

1917 June Stilley Camp, June 15/17
In camp at Div. HQ giving gas
resuscitation instruction

Dear People at Home:

This is Friday afternoon 4 PM.

My work for the afternoon was completed at 3:00 I have quite awhile before supper.

The Battⁿ has gone out on a bivouac today and are not coming in till tomorrow noon so I am alone except for a yapper here by the name of Henderson Cole from Chesley and he can do enough barking for a dozen. They fellows have each a blanket and an oil sheet so I guess they can stand the exposure for one night. I would like fine to have gone out but I can't do two things at once. The gas instructors have had a very easy time this week we have had about an average of an hour to two hours a day and I am getting lazy soft. I don't know how long it is going to last, next week anyhow and then the sergeant says we may be taken

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up to Divisional Headquarters to instruct
on the Gas Respirator. All these drafts
have never seen a respirator nor a gas
helmet till late but they are getting a
few instructors of their own now.

I received your two letters today of
May 9th & 28th besides three or four others
so I had hardly time to eat my dinner
at noon hour but this is fish day so
it doesn't make much difference. We
always get corn with the fish on Friday
however so that makes up to some degree.

Rec'd Mabel's epistle also, I don't
wonder she didn't get honors the way
she spells some of her words. You
see I notice these little points yet ha ha

I think we must have had a
much nicer month of May over here
than in Canada by all reports. There
has scarcely been one disagreeable day
since the 10th of April. It is real warm
in the day time but gets cool toward
morning. We are usually up by 5:30
sometimes have breakfast at 6:30 so you
see we are up before the sun, it is really
7:30 then by the night time.

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Do you get those mirrors I sometimes
send? It was lucky Les. was out late one
night when he got the calf in the water
though. (Well ~~now~~ tomorrow) same night I
never used to get any such opportunity.
I was nearly always in before that hour
of the night. If we stay out after
10.15 here we have to have a mid-
night pass. I think I have had two
since I came across. I am going
to get one tomorrow night if I can,
and go to Woking tomorrow afternoon.

It is quite a large place about 16 miles
from here but doesn't cost much to go
now that we can travel by train. We
can go anywhere in the Aldershot
Command now without a pass. There
are sports on at Woking tomorrow, of
what nature I don't know.

Our 160th Base Ball team is doing
considerable playing of late. They are
very handy but the 13th Artillery just
over them to the tune of 18-1 the
other night.

They beat the 164th before but
the pitcher seemed to fall down against
the Artillery. There are a couple of Cargill
fellows in the team and the kid that used
to play for Cargill is one of them. Dad
will remember him I think.

Sat morning I am going to finish up now

I think. I have just finished up at the
164th so have an hour before dinner yet.

Harry Primrose & I cleaned out &
scrubbed down bat this morning so
we have been busy all morning. Harry
is instructing on the Lewis Gun at the
Divisional School and was off this
morning. Harry is a fine fellow he
and I sat and talked last night
till about 13.30, after the other two
fellows had gone to sleep.

The Ball ^{for} isn't back yet but the
transport section has arrived and says
they will soon be along.

Jack Aiken from Allenford is
Corporal of the Transport. He used to be

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out at M^{rs} Hope at Peacock's & Giants' onetime framing.

Over in this country we soon won't be able to tell the girls from Boys. They wear riding breeches and leggings for certain job and in all these factories they wear overalls and smock just like the men.

We can get fresh straw berries here now, they are from 5/- to a lb. to buy from the hawker but up Town at Godalming Guildford they are worth about 7 pence ha'penny. I bought a couple of tomatoes up two the town (two) last night for breakfast, they were 4 pence ha'penny and just little fellows that were. That will give you an idea how fresh fruit is selling over here.

Harry Trimmer wrote a hasty letter to a woman near his home and she put it in the paper and the paper has come back. He is awfully provoked to think he hadn't put more time on it and wrote a better letter.

When ever I write a letter for a paper I will make a note of it, it won't fair

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to a fellow to find a letter without his knowing it.

Well I think I will close for this time, there are very ~~often~~ new proceeding in a week here when things run smooth.

We like our new Colofl fine he is very considerate and uses the fellows good ~~out~~ on the commons when they are practising the field tactics. He has been through the mill once and knows we don't like work any better than anybody else.

I will be expecting a letter from ~~you again~~ hope father is getting well again.

To the mark again. I have got rid of the foals now, just had the one attack of about six. I feel like a colt again.

Love to All

P. P. Wagner