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My dear Sir

I am sending
a copy of a letter received from my
brother in h.h. It is a bratty letter
about their camp life, & I have met
people under the impression they
have a hard life of it, & this letter
shows to the contrary.

Yours truly
Wm. G. Galton

Address Mr Galton
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The original was too precious to send.

Kentham
Camp
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Dear Anne + Billy

I hope this finds you three safe + in the best of health.

You will have to excuse his scrawl as I am writing it on the bottom of a grey bag

Well I am Tommy Atkins was handed over to the Imperial Government on the 12.14.

I like the life very much + never felt better in my life before we get up at 5.00 Drill to 6.30 to 7.30 This is Physical Drill + again from 8.30 to 12 noon. Dinner + Drill again from 2.30 to 5 pm. + then again from 7.45 to 8.30.

While off parade we have we have to be cleaning our gear + wash our cups + plates + enamel + knife, fork + spoon.

At present I am an orderly for three officers it is not a bad job off Drill. They are from Wanganui. We have now the third force officers + ~~non~~ non commissioned officers in camp of us Officers + men 2000 odd the next lot 3000 Officers + men.

I have never been in a worse for time + not so much rain. The other lot they had two

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days rain, where we have had a week of it
In camp there ~~is~~ is a picture show. The sal-
vation army have a marquee English
church. 4 M. Co. have the same

We appreciate the Sally Tent - there is a
piano, books, magazines, & papers.

The first Sunday Church Parade. The
Officer said fall out - catholic, S Army.
& so on. On the third Sunday we all
joined S Army & go there ever since to show
appreciation. So the Coy Eng. & the P.C. get
very few. I must say the Officers did look
less when this reaches you I will be on the high
seas (Please don't say a word we leave H.M.S.
on the 12th of Dec. I am not supposed to give this out
of camp. We are a lot better than the first lot in Physic
& smarter in Drill & a real decent lot. I have very
good tent mates. I was in training again Monday week
for three days & I must say they did give me a good
time. The Rowing Club gave me a day of the river
mother came & so did Mr. Sawdrey & Hall
I hardly got to bed on Sunday night - I shall never
forget those three days. Hall has grown a big
fat lump & is so good to know. I have signs
on for three years or till the war is over, I am not
sorry I have joined, ~~at~~ all we are looking for
fight & it is hoped we get it. Our gear is all new
The Rifle & bayonet is made this year & they are
very good for shooting in the marksmans

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course I made 89 out of a frozeble of a 100-4
it takes 45 to get a marksman's badge so I got it
easy. Our bayonets we have just got them back
sharpened. Our Pt-3 uniforms, 2 pr boots
& pr socks. 2 under shirts. 2 under pants
bores sleeping caps. Parki jersey these
two are very good. Balacava cap. Men all hold
all, sea bag, rashion tin, water proof sheet
& towels, 2 blankets, 1 felt hat, 1 military
cap, kit bag & a very good top coat - it is the best
in our kit. On the march we have to carry
about 75 lbs. My reg. number is 13, & so far my
luck is out. Wanganui Regiment have not
had any one in the guard tent & we are easily
the best in camp. All Wang boys gets a good hear-
ing, all the soft jobs fall to them. All letters are sent on
from Hellington to our destination.

It was decided between Tawdrey & me that one
should go, when I went home Tawdrey had gone
& signed on & was going into camp on the 14th
so I stopped him & he was very cut up about it, so
mother says. I am very sorry for him, but if he
knows what I do he cannot go, & if I
could I would tell you some funny things.

We have to grow a now & have our hair cut
very short, at first it makes one ~~feel~~ ^{look} very
funny. It did rain last night.

The curvions gave us a send off last Saturday.
We will march straight onto the boat, it is 20 miles
to Hellington

What is theuddy like is it a good child.
Sunday was the first time I had visitors
& they showed in. Aunt & Uncle Rob have been
very good to me. The firm Habricks Co. have
treated me like a son. The job is there for me if I come
back & always to keep in touch with them & can
have as much money as I like, & gave me good
advice. As Mr Habricks said if he was only
my age & not married he would go himself
They are the best firm I have ever worked
for. I was getting my 1/8 a day & only 4 hrs
a week & 2/ over time Sundays double pay
There wont be many get back from the
war only the lucky ones. 5 out of one tent
last night went to town & got drunk & they lost
their hats cost them 7/6 each for a new one
I must blip there goes the bugle so good bye
Wall.

From
Your loving brother
Stanley Brookie

Mr C. J. Gaulton
'Ayrmin'
Rhoest - St
Ryde.