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1630.C.T.V.
(Artists Rifles)

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LANCS.

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Dear Claire,

As is my usual custom, it seems, I wait quite a while before I let any of the gang know just how I'm doing. The truth is that at the moment I don't know quite what to make of myself or this place. Parts of it are just as I expected & others are just the opposite.

A brief description of the joint? Here you are. An ex-holiday camp the main building of which was apparently a mansion. We live in chalets - two or three to a room - complete with electricity. (I burnt a hole in my bed, accidentally!) There are scrubbed out at least once a week. All meals in the main building for which

meals & serge has to be worn. Four meals a day - dinner at night. All food served by A.T.S. - utensils provided. Coffee for breakfast.
Every Thursday we have a gunn right at which all the officers attend & this is followed by a dance to which quite a lot of female talent is attracted. Training quite tough & greatly worsened by the weather. It always rains.
Treatment is, so far, O.K. but of course in this place there is always the fear of being R.T.V. They are not all passed out the right way - quite a few go back.

Moscow itself is rather astonishing. Usually on Saturdays we venture forth complete with mack (mine arrives this week) kid gloves, collar & ties & dress hats complete with snow white band - in cherry. We then proceed to visit various tailors, most of

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whom are slacks, the best
restaurants at which can be
obtained real steak & chips, if
not, ham & chips. Please tell
Liz about that! From there
we somewhat naturally glide
into the borgas (big pardon —
local) & quite naturally H.T.M.
finds himself at one of the
dance halls. All quite good &
all have bars. Plenty of
dancing females only one of
whom I have yet liked. She
can dance too! In fact, we
well for me. Most unfortunately
she is away this week & I am
away next week so I guess my
chances of meeting her are pretty
remote. Don't get thinking
though - I'm still stone (or
chicken) headed.

As I say, I can't say just

what I think of this. At present
I'm not at all certain it's in my
line. To be sure an infantry
Officer needs to be a genius - and
I ain't no genius. Or did you
guess? Also I'm not too happy
about the cool side & I fear I
shall receive a bump in that
direction.

I very much hope to be home
around Dec. 6^t. for a few days
& trust that this time I shall
be able to see you - & maybe
out a day or so. Let's hope so,
anyway.

All the best to you & the wife

Sincerely

Alex Z.