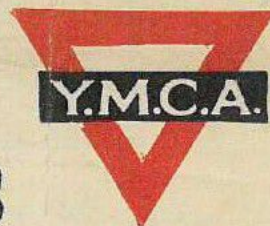


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Dear

Dear Mother,

I shall be coming home to-morrow (Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>). I am sorry that I could only obtain a week end, I shall be in Wetherby at 10.54 p.m. if every-thing goes all right, and will be going back the following Sunday. I have to be in barracks by 8 a.m. Monday morning. I did my best to get longer leave, but couldn't get it and was lucky to get this. I have been put to no end of trouble in trying to get home



and even yet my pass has not been signed by the officer. We are going to Wellington Barracks, London, next week, and everything is done with a rush here this last week.

I hope I will find you all well at home. It will be a nice relief to get out of this place, even if it is for such a short time, and I will be very glad to see Lotty.

It is raining here to day, the first time for two months, and we find it very welcome, as the weather has been terribly warm.

The alarm went here yesterday evening. The whole Brigade turned out, and we thought it was an air raid, but it was only a trial. It did not half give us a start though, and everything was done at the double. In about 5 minutes, about 8000 men were turned out of their quarters, and were ~~was~~ all lined up ready to be for immediate action. It went all right.

I got dad's letter last Saturday, and showed it to our Co. Serg. Major. He was very reluctant about it. It was sent so nice but he was good enough to let me have a week end, and I took it. I shall not write any more hoping to see you next Friday night.

Yours Loving Son  
David