

Bramshott.

Sunday

Dear John

I am sorry to have been so long in answering your letter and in thanking you for the 'wax' but I have the usual excuse, that my hands are full with the 'wax' is much appreciated by every one. Thank you much for sending it.

I got a letter from Col. Rawley enclosing a form in which he says that he thinks he could get me a commission just now. What do you think I should do? I don't fancy I would be gazetted till January, but on the other hand it might come sooner. You might advise me.

The weather here has been bad, and the mud gets deeper each day. Except for that we are all right. We have been doing a little training especially bayonet exercises in the hut when it rains. The trouble is that though there is plenty of water sloshing about on the ground there is none for drinking or for washing. There is plenty for cooking purposes, so there is nothing serious about it but it is a nuisance. Sergeant Holmes, who came from Chatham, sat up in bed the third waterless day and bleated that he was a very particular man. He didn't look it at the time.

In His Service in the Tower Hall, Tower

can get a hot bath for 3'. I have patronised the
bath extensively and had two baths last week.

I was on ground one night last week and had
a charming time. It was very wet and shortly after
in the early morning was not exactly comfortable.
The three hours were more like 24.

They seem to be all well in Peebles, but
sorry that the children are going away. We
sit here from 5th pm till 12th which I will spend in
Peebles. I would like to have seen the children
but I may see them later.

I hope that you are still happy and that
Susie is well.

With love

Your very affectionate
brother