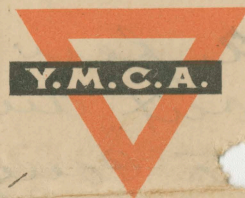


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Reply to C Company 3/6 Bar Glos Regt.

Stationed at Malvern  
Wells

Sept 14 1915

Dear Bro.  
I recieved yours and Jarvis letters  
yesterday morning and was glad  
to here from both of you. I am  
well, hoping this <sup>finds</sup> you both well  
and the rest of the family. have been  
drilling hard to day. it is pretty hard  
work drilling with a pack on your  
back and it weighing about 60 pounds  
and then a rifle weighing 9 pounds  
you have that pack on your back  
from the time you starting drilling  
tell the time you quit which is  
4.30 o'clock every evening. we are  
going on a route march to morrow  
I do not <sup>know</sup> whether you know what  
that means or not. but it means  
about a thirty mile trip with that  
pack on your back. I have seen



a few of the boys give completely out and have to be hauled back to camp. on these route marches but I have <sup>been</sup> successful in making every trip yet. when we go to the front we will be carrying a 90 pound pack. If I live through this war. I ought to be a pretty tough man. I am pretty hard man as it is to day. The Captain said like <sup>to</sup> me the other day, Dale your are pretty hard lad and I notice yours are pretty faithful sticker any thing you go at. but there is one thing I want you to get out of. I ask him what it may be, and he then said I was a little nervous. he said that was all he had against me I then told him I had done some pretty hard work in my days, and I was not scared of work and I also told him I would try to get out of it, but my father made me that way ~~scaring~~ at the top of his voice at me and that was the reason why I was over here to day, to try