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Witley Camp, Surrey  
Jan. 12/18.

Dear People at Home;

Rec'd your two letters of  
14 & 19 Dec. so am up to date  
now at least now.

I was sorry to hear that  
Mabel had the pyphoid. hope  
it goes no farther.

Skating was earlier than  
usual this year was it not?  
There has been ice here at times  
that one could skate on, but  
usually for not longer than  
half a day.

Your box with the chicken  
in came last night after  
nearly two months on the  
road and the Ladies Aid

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bone came today after  
about as long. Jim got his son  
4 weeks ago Darn sure.

The chicken came dandy, it  
was just as fresh as when packed,  
we cleaned up on quite a bit of  
it for breakfast this morning,  
Jim & Louise were going away this  
afternoon so I wanted to tell them  
of before they left. Three or four  
of the fowls in the hut have  
accidented pairs of chicken & when  
the lot was taken off, Ugh! I  
can smell it yet. I believe it  
is a good idea to take all the  
bones out of it. The chicken is  
certainly fine but it is always  
quite a chance I think I haven't  
touched the other since yet, I  
that's the last time I ever want to eat chicken  
had given up hope of it ever  
coming.



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The book of Billy Sundays sermons came also last week. I haven't read any of it yet but intend to have a look over it tomorrow.

You asked about socks. Well don't worry about socks, I have about ten pairs knocking around & some of the fellows were offering some knitted socks for a 6d. last night before they went away.

Well things have been happening rather rapidly just lately. Last Thursday owing to the new organization of the Can. Corp. the 160th is turned into a Pioneer Batt'n. Orders come for 200 men, 12 N.C.O.'s & 10 Officers to prepare to leave for Stafford today.  
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They are being sent down  
there to take a course in  
general engineering & pioneer work.  
Ditching, bridge building, trench  
making and all that kind of  
work.

The bunch left this morning,  
soo of the best men in the Batt<sup>n</sup>  
was what they called for & I  
was as much being done some as  
I have been for awhile when they  
left because quite a few  
express doubt as to whether they  
will ever come back or not  
but I think they will likely be  
back all right. Jim, Lute &  
Ed. went along. There were only  
four of C.O.'s from the Coys went,

He had no son & sold his shares to another for \$1000



all Sergeants so I didn't get  
a chance to go at all, anyway  
They wouldn't let me go because  
I have been running. The fellows  
turned in their rifles, I guess  
we will be noncombatants after  
this.

We had a great race here  
last Thursday. It was a  
Bogade race, that is a team  
of 15 from the 100th Battalions in the  
Bogade. Well we had been  
practicing quite a bit & every body  
was taking an interest in the  
running and all were  
answering to see us go up against  
the 164<sup>th</sup> from Vaughan here  
because they have been out  
for the bacon also.  
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Old Col. Sutherland The good old sport, even he is acting as Brigadier just now of the 15<sup>th</sup> Brigade still has an interest in the 160<sup>th</sup> so he says "If you fellows win this race ~~he~~ will give the first ten men in a pound each.

Well we ran the race & had it over the others like a tent. A 164<sup>th</sup> fellow was 1<sup>st</sup>, Root in our Co. y was 2<sup>nd</sup>, a 134<sup>th</sup> fellow 3<sup>rd</sup>, another from Deddans 4<sup>th</sup>, myself 5<sup>th</sup> & Lilles J. S. Co. y 6<sup>th</sup>, so we had 4 of the first six men in and the other fellows backed up pretty good. We had our ten men in when the 99<sup>th</sup> man came in,



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The first man in made the  
5 mile in 31 min. 25 sec. & I made in  
32 so we weren't standing still.

They lined us up then presented us  
with medals, (mine has at the Y.  
getting my name put on, then I  
will send it home) after which  
the Col. got us back in front of  
our Batt'y Orderly Room & called  
all the fellows out to give us three  
Leary Shers, finally going into  
the Batt'y Orderly Room and writing  
out the cheque for £10. Sounds  
good doesn't it.

The old Col. was hukled right  
up the back, when our tenth man  
came in he knew we were up so  
he just forgot himself & yelled like  
a kid. Then he would put his  
head down & laugh to himself

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afterwards, I think he must of

I have had a bet up with somebody on it, still he can't do too much for us.

They didn't let any of the runners go to Seaford & we are to begin off the Invitational race next Saturday.

I didn't think I could run five miles but one never knows what they can do till they try, my legs don't bother me at all & I had a little more wind or probably fracture I think I could make a few more of them road. Our best runner R. got is a whirlwind tho', he ran against Longboat a couple of times & has ran 15 mile races. He could have beaten the 16 4<sup>th</sup> fellow if he had wanted to, but the second prize was a wrist watch, which he wanted.

I got a ticket this forenoon on a pair of boxing gloves and was lucky enough to get them for 15.9d. Then I turned around this afternoon & raffled them again & made £1.12 - so I have been making a little money lately, with Uncle Roberts' pound I think I can take a pass now even I don't get any of what I wrote for.

Well I think this is a longer letter than usual, hope you can shake it out.

Love to all Russel.