

Witley Camp. Surrey  
Feb. 18/18

Dear People at Home;

Well I have good news this time, I am on draft for France. I suppose it will have gone over on cable that the 160<sup>th</sup> ceases to be any more. The smash on the 6<sup>th</sup> Div. came on Tuesday and on Wed. morning the draft of 200 was picked out.

Well coming, kept me from going to Seaford else I would have missed the draft & would have gone to the Reserve with the rest.

Of Lewie, Jim & I & probably Ed. (he is waiting man) are on the draft for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pioneers. All the Tara bunch that are going, are going to the Pioneers with the exception of two. There are 134 of the Tara boys going in the bunch 15 in all on draft.

The J. C. O. got a fair shake this time, I wasn't long getting my application for division into the orderly room, there are 4 J. C. O. on the draft, going a. file, so next time you write after getting this you can leave off the Corp; be sure ~~however~~ & put my number on however



I  
I don't know just when we will  
leave, we were to be ready this morning  
so likely we will go tonight or tomorrow  
or it may be ten days we do not  
know.

All the sections have to stay,  
scouts, signaller, transport & H.Q. quarters  
so Mac. isn't going along. Some  
of them are fully so to see the  
bunch going without them.

They are having last inspections now  
that is about all.

Neil went back yesterday, came  
down from Scotland (Wed. night) with  
Ed. Martin.

I certainly didn't think I would  
follow him so closely. He thought  
the Labourer Union Batt<sup>n</sup> was all right  
so I thought we would try it ahead of  
the line Batt<sup>n</sup>. The other hundred  
are going to the 1st Batt<sup>n</sup> in France,  
sounds fully good.

George Martin is in Shorncliffe  
now, I hope he gets up here before we  
leave.

Still I think that is all likely next  
time I write will be from "Somewhere"  
Love to all  
Gussel (over)



P.S. you will know my  
inscription always by (A.M.P. 1.)

Address mail as usual till you  
get my address from France because  
it will be forwarded all right from the  
Prison.

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put on dust