Weston Super-Mare
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Dear Sister:

I received some of my mail at last from you and rest of family and was glad to hear from you all. I am well at present time and I hope this letter finds you all the same. I have been to Bristol for the last ten days and was marker on the range there and I had a pretty easy time of it. While I was there I was on duty from nine fifteen to two thirty and I had the rest of day off. I meet several boys from America that came over on the horse boats from New York. They came over to join the British Army. I advised them to stay out of it. And I told them if they wanted to live a tough life to join in it so they said they were going back to the states and I hope they do. Carrie I am in the next draft and if they don't send me soon
I am going to desert the army & am tired of being moved about in England. I am not living the life of a Christian by any means you can't in this damn outfit. I am sorry to say but I have him on the drink a week now and the most of the time I have him 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 don't 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 9 inoculations that I had at malvern wells and that was only six days. I wanted a pass to London so if I don't get it I am going to try to make my get away. I never joined it to stay in England all my
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 can't be bought out of the army at any price over here. But you can send me papers showing that I am an American citizen that will get me out but you would have send my age and full address which would be Colson, James, Hole. 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
six months hard labor and you will have to say that I am wanted at home and don't let them know that I got you to do it. I am tired of living this kind of life. I don't guess Papa wants me to come back and live with you all. Carrie, I am not asking you to do this. to keep from going to the front. I want to go. and I am not desparate when I say it. I am tired of being pulled around in England. I tried to get in the draft that Stanley Cole was going in but they would not take me. they are going next Monday. Stanley Coles is going to be discharged from the army he is unfit. and I think he is glad of it. it is a hell of a country for us over here boys I don't think they like us much. I know that I have no love for them. I say damn.
a Country, when you can see a Negro man and white woman walking down the street together arm and arm. They think as much of a Negro over here as they do a white man. I am not looking at England and I will kill my self if I have to stay in this country much longer. They have got a lot of Negroes in the 4 Hostel and we have two in our lot. The Englishmen run with them and one of our Negroes married a white girl at Malvern Wells so that is a mouthful to disgust any one of England. She really ought to be spanked by Germany they do everything left handed out here. They travel to the left of the road. Torr here. And they were about one hundred years behind the times. Carrie I am sending you the Hostel
Graphic. I thought that might concern you all. You will see the three Company of the 376 Hosters and 3 am of Company in the Bottom pictures. You will see me and Stanley Coles standing under the cross marks, and I have the officers stuck around in me. 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 both. I was about to send them to you last week but I forgot to mail them. Carrie tell Jane 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.

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