

173, Gleanesk Road
Eltham Park
S.E.9.

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Dear Leg,

Received your letter this morning and having a few moments' thought I would reply ~~early~~ so that you could have the boys' address early. You will probably want to write early so that with any luck you may get a reply before they are posted out, but I doubt it.

Glad to hear that the beer is O.K. and that you are drinking at a decent pub with decent people. It's a good thing to mix with the lower deck occasionally but I expect it gets a bit boring after a time. I was telling the Admiral the other day, and he agreed with me, that if you don't know the men you don't know anything.

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I think when you say cake you mean jam sponge. It certainly seems that you are going to have a run of good luck for a change. I shall look forward to seeing you in the near future, and hope that your leave will turn out as you say, in weeks time.

You may now call me Fireman Cuffly, as I have joined, and passed the medical exam etc. Curious thing, they have graded me B. ordinary which is similar to Grade I in the forces. I had to go to St. Rich's for the exam and it was a fairly good one except for the fact that I didn't have to do a we see for the doctor. The eyes turned out very well, read the card off at top speed until I reached the last line, but was only able to pick out one letter here and there,

from the last one^s. Anyway
I start playing Water-Polo on
Saturday at a Gala that is
being held at Highgate Ponds.
Apparently we all travel by way
of a Fire Service Tender, but
don't ask me how they manage
it.

I presume that you will
be going down to Bonnemouth
with Claire on Friday 18th to
Monday 21st, in which case you
had better ring me at the office
when you get back, as Vera is
going down to Christchurch with
her mother from the 16th to the
23rd. and I shall be staying
with my Pa-in-law. at 59,
Mereman Rd. while she is
away.

Saw Colin Mac and Penny
last Wednesday for a drink
and a game of snooker before
Mac returned to his Camp,

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which reminds me that
they have a Billiard table
at the N.F.S. station and
as I can't get much training
in the winter it looks as
though I shall become a
first class Snooker player.

Just phoned Claire
and she is coming over to
our place on Sat evening
so I expect I shall hear
all the news from her.

Cheerio for now,
All the best
Jim

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PTE. H. J. M. HUXLEY

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NO 16 I. T. C.

LE CATEAU BARRACKS,
COLCHESTER.

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To open slit Label at top instead of tearing Envelope.

To

o/s L.H.F. WESTAWAY
JX. 339213



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