

Wellington B. Co.

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Dear Mother

Just a few lines to let you know that I am all right, and that we are departing next Tuesday morning.

I am very busy today getting all my service kit. We are most wonderfully equipped, and are fitted out with every possible comfort. I have a tremendous lot of stuff to take out with me. In addition to our pack and equipment I have a waterproof sheet, which can be also used as a mackintosh cape, Respirator, Sunshade, Jack knife, first aid, and what they call

and any man absenting himself from now is liable to 3 years hard labour overseas. I shall not miss it.

I wrote to Letty yesterday telling her that we are going. I hope that she has written to you, she said she would.

Did you see us on the pictures in Merdys last week. I was told that we were shown in the Pontmoulin Cinema.

After to-day, we shall not be allowed out of barracks. I am going out just now to have a last look round old London. I like London very much, and have made many friends here. I am waiting

Lease bags, Two little bags, containing some disinfectant stuff to keep off all vermin. And lots of other little comforts, all nicely packed about our clothing. Everything is of the finest quality imaginable.

All of us are full of it and are anxiously awaiting the time to come. And we are all in the best of spirits.

I did not get paid yesterday so I was unable to order the photos and am enclosing the paper which will enable you to get any when you like, only send for them ^{have just}.

I had to leave off writing to attend a company parade. We were warned off for active service.

to hear from Jack. You say
that he is going out before long.
I don't think that he will go for
a while.

I hope that you are all
well at home. I shall write
again before I go.

We shall be at the base
for a time. I expect, as some of
us are only recruits, with a few
weeks' training, and will not
doubtly complete their training
in a few days.

Give my love to all and
yourself.

David