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Dear Folk at Home:

This is Friday afternoon & we have knocked off parade today.

The <sup>Can</sup> Victory Star Loan is the whole rage here now, up to yesterday Witley Camp had subscribed more than any other Can. camp over here and the 160<sup>th</sup> B<sup>t</sup> had subscribed more than any other Batt<sup>y</sup> in the camp. so the natural conclusion is that the 160<sup>th</sup> is at the top.

Major Moffat had a meeting in the mess hall yesterday afternoon and gave us the figures so far. The 160<sup>th</sup> had subscribed £5,000 up till then. He then told us how good he thought it was for anybody who had money in the bank and then he told us that when the 160<sup>th</sup> Attestation sheets went into Ottawa that we had more money in our accounts than any other other B<sup>t</sup> recruited. Since then he has called us the "millionaire Batt<sup>y</sup>" and he says "Now I don't want you to fall down in this."

Well that rather stirred us up. I expect my money is probably well invested and I thought I wouldn't bother about it but more to boost the thing than anything else I bought a £100 bond.

We can take out the bonds for any number of years or tens from 5 to 20, the rate, as I suppose it is over there,  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  & you will get the bond to hold. Quite a number have taken to



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bonds and are having so much taken out of their pay each month, about £2 till it is made up but I thought that that would be rather a nuisance as it takes my pay to keep me going so I am sending a cable which you will have received long before this to deposit a hundred dollars in the bank & then I have paid by a cheque drawn on the Merchants Bank.

The cheque will not be cashed for close on a month so that it might be safe enough to deposit after you get this letter but to be on the safe side I am sending the cable. I hope it puts you to no trouble to scratch up the £100 on the spur of the moment.

My old watch has gone on the Lumber so if you havent sent my good watch please send it along as I paid in the other letter.

I mentioned about a good razor also, the one I have is justly hard to keep in any kind of decent shape so a good straight edge will be a welcome article any time.

I believe I wrote last before we went to the Ranges. I went down with No 6. platoon & we did the best shooting in our Brigade and were only 16 points behind the highest in the 14th Brigade so No 6 is making a name for itself.



On Wed. afternoon there was a big Divisional run off. Ten Batt<sup>ns</sup> sent a team each of 30 men to run a 4 mile race. The best team goes to Aldershot to compete in some big race which is coming off there.

I hadn't been practising but I ran anyhow and came in fifth of our bunch. I never saw such a bunch in a race before, imagine 300 strung along the road. I came in no. 47 of the bunch so figured I did pretty well, if I had the training I had run like some have I think I could have shown a few more of them the road. I think the 160<sup>th</sup> ranked about 3<sup>rd</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> in the bunch, just like them every time in sports, never say anything about it till the day before.

You can tell Uncle Robert that I didn't see Wallace's sword, it is in his monument & I didn't find time while I was in Stirling to go to the monument. The Masbords have started to come, there were a big bunch today.

Well I think I will close for this time.

Love to all

Russell