON BARRACKS,
LONDON. S. W.

there. It was all narrow streets filled with stalls, you no doubt know what its like. We had plenty of fun down there. We met 3 Belgian soldiers who have all been through it. One had a medal for saving an officers life at Ypres. They were all young chaps and very smart. And have all lost their parents. They could not speak English but we found an interpreter. A Russian Jew, a rough chap he was too.

I see that the Coal strike has ended. There has been quite a sensation over it here. In Hyde Park last Sunday evening a chap was spouting about it. He was running down the Welsh Collier. He was very sorry for it afterwards for he didnt think of the Welsh Guards and that there are a lot of miners amongst them. Hyde Park is a favourite place with the Guards, because it is so near

to try and come up for a couple of days before then, if you can manage it, and if you are thinking of coming up to see me.

Give my best love to mother and the Kiddle and Tom, and tell mother that I am all right, and that I hope to be home with her soon.

When is she going to send me a towel. I find it very awkward with one, as I have to wash it about twice a week. If I had another, I could send it to the wash.

I shant write any more now as I have some more letters to write
Yours affectionate son
David.

to the barracks. A couple of our chaps soon started on leave and more were coming all the time. He had a very warm time of it, and had to clear out sharp. They were all on to him, Welsh Guards, Grenadiers and Scots and there was nearly a riot.

I had a letter from Letty this week with the photographs, some of them are not bad.

I had my photograph taken last Monday. They will be ready by next Friday and I will send one on to you next Saturday. I am only having half a dozen as they are a bit too expensive to get the full dozen at a time, 6 for 4/6. I expect I shall be able to get more again.

I have not been able to get one of our lads that I promised Billy. I will send him one as soon as they come in.

So you are having your holidays next September. In all probability I wont be in London then, so I should advise you