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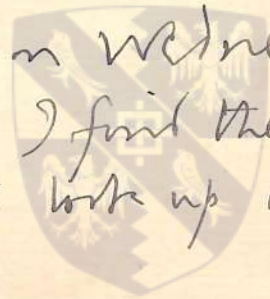
Lines

Arvington Park Camp.

My dearest Ruth,

Thank you for your letter. I'm sorry I only managed a p.c. to you yesterday. It wasn't a particularly agreeable ride, as it was very misty most of the way - much more so than on top of the Westhorne hill.

Our written examination will be on Wednesday afternoon. I find there's a good deal to look up before then.



I've only just managed to get hold of a handbook of the gun which contains a lot of information. This morning we passed through the gas chamber - It is a little wooden hut up in the amphitheatre - one goes in with a mask on & changes to another mask in there. I didn't quite realise that the room contained gas - it is more usual on such occasions to let the gas off when you get inside - consequently took for a

practice change what was the real test. I had some difficulty with my helmet - the tube which goes into one's mouth seemed to be going into my eye - so I took it off to get it right & got a whiff of gas - I could easily have held my breath for another few seconds - however the gas must have been very mild, for I feel no ill effects beyond a slight headache. I'm going to dine with the Jennings to-night, which I shall enjoy

This afternoon I fancy we shall be out of doors as we have work with maps. It has been such a lovely morning.

About next week-end - as our exams end on Thursday I shall possibly come back then - but I can't tell yet. Last week-end was too lively.

The motor bike blew off its exhaust again just before I reached here, but I'm hoping to get it put to rights by the fitter in the camp. I have a medical board to-morrow.

Great love to you,
Yours lovingly George.