

Witney Camp, Surrey
July 21/17

Dear People at Home,

This is Saturday night about 9 o'clock. I thought I would start this letter tonight and possibly finish tomorrow morning.

I have been down at an open-air Y.M.C.A. concert with Lewis & a couple more of the lads. A Mrs. Anderson brings a concert party to this No. 1 Y.— every Saturday night and it is always real good, always lots of good singing and comic stuff.

I have been locking night to it this week. This morning we had a $7\frac{1}{2}$ Brigade route march. Twville was at 4.30 and we left at 6. We were back about 9.30 & then cleaned up before dinner.

Afternoon the 160th Base ball team played with the 208th so we were down there doing a little rooting.

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but rather in vain I guess because
they lost 3-7, but it was a tie till
the 9th inning so was a good game
nevertheless.

I got the first soaking by rain
last Wed. that I have got since I
came into the army. We were out about
four or five miles on the side of a hill
and had to just stand there and take
a regular soaker of a rain.

Sunday 30th Rec'd your letter of June 29th
this morning with the two dollars
enclosed. I will write to you some of these
fine days.

I hear Capt Danard is giving the
people an idea of the use we put our
money to. He certainly used most of
our money to subsist poorly and then
there is always something to buy. I
was thinking of cabling this week for
30th but I thought I would try & get along
till it come by mail. Please send me
about \$2. as soon as you get this.

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Have you seen old Cap? I suppose some people look down on him for going back but they don't need to, I think he would have gone to France if they had let him.

The Tara platoon had its picture taken this forenoon. I hope it is good for it is the only picture the whole bunch ever had taken. Mr. Haig was going to have our platoon taken too but the photographer had no more plates. We would have had some looking bunch red skins. I would like to have it well enough but I was in with the Tara bunch so am not particular whether no. 7 platoon gets a picture or not.

I am Kingston & Calhoun were worried very much about the war they wouldn't be running any opposition on cars. If some body, a return fellow or some body that can shoot off a good speal would go over there and just tell them if it would do them a world of good. That kind of thing would rule me just now. I was

The Col. has been putting great
emphasis on cleaning up and smart
marching last week. We can almost
shave in our boots & buttons and all this
equipment has to be washed and blanched.

We are going out three days this week to
do some field manœuvres and then the
next week the whole Brigade is going
out for four days manœuvring, taking
a circuit & about 18 miles around the
camp. I guess it will be some affair.

We had church service this morning in
a little pine grove over beside the Officers'
lines. I don't know who the chaplain was,
but he wasn't so good as Capt Robb. I
don't think. Capt Robb is our Brigade Chaplain
but he seemed to like the 160th so was
attached to us for a time. He would go out
with the Bⁿ on the bivouac & have a concert
away out where ever they happened to be camped.
I never was out but that is what they told
me.

Lizzie & I are going down to Hatties
Church. Dances tonight.

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I never was there but they say it is
quite a nice place quite a good teacher.
The Wesleyans seem to be strong in this
part of Eng. Every town of any size has
a Methodist church, the Eng. & course
claim quite a few also. I have not seen
any R.C.'s around here.

Well I think I will close for this time.
It is 4.30 & the cook house door call
will soon be sounding.

Love to all July 17
Fussell

Lily May"

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