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THE Y.M.C.A. WITH H.M. TROOPS

For God
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From
Ball. Reg't. Coy.

Address reply to
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D. James No 657
Welsh Guards
Guard Depot
Caterham
Surrey.

Caterham Wednesday.

Dear Dad.

I received your very welcome letter yesterday morning and the books yesterday evening. I got the powder and plaster and some more of them. My feet have been very bad to day, my left foot is swollen, owing to the friction between my feet and the soles of the boots and if it is not better by to-morrow morning I intend going sick for the day, that is the only trouble I am having now, my bunion does not hurt so a bit. Last week I have been wearing a very heavy pair of boots, my lighter ones being at the cobbler's, for the purpose of being repaired. I have however, to day had them back.

I shall wear them when next I go on parade. I suppose
deet will soon come all right, I shall then be as fit as
fiddle. To day (Wed) we finished at 3 o'clock, The
usual routine for last parade 3 to 4 on Wednesdays, but
had it from 2 to 3 instead, because our mighty team has
to the Crystal Palace to play the naval brigade,
have a very good rugby football team, which contains
the very warm players, who have played for such teams
Cardiff, Llanelli and Swansea. It has only been
formed since I came here, and they are playing
is first match to day. The Officers take a great
interest in the team, and have forwarded substantial
sums to wards its maintenance. Leave has been
granted to all the Welsh Guards who would like to go
with them, that is the reason why we finished so early,
I would like to have
one myself, but am short of money, and would
probably be broke for the rest of the week. My pal
Tommy is in the same box. He is reading a novel now
lying down on his bed. Two of chaps out of our tent
are playing with the team. We are only 4 in a tent
now, new arrangements having been made, before we
were eight. The other three chaps are by name,
Tommy, Lovatt and Willcox, Lovatt is a very
smart fellow with the gloves and got into the final,
the boxing competition which was held here last

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and am going to the cinema and in division I can say that after I have left Catterham I shall know some thing about soldiering.

I play football occasionally and have tried to get into one of the teams, either rugby or soccer, but the talent is extra good here, although I play a fair game.

School is held here every evening, and I have attended a few times. I was speaking to the schoolmaster, and he tells me that I have not much chance of promotion in the guards, because I am only here for the duration of the war, and there ^{are} 500 of the 1st Batt trained soldiers. It is different to other units, where I would probably have been given promotion by runs. Our instructors are the best in the world. Our Serg. Major is a holy terror but his bark is worse than his bite. Our Lieut. is

Lord Clive, and I am in the th 5th Company of
of the 1st Batt.

I am glad to hear you ~~and~~ are all
well at home and that Betty and Winnie are
attending school regularly. Give my best love to
Mother and tell her that I hope to be home Whitson.
I hope to get my Badge soon and send my
photo along. I am getting another Uniform this
week. I am glad to hear Letty is better, I wrote
to her a few days ago.

I am writing this on my bed using
my cap as a desk, so I hope you will un-
derstand my scribbling. I will conclude
now with best love to all.

Yours affectionate son
Daniel