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Dear mother

I have arrived safely at our Battalion transport lines and will join the Battalion tomorrow. They are in reserve so it won't be so bad as going straight into the line, it will sort of break me in. The journey was pretty good, we spent a night at Folkestone & another at Boulogne and had a fine time in both places. I had Weston with me for company all the way besides the pals I promised to meet in London so I was very lovely. Janet Kitty at Aluraynon she came as far as Newport so it was from there on I felt pretty rotten, I could hardly think I was leaving home whilst she was with me. I hope you have found my pocket wallet all right, I thought perhaps you would worry about me getting into trouble, I had my leave certificate with me so the railway warrant doesn't matter much but I think they will make me pay for the ticket I had from Victoria for Folkestone, they didn't take any money off me then and I was glad to as I only had some silver in my pocket I left the rest in my wallet. Well I must shut up now as it's very late to give my love to Dad & the kids and every one else (including the Ducks & chickens)

Your Loving Son  
Tom