

quite satisfactory. We all took
charge of the Battery in turn &
then manned the guns afterwards.
On Tuesday night we wound up with
a good concert.

At 8 a.m. Wednesday we turned out;
packed up; - breakfasted; & then took
it to Amesbury station. We eventually
arrived at Waterloo at about 1.30 p.m.
Then the messing round started. I left
all my gear at ~~the~~ Waterloo Inn &
"beat it" for the Bank to get some
cash for shopping. I then went on
to H. ferry road to report. ~~He~~ went to
one room & was there given a couple of
sheets of paper & sent on to another
chap who gave me a free first class
railway warrant to Pontypridd (could
have had it for any part of Gt Britain)
& 2 doz half fare vouchers. At the next
place I was given an order for two
stags & a Sam Browne belt. I then
went to another room & had £15.

16. GELLIWASTAD ROAD.

PONTYPRIDD.

1/7/18.

My Dear All.

Well its all
over now & I'm down
here for a few days
leave. We report at H. gro
on the 8th & then proceed
to a Reserve Brigade at Larkhall
to await orders for France.
We may be there a week or
perhaps only a couple of days.
Our shooting turned out

but allowance put in my book. (One wants at least double that amount to get everything.) After that I climbed the stairs to another department & had my promotion put in my pay book. Bill to 2nd Lt. I depend of allowed + 14/- to draw. 21/- a day ought to keep even an officer.

I am thinking of altering the allot. to 5/- & also having 4/- a day paid into my tank over here. I'll make inquiries on my return to London.

We wound up finally in the Pay Office, with everything fixed up & then I started shopping.

Had to get a valise & get my name stencilled on it, also shirts, collar, ties, braces, safety razor, housewife, holdall, map carrier, & various other essentials for

an officer on^t service.

Another chap & myself spent all the afternoon together on the store street I think I must have walked all over Harrods & Selfridges. (I suppose you've heard of them they are big places. I think you'd lose Foy's in them.)

We wound up in a taxi with all our gear & after collecting our kit bags at Waterloo, we set out to look for a hotel.

The first place was full & we got about $\frac{1}{2}$ way to the next when ~~my~~ the taxi's near fore went flat. The "guy" pulled up in side street & put a stepney wheel on. On arriving at the next joint we found it full also & then finally found accommodation at a very nice Temperance Hotel

1/7/8

16. GELLIWASTAD ROAD,
PONTYPRIDD.

They are too good to us. Florrie
cut three days off her holiday
in Shropshire to come home to
see us.

I had a note from Bob
yesterday. He's talking about
going to the S. of France
for his next holiday. It's
jolly fine now that he's
getting the 10/- a day. He
should have had it 18 months
ago.

Did Fred. Hand or Mac.
ever come out to see you
again? I hope so.

If you do see Fred again,
thank him for me for the

called the Ivanhoe. It's in
Bloomsbury St; quite close to
Tottenham Court Circus.

Mr. Maylan (the chap who came over
to the school with me & also came
down here last time) finished up
at Barkhill on the following day
& we both came down here for
a few days.

We had one night in Cardiff
& had a look round; arriving
in Pontypridd at about 1 p.m.

Florrie came back from Shrop-
shire that evening & we have
been enjoying a nice quiet
holiday.

^N
parcel his lady friend sent.

I was unable to reply wth it
as I couldn't make out the
address on it.

Well this is enough of
self. it's "I" all the way
through.

They are all well here
& hope you are the same.

Love from

yr loving son & br.

Harold.