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Dear Jean.

Just a few more lines, more
rude remarks, think of it 4,000 miles
away and you can't do anything about
it, can be as rude as I like.

Hope you received my last
letters and airgraph. Of course I
don't suppose I shall hear from home
for at least another three weeks.
However hope to have ~~the~~ mail
which was forwarded on from Beatton
Park. before then.

Have settled down quite O.K.
expect we shall have another two
weeks to wait for the posting

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to start our course, shall be glad to get cracking am fed up with waiting about.

The weather has turned much warmer these last few days, the thaw has definitely come and in a week or so the ground will be pretty clear of snow, as we haven't a lot to do here we have plenty of route marches so it will make the going easier for us, these jaunts are alright but you notice the cold to start with. We have been issued with special caps, they have special flaps to protect the ears from frostbite, they look too-oo delightful on us, by the shape of them it looks as though a woman designed them, you know they look O.K. but are not practical

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Just the opposite to that carpet
bag you usually carry).

We decided to go to a
dance last Tuesday. was quite
an amusing affair. the band and
floor was good but the standard
of dancing - Hopeless. All the girls
can do here is jitterbug, at least
they try. they nearly strangle you in
the process, anyway we had 50¢
worth of enjoyment out of the affair.

We don't go out of camp
a lot. there's so much to do inside
that it's not worth it, the pictures
are changed 4 times weekly so there's
always plenty to see. also we
indulge in other pastimes such as
badminton, whist, chess etc.

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What's happening around your
part of the world? any riots lately,
give me any news you may have,
you know usual births deaths
marriage's effort, especially the latter,
like to know whose just been 'shot'
down in flames.

Happened to be glancing through
last year's diary, it's just 12 months
since Cyril was killed, seems a very
short time to me, it's only when you
read other extracts that I realize how
long ago it happened. Diaries are
rather fascinating things, do you keep
one? they're O.K. provided other
people don't get hold of them.

Well, will cheer you, take care
of yourself.

all the best
Jack