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Bramshott Hants  
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Dear Les.

Rec'd your letter on Thursday  
pleased to know you are all well  
& happy.

How is your 160<sup>th</sup> team coming along,  
if you had the real so we could give them  
a chase truckon.

Well we have been packing and cleaning up  
all day preparatory to moving to Withey.  
Sunday at 11 A.M. we pull for Withey's back  
to the old camp. It seems like leaving  
home now to leave Bramshott.

I went to the ranges every day this week,  
I expect we will go to the Matychett ranges from  
there, they are only a mile or so from  
Aldersholt. The bunch that went there before  
stayed for 10 days in the camp and did  
their shooting. It is nice and near  
to the city so a fellow could go to the  
Hippodrome every night. It is mighty  
monotonous around here above our sport in



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The camp.

Sunday night

I didn't complete this letter last night  
and am finishing it in Wathy.

We have had a very busy day. This morning we turned blankets in, scrubbed huts etc, then when we got here we had to parade for beds, blankets, tables etc again.

It was a perfect day almost as far as weather is concerned. It was a real warm Spring day. It brought a little sweat out of some of them marching with full kit. The Brass band only came about half way over with us. They are quarantined with the mumps.

Major Moffat made us all have a hair clip yesterday get shaved & buttons shined so that we would look up to the mark as we marched in here. He says this week will almost decide our destiny as to whether we remain as a unit.



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We are the only Batt<sup>ns</sup> since the 18<sup>th</sup> ID  
that hasn't been bust. You should see  
some of the Batt<sup>ns</sup> at Gramsholt. There  
are even from all Batt<sup>ns</sup> in them, in fact  
they are not called Batt<sup>ns</sup> but Training  
Reserves. They drill & train, they soldier there  
because they have Officers & N.C.O.s from outside  
Batt<sup>ns</sup> who don't care for the men. An officer  
or N.C.O. cannot drill men from his home  
town, it will never work.

The power house was burned partly  
down the other day so we have to  
depend upon candles for light.

We had no tables to eat our supper on  
so had to sit on the floor around a  
candle. I had my coat & stocking off  
& sitting up with my bare foot a few  
inches from my plate. We had quite a  
laugh at the look of it. "Oh, this is  
the life".



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I am bunking with Job now. He  
was sleeping with Jack Plante & I with  
Bruce Walker so as they two had to  
go to the C.C.Q.C. we are together now.  
There were about 60 wedded out of the Batt<sup>n</sup>  
to go to the "Charley Chaplins" as we call  
them.

Did that postal note go back? Do that, is  
a month coming home? If you havent sent  
any money before this send me about \$10  
or £2 as we say over here.

Saw Les Finch today, he was over as soon  
as we came over.

I sent that picture I mentioned last week  
today. Did you get the papers I sent?

Well I guess I'll close this time

Love to All

Russel