

show the hideousness of the uniform
and they can only show the
hideousness of my face!

I don't think I have lost my fine
tastes and would be glad of papers
but I have little money for it. I am
a little fat and strong, which is a
bit better than having fine tastes.

I hope you will try and cheer
me up a bit. The war looks as
if it will soon be over. I am
going about four old John,
and it is rough work on him. I hope
the rest will do him good. I wrote
you yesterday.

I hope you are all well and
bread and butter all day long.
How much love is all they have to
Mr John.

7 - my office
at home

alderbury.

wednesday.

and has returned home
in the morning

my dear Mrs Mother
I got your letter this morning
I am so sorry that you are still so
worried and sad. I assure you there
is no reason for worry. My health is
excellent and likely to remain so
and as for my spiritual welfare
you seem to have the strongest ideas
about camp - as if they were sinks of
iniquity. I can safely say that I
have never been among ~~and~~ more
to decent or really religious lot of men
there may be some tough customers
in the army but they are not in
F Company of the 6th Cameron's and
I have nothing to do with the others.
we have got a new sergeant instructor
and decent fellow called Macalister

It is a femur sprinter and does not even at us!

You don't seem to be getting any letters and yours are always two or three days old. I hope you are still all well. I don't know why a Home Defence Battalion should demoralise Peebles. People don't seem to understand that an entirely different class of men is joining the Army just now.

The sergeant told me that whereas in the old time drill had to be knocked into the men now they are much more easily taught and there is no trouble with the discipline.

I had a surprise this afternoon. I heard a voice I thought I knew, and here was Archie Scott outside the tent with the Chaplain. The Chaplain seems a decent old fellow

and he is a bit of a service for I believe Scott was looking for another man and only struck me by mistake.

I have had my second inoculation and am off pebbles for two days. That is merely because of the stiffness of the arm. It does you need no harm other wise. I had a letter yesterday we had a route march in the rain. We wore our puttees and it was pretty funny. I had no time last night to write as I had an extra recruit's drill after tea. Even if we wanted to go to the dogs we would have no time as they work us so hard and after the last drill you want to go to sleep.

I send my photographs. I hope you like them. I wanted to