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'B' Coy etc.

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Dear Claire,

I received your letter today & am taking this early opportunity of replying - whilst I have the time! Fortunately enough I heard today from Colin Lawson who also remembered exactly who was there last Saturday. So, you see, I had to feel sorry for myself all over again.

As you will see I am now in 'B' Coy & I cannot say I am enamored of it. Maybe I'm wrong but there seems to be an hostile atmosphere particularly directed towards me. It seems that

this Coy is not satisfied with working all hours of the normal day but must needs work week-ends. A nice project eh? I shall of course be due for leave about May 20<sup>th</sup> - but I fear I shall have to wait for a while after that. Firstly because this period of training is not finished until the end of May. Secondly, today I had the first of a series of treatments for these boils - as recommended by a specialist whom I saw on Wednesday. Blood is taken from my arm & immediately injected into my - well, it's a little sore



to sit down. Exactly what  
good it will do I do not  
know - I can only hope.

Mention of Bourgeois  
sure made me sigh for the  
good old days. Maybe they'll  
come again. And - er - now  
for the satire. I must  
say I was highly amused  
at the thought of the  
porky Westy as a s/s  
(enob') & looking quite dandy  
in a O/B black duster suit  
with collar & tie & gold badges!  
I'll bet he does look a  
dandy. I can only hope  
the tailor made me  
allowances back front &  
rear. However the thought  
of tobacco @ 3/- per did

best to take my mind  
down a peg or two. So  
you've taken up amateur  
theatricals huh!? Don't try  
to kid me cos I'll know you'll  
soon progress to "play-  
acting" It's a natural.  
Don't, however, let me put  
you off. I can only hope  
that they are sensible  
plays.

So far (seriously again) there  
is still no mention of W. O.  
S. B. & I honestly believe that  
fate & the O. & B. Bucks are  
again me. I shall soon get so  
fed up that I'll chuck in  
& go abroad. Still we shall  
see. Regards to all

Sincerely

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