

I put in a late pass, last night, to enable me to come in any time up to 12 midnight. It's rotten when you have to be in at 9.30, when you are just beginning to enjoy yourself. I thought to spend the evening up to 9 o'clock in Hyde Park, and go to a variety, second house. It rained very hard (worse luck) and I got a wetting. I however had my top-coat.

Last Sunday I went with one of my pals. (Wilcox) to see an Uncle of his at Paddington. He was a very nice chap. He lived in some flats and has a wife and 4 children. I have read a lot about the London flats, but that was the first time for me to be in one. The thing that surprised me most was their cleanliness and convenience. I promised to go there again next Saturday. Mr. Wilcox is going to take us around Regents Park and the Zoo.

I had a pair of socks here, and a new trousers. Whenever anything goes to bed to wear they change them for you. There is a special day here in the week when they change clothes. I expect you have sent the towel and socks I asked for. They will come in very handy. I am badly in need of a towel. I shall write to Jack soon, and hope you will be better next time you write. Your loving son David.

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Dear

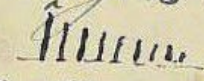
I was to receive your letter and 5/-, sorry you were short and would you kept it. We get payed to (Monday) and they pay us 4/- a week here. At Caterham, we had one week and three the other. I hope you are better, and tell Billy I will send two or as soon as they come in, they not any in stock at present, the only 4 each, and you can buy the Coffee Bar.

I have written to Lett and am expecting to hear from her, and want to see if the photo-graphs are

I am pleased to hear from Dad. Love to all.

my fortune.
right. Its
with thick
can't

er boy here
is Edwards,
out road. His

I forget which, keeps
man's arms. He joined
I was at Bateham and I have
been looking for him the first few days
I was here. He is a smart little chap
and knew me all right. There are a
lot of Drummer Boys here and they
look very pretty on parade. They are all
selected heights and are formed up
like this  that is, getting shorter
and shorter towards the end. The little
one at the end is shorter than our Billy,
he can't be much more than 3 ft to 3 ft 6 in.
so, he is more than that. 4 ft. I have
just asked him. He is sitting next to me
now in the Library, I happened to look up
the same time as I wrote about him, and by
a strange coincidence, he was sitting next to
me. so I asked him. he is only 14 years of age.

out all right. I am writing to Jack
now. I should like him to come to
London for a day, or if he can manage
it, a week end. I know my way
pretty well now, around the Principal
Places and he and I could have a
good time. I like Wellington Barracks
better than Caterham. They don't do
things half as smart as we did them
down there. Its a very pretty sight
here about 11.30 am in the morning.
when the old Guard comes in. The
Battalion is lined up waiting for them
and we have to present arms to them.
The Band are in their dress uniforms
and Busbys. They look all right.
They tell me that those Busbys cost
£12-0-0 each.

We have three parades a day,
but they are not very hard. The only
thing is that we have to look snappy
the first thing in the morning. I
shave and brush my boots and clean