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I suppose my course is done for now
Only drilled four steady days. It will
be had over by the time I get out of here.
I may start it with a new bunch somewhere
the however, hard to say what I will do.
I don't know whether we will get a Thomas
leave or not I would like to get up and do
London as the Scotch say. I hear we are all
going to have plum pudding for dinner in
camp. I will hardly get out of here in
time to get Thomas cards, we are in an
isolation hospital and everything we get is got
thru the orderlies. They are good, get us cakes
& today I got paper and envelopes for six letters
for my happiness. Well I guess I will
close for this time, hoping to get another
letter soon. My address will still be
Bramshott, Hants or Army, P. O. and
they can send it up here.

Love to All Russell

P.S. I cannot write very good in
this prone position in bed.

Aldershot
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Dear People at Home.

Well I have changed my
place of writing again. I haven't been to
the front but I am in a hospital with
the mumps.

I received your third letter, the
one Leo put the part in and I was very
sorry to hear you were ailing. Hope
you are better before now.

I think I wrote last from Pirbright.
Last week, a week ago today, we moved
to N. C. O. school at Bordon and then
we got 2 days pass from Tuesday
till Thursday. I spent the two days
down at Bramshott with the B. and then
~~the~~ ^{the} night we walked back to Bordon
about five miles.

I felt all right that night only I
had a place under my ear that was
a bit sore when I pressed it with my
finger end, something I paid very little
attention to but next morning my
neck was quite swollen. I reported
sick and was informed that I had the
mumps, so I had to get ready to
leave to come here.

and today the other has gone up. I wish I could get a picture with ~~this~~ big loose blue uniform and my big joints.

We have Eng. nurses here, I wish they were some good Can. nurses. These ones are old army nurses, good in their way but there is no fun in them.

I have been expecting a reply to letters I sent when I reached here but none have appeared yet to anybody but they might be here pretty soon as it is 4 weeks last Sat. since we arrived, it seems 4 years.

I think I have received about as many letters as any of the fellows, from home way. When we get a Can. mail we nearly all get as letter, we put them all together and we have all the news I think.

This is the first letter I have written since I have gone to bed, I have read a book and a magazine. Yesterday (Sunday) from my window I could see aeroplanes hovering around all day, there is a school just a short distance away.

I had a big long letter from Horrie & Addie. It was for the bunch of Jess and contained a good deal of news.

We are having fairly good weather over here now. An occasional rain but for the most part, clear bracing Nov. weather. I suppose the cattle will all be in now and plenty of chores on hand.

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I was not at all sick nor am I yet but we have three weeks to put in there, 10 days in bed and the remainder of the time we ~~are~~ ^{are} in the hospital.

There are about a dozen 160th fellows up here so I am by no means alone. The Tara bunch were quarantined in their hut the day I left, Russell Beatty took them the same day I did, so he is here too.

I have just been eating my custard, our desert for dinner.

There is a big Nova Scotian in the room with me, and in the adjoining room there is a 160th fellow I knew so we talk back and forth all the time. This N. S. fellow came with me in the Red Cross Ambulance from Watley Camp. The Aldershot command is arranged something like this.

The ambulance ^{addition} ^{with} leaves Aldershot every day (usual in fact) and goes to Bordon just then away to Br., Watley & back to Aldershot. I was on it from 11 till 3.30 in the afternoon, not travelling all the time of course.

We have a dandy good bed here, plenty to eat, good fire, temperature normal and feeling fine so I don't see any reason why I shouldn't get fat. The one jaw went up and now yesterday