



Be Strong—Play the Man.

## Regimental Institute,

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Dear Bazel,

I did my best to get leave tonight, but had no luck. I have also applied for leave to go to Timaru, but don't think much of my chance. I will know tomorrow. We have had a fairly hard day, but have the evening free. It seems fairly definite that we are leaving in about a week for Aldershot, where we will have a few weeks' solid training before going to the Continent. It seems hardly worth while to get my Mother to come up, as they say each man will only get leave once more, and although the camp is open to visitors, we are most of the time on parade, and anyhow this is such a rough shop.

Would you mind sending me some marking ink with your reply, and getting used to the life and even beginning to like it.

With love

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truly

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