

The Barracks
Wrexham

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Just a line before I leave for the front. We are starting out at 4 o'clock tomorrow morning for Southampton where we will embark on the Doune Castle for South Africa. Be sure to write to me soon my number is 7347 RWF Volunteer Company, South Africa. That will find me. The Cavalry went off on Tuesday night. Johnny Jones and Walter Bill have gone with them. We are having a fine dinner before starting and also a grand breakfast at Birmingham on the way. I have had my photo taken in privates and also in khakis. Mother is going to send you one of me in private clothes. We had one of them taken in a group and had one given us. We are having nothing but snow here, it is about nine inches thick.

What do you think about the war? We have lost a lot of men over it haven't we? But things are looking better now, and I think we are going to the line of communication so we will not see much fighting. We have had splendid rig out: two suits, two of everything else except socks - we've had four pairs of those. We will have a lot of walking about I expect. I went home on Thursday to say goodbye to mother and Sis, I am so sorry I cannot see you personally but be sure to write to me quite often. I will write to you again when we land and tell you all about the voyage. We are travelling as 3rd class passengers so we should not have a bad time of it; that is, if we have fine weather.

We shall not go out of the barracks today in case we are late for the train. I have nothing more to say just now.

I remain your loving Brother,

Norman 7347.

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