

Weston Super-Mare
Jan 29. 1916

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I am going to desert the army & am tired of being moved about in England. Carrie I am not living the life of a Christian by any means you cant in this damn outfit. I am sorry to say but I have bin on the drink a week now. and the most of the time I have bin in England. I have now at present time. seven days C.B. and five days pay stoped. for not going on parades. so when I get out of this. I am going to ask the Captain for five days leave and if he dont give it to me. I am going to take it any how as I never had any Christmas leave. I never have had any leave yet. only but the inoculations that I had at malvern wells. and that was only six days. I wanted a pass to London. so if I dont get it I am going to try to make my get away. I never joined it to stay in England all my

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life. I joined it to fight and learn something about warfare. I have done Physical drill and Company drill so long until I am fed up with it. as they say over here. Carrie you spoke of paying me out of the army you cant be bought out of the army at any price over here. but you can send me Papers showing that I am a American Citizen that will get me out but you would have send my age and my full address which would be Carson. James Dale. and where I was born at and date of birth and month that is if you want me out of it. but I will have to serve six months detention that means hard labor over here but I can do that. You see I was drunk when I joined. I told them I was a Canadian. there is where I will have to serve

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 take me. they are going next
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a negro over here as they do
a white man. I am sick
a looking at England and I
will kill my self if I have
to stay in this country much
longer. they have got a lott
of negroes in the $\frac{3}{4}$ Glosters and
we have two in our lott. the
Englishmen runs with them
and one of our negroes married
a white girl at Malvern wells
so that is a nough to disgust
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ought to be spanked by Germany
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Graphic. I thought that might concern you all. You will see the three Companies of the 3/6 Glosters and I am ⁱⁿ Company in the Bottom pictures. You will see me and Stanley Coles standing under the Cross marks and I have the officers struck around in ink they are the officers of my company. I am sending you some photos of this place you will see the old pier. we go there every morning for Bath. I was aning to send them to you last week but I forgot to mail them. Carrie tell James to take care of his self tell Blanche I will write her next week tell Roscoe to be a good boy. I will close with best regards to all I hope to see you all some day

4478 private J. Hale

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Company

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[Faint handwritten notes and scribbles at the bottom of the page]

I thought that might
 cover you all. You will see
 the three companies of the 3rd
 in the Boston pictures. You will
 see me and Stanley also standing
 under the Cross streets and
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 of my company. I am sending
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