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Dear Sez,

Having just written to  
Tim I feel that I must drop  
a line to acquaint you with  
the position of Lawson & Huxley  
inc. As you may guess the  
former is at present in an  
attitude of sublime repose.  
As a matter of fact he has had  
bad luck by putting his knee  
out last Monday & is only  
just recovering.

So far we are doing quite  
well although the grub question  
& the beer question could be  
considerably improved. As I  
have told Tim, however, this life  
is definitely to be preferred to

that of the R.A.P.C. & I would  
not change back for anything.  
Of course there are plenty of  
~~dis~~ disadvantages & plenty  
of red tape - as I expect  
you to have found. We  
have a really excellent platoon  
sergt. & our course is thereby  
considerably improved. Last week  
we went on the rifle ranges &  
tomorrow we are taking the  
Bren guns on the short ranges.  
Officially we get quite a lot  
of spare time but in the  
army there are dozens of jobs  
to be done - fatigues, blanks,  
cleaning up etc. etc.

So far we have been fortunate  
& had some really good swims  
in the local pool which has  
been constructed from the river  
but now, of course, it is becoming  
really cold. Last week, as part  
of the P.T. we went to the

garrison bark. Jesus, was it  
cold!

I hear from Jim that you  
got 72 lbs & had quite a  
good bash. Wish we could  
have been there - if only to see  
just how much weight you have  
lost. There are some blokes  
here who have lost nearly a  
stone in three weeks so I  
guess the Navy should have  
roughly the same result. - ?  
How do you find the pay  
question? Personally I find it  
almost impossible to live on it.  
How these blokes who get but  
8/6 or 10/6 p. week manage I  
just don't know. You are helped  
by the tobacco question of  
course. By the way the most  
interesting subject is now being  
generally discussed is that of

V. O. Nice eh?

Before I close may I say  
that I hope you will continue  
to use the phone at home so  
long as you find it convenient.  
I find it quite easy to get  
through from here. I very  
seldom have to wait more than  
five or ten minutes. My very  
best wishes to you & I very  
much hope that it won't be  
long before we can have a  
small bust anyway.

Cheers for now

Sincerely yours

Flux

*Pl. Forward*

*O/S. L. H. Westaway*

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