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11. Pl.: B' Coy

4th Br. Ox/ & Bucks. L.I.

Rirkby Moor Camp

Woodhall Spa

Lines.

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Dear Liz,

Have just written to
Claire & am now seizing the
chance of letting you know I'm
still alive (just). I admit it's
a very poor show on this paper, but
as I have already told quite a
few people N.A.A.F.I. have had
no writing paper for the last
nine weeks or so. Today, once
again, I am on guard & boy do
I detest it. The orderly officer
has just been round - usual
bullshit.

My 'civil' round etc. has
recently been relieved by two
things & will, I hope, shortly
be relieved by a third. Firstly,
I recently went to a place
called Rufford Abbey for a
week (near Mansfield). We

learned mainly the rudiments
of co-operation with tanks
(General Sherman) Very interesting
but the week as a whole was
made notable by the fact that
we nearly always finished at
about 3.30-4, the nearest
village (20 mins) was bright
& had two good pubs - & quite
a lot of good beer. Also we
had with us the West of
England Champ at Piano Accordion
- & believe me he is good.

Added to that we had no
quarts, pickets or night stunts
to do & consequently bags of
sleep was had by all. Back
from that I went last
Saturday to Derby for W.O.S.B.
Had a good time until I
actually arrived at the joint.
There, I was underfed, brain
overworked & in general was
completely $\frac{1}{2}$ - about.

Suffice it to say that I
am pretty certain it hurts

down & I shan't be spending
the old collar & tie. Still
I shan't be too sorry either
of course, having tried it is
always nice to succeed.

Dear, but most certainly
not least I very much hope
to be getting some leave of
2 or 3 next week. I consider
the chances to be reasonable.
As you probably know only too
well, however, one can't be
certain of leave until actually
on the train - & I ain't
betting on it. I hear that
you were turned down by that
august body of film producers.
Tut-tut! & I thought our
Wesley would be able to make
good. Still, we can't all
have a personality good enough
for the English public eh?
Incidentally I feel bound to
say that the superfluous
flesh may have had
something to do with it. I may

state here & now that
since I last saw you I
have lost well over a stone!

I have heard quite recently
from Gen. Penny (due for
overseas) & Colin Mac. Gen.
of course, will soon be a
buckskin 2nd Lieut, Penny
will shortly be becoming
nicely canned & young Colin
is still in N. Ireland &
thoroughly chessed off. I also
have heard from Tom (twice!!)
& from Bill who remarked
in slightly dazed fashion that
he also had heard from
the languorous one. I gather
that Eric was amongst those
who landed on Pandellaria.

Finis for now my friend
- be careful on that M.T.B.
Best of luck - maybe it
won't be so long now.

Very sincerely

Alf