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Dear People at Home

Rec'd Ladies' letter Aug 1st &
mothers' of the 5th. The five dollars came
as well and the piece of poetry. The money
came at a very acceptable time as we are
getting passes at last. If another one
comes along next week I will be in good
shape for a pass. We were paid the other day
for the month end £3, I had 100/- then £1
from home.

Some of the fellows are getting four days
to go to Scotland on pass so if it happen
unto one of these passes I will need lot
of money. Harry Brummett & I are planning to
get one together and a ticket to Northern Scot.
costs about 40s. Mr. Park had four
cabled to him today and many others are
doing likewise.

Say Bill & Donald must be trying
to hold his popularity & get the votes
around Mt. Hope. He will get too
smooth yet if he doesn't flock out.

It has been raining nearly steady
for over a week now at least it rains

a little every day. It is almost like when we came over first, I don't know how the people can harvest at all.

So the berries are ripe again. I guess over now. The berries are ripe here now, lots of them around the hedge & bushes. There are like thimble berries, good eating when preserved.

We haven't been doing very much this last week, yesterday & today B C "ay Dr. Gunner have been refreshing so I have been on that.

Last Friday we were inoculated. It was a good heavy dose this time, affected me more than the doses in Canada, my arm swelled almost to my wrist but it is better now.

On Saturday there was sports at Aldershot and anybody that felt like going and had the Kals could go. I was a bit stiff but I took the chance for a day out anyway and went down. Alf. and I went together. There was a special train from Waterloo and went down before dinner, and came back between eight & nine.

We had a splendid day, enjoyed

it very much although I was a bit
fevered before I got back.

King George, Queen, Prince Albert &
Princess Mary were there. I didn't know
the royalty was coming till they arrived.
and then the band struck up the National
Anthem "Everybody jumped to their feet, the
fellow on the left grabbed me by arm
and nearly took a fit. The sports
were good, every thing was pulled off in
order and right on the dot. There was a
class did physical training there that was
the best I ever expect to see in fact I don't
~~know how it could be done better~~. They
had a foot ball game, wrestling on horse
back, tug - o - war, V.C. race on horse back
etc.

The Americans had a team in the
tug o war but were beaten. They are at
Bordon camp which is not very far
from Aldershot so there was a big bunch
of them up there.

Say it was great! after the
sport ^{were over} when the Canadians came up
to see the Americans were around them.
Tell you would think brothers had
met. The Canadians & Americans

were talking on every corner and walking around in fairs. They would say "Hello Canada" when they met us. Dogs glad I went down if for nothing else than to see those fellows. They were big fellows, looked to be typical westeners. Was talking to one fellow from California, the only fellow I was talking to, we didn't stay long. There were Australians, New Zealanders, S. Africans, Can. Am & Indians all mixed there at Aldershot.

30 We were out on a route march this afternoon and I have just had supper. I thought I would finish this & get it away, there is a concert in the mess hall tonight so I must be over time. It is being put on by fellows in the Batt.

I am sending another weekly mirror this week. The newsies are armed with papers here before breakfast every morning so we are not short of papers.

Our platoon Sergeant Tom Denett had to revert to the ranks the other day. He was on guard and let a humor away so down he had to go but he will come back up in a day or two. They have about fifty humors over here of one kind and another. We all ^{call} Russel