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Trentham Military Camp

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Trentbam Military Camp

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE (Letter No 3) Trentham Military Camp June 16 1915

Dear Old Girl,

I received your welcome letter at dinnertime today, and was so pleased to get it and to learn that you were well and comfortable. I hope to get home on Saturday afternoon leaving here at 5 o'clock so will be home for tea. I am not sure yet. We might get inoculated on Sunday. In that case we will not get leave from Saturday till Monday. I am going to apply if we are not inoculated, and if I get leave, (Gavin has promised me to let me go) I will send you a wire on Saturday morning or early in the afternoon, so arrange for someone to be at home for the wire.

Captain Wardrup told me to bring you & we will have afternoon tea with him, he is so good to me. He came over to me and in front of all our Squad he spoke to me.

Oh, I have lots to tell you. I am so happy & popular. and really dear (this is private) I am well liked and thought so much of by my mates. and I am Section leader for drill and the others take their time from me. There will be good luck in you calling Corporal Norton. There is a great big chance for me for a promotion and I will get it I am sure but don't say anything until I get my stripes,

Gavin is "Top Dog" and if I can keep going as I have been doing I am right I know I will be a success. I know my work & only want practice and I will get on rapidly as there is a plenty of room for trained men.

Dear will you ask Ada to knit a scarf for Bill Neuman? (Was this the soldier who signed H. T. Norton's last letter, when he was killed?) If she can it would be so appreciated for night guard. I have not got any night work so far, but it will come. Will you look up all my photos etc in connection with my launch.

And the boys would like Kings wife to bring out some cakes on Sunday. Dont bring fruit. We get plenty. Only buns & cakes would be nice we are looking forward to them and I will meet you right along the fence and if I miss you you can easily find our tent. Will write tomorrow night.

This afternoon we went to bathe in the river and it was cold. The boys said if King went in they would follow. So although it took a lot of courage I plunged in & swam across. There was only three others did it. There was 3000 men bathing & we did stir up the water.

Can you let me have a dish towel on Saturday night?
God bless you all
Best love from Soldier daddy
I just love this life
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Write to me every day dear.