

Transcript of a letter to Goldsworthy Lowes Dickinson, 28th October 1914.
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TELEGRAS: BARN, CHATHAM.
NAT. TEL: N^O 57 GILLINGHAM.

Anson Battalion
Second Naval Barracks
ROYAL NAVAL BARRACKS,
CHATHAM.

Dear Goldie,

I never thought to find
myself in Barracks. Camp
is all right: there's Romance
in it: it's rather like
"camping-out". But Barracks!
(which is yet extraordinary
like College)
I looked in at Edward's
Square one morning
two or three days after
I got back from the
Antwerp affair. But you'd

just gone to Cambridge. I
was sorry to miss you.
I hope you don't think me
very reactionary + callous
for ~~joining~~ taking up
this function of England.
There shouldn't be war-
but what's to be done,
but fight Prussia? ~~I've~~
I've seen the half million
refugees in the night
outside Antwerp: + I
want, more than before,

to go on; till Prussia's
destroyed. I wish
everyone I knew were
fighting.
Will you let me know
what's happening about
the Society? Nothing,
I suppose. For I was

very glad to hear
Lucas had enlisted.
It's Does Gerald come
down? Or do angels
flutter weekly?
I suppose the authorities
know I'm not coming
up while the war

is on + so won't
want my room.
We go to a camp near
Rolandford (also near
Yeovil and Dorchester) in
a week or two: probably
for November & December.
Will you be in that
part of the world at
all? It would be nice to see you.
Cambridge is very fine
about Louvain.
Ever
Rupert'