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A Coy 4<sup>th</sup> Ox & Bucks  
Kirkby Moor Camp  
Woodhall Spa  
Lincs.

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Dear Claire,

I guess the first thing I had better do is to say that, well, I'll admit that I received my letter from Syd upon my return from leave (oh unlucky day!) I fear that the paper went the way of all paper here - on the fire - & I have lost his address. Therefore, after all that long & probably ungrammatical sentence, I cannot

write directly to him. I can  
explain that, as you know  
I expect. I received various  
hints in that every badly  
typed letter (I hope I  
did type it - otherwise my  
apologies) and so I must  
explain in full.

It strikes me that the  
above consists of a great deal  
of words & sentences in which  
I am constantly getting tied  
up. I shall therefore confine  
myself to chatter of this -  
& that. 'Tha yere corne'  
is a peevish & believe  
me we sleep at almost

every available opportunity.  
Nevertheless I shall be sorry  
in many ways to return to  
'C' C. Y. - which I shall do  
next week. Incidentally this  
course is full of lads  
from the West Country &  
is always referred to as 'This  
jere course' - plus, of course,  
adjectives befitting the days  
training.

I cannot say that I  
fully understand the reason  
for the course but we are  
being trained mainly as  
instructors for semi-cookies &  
it looks as if the B.A.T. will  
become a training centre - perhaps  
to go overseas. ???? ? ? ? ? ! ! ! !



If I manage to do fairly  
well I may see that W.O.S.B  
but as I gather that about  
1 in every 4 pass - well you  
can guess the rest. However  
a good sign is that I  
am now being paid for my  
strife which may mean that  
I am considered worthy of  
same without considering  
D.C.T.H. Never can tell. At  
any rate I shall still try  
to keep this side of the  
water as long as possible.

I have heard from Jim &  
Colin Lawson & written to Tom.  
I may be able to get that  
72 lbs on or about tomorrow  
(Monday) week & I hope to

be able to see Wendy before  
he is posted. You might  
be good enough to warn  
him that I might descend  
on him & have a see or so.  
But please inform the  
party one that I want  
no untimely colts if I  
do manage to get home. If  
by any chance he has one  
then I shall proceed to  
work it (& him) in the  
good old Nebon Berland.

Before I close let me  
offer belated personal  
thanks for the S.E.P's. I  
may say that not only  
myself, but all the cats

enjoy them immensely. As a  
matter of fact they are  
still on my shelf - by  
express request. Not being  
so gifted as that I am  
husband of yours I fear I  
cannot fill my letters with  
innuendoes & witty remarks.  
In any case I have nothing  
about which to inuendo!

Cheers for now & I hope  
to see you all soon. All  
the best

Alex