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Dear Winnie,

Sorry I have been so long answering your letter, but it has just reached me from Torquay.

This place is an enlarged version of Eastchurch, but further from a town of any size at all.

As a matter of fact we have only gone outside the camp once since we've been here

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that was on Saturday afternoon,
I went to the nearest town,
a place called Barry, we
left at 3 o'clock, and we got
back at 6 o'clock.

We just walked round the
town for about 2 hrs went
to the pictures, saw one
film & got so browned off
we came back.

Still all our evenings are
spent either in fatigues or
swotting, as we have a
weekly exam here, and
your are graded. A. B. C.
A is above average

B " average & if you get
C it means you have had it.

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but on our first one today
I got A (I have to boast
about it, because it's the only
one I'm ever likely to get.)

We have been doing the
theory of flight so far
& believe me, there's more
on a single wing than
I ever thought there was
on the whole of a plane.

Tonight I have just
finished digging up spuds,
so I don't feel like doing
any "genning" (swotting to you).

This course is pretty
binding, and some of the
chaps are talking about

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throwing it in already, but I shall try and stick it, as I dont see how you can judge a course by one week.

We are in huts containing 30 here, and as all the chaps in the hut are from my old flight, and we all know one another its not so bad. We also have a radio in the hut and that helps a lot.

One of the chap's has just come in with some new "gen" (information) that Saturday afternoon & Sunday

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morning are now going to be working days, if that is "pukka" (correct) its just about going to put the lid upon it.

By the way please remember, the explained words, as they are used so often, you just write them down naturally.

Well we are going on to engines tomorrow having completed the first phase of our course, so I'm going to get some shut eye, so I can get a little zen into my thick head ~~tomorrow~~ tomorrow.

So ~~to~~ this is the end of
my epistle of events (I can
hear your sigh of relief).

So best luck

Love

Jim 1386802

P.S. excuse pencil as its
easier than pen, when in
bed.

Jim
