

Private Lewis Lloyd,
June, July 1915
Isleworth and Aldershot

Isleworth
Friday

Dear Mother,

I have definitely given in my name to join the Army at the end of this term. Whether or not I am accepted or not depends on my eyesight. I get the Provisional Certificate and you get half the money (12.10) back or somewhere near it.

I expect you will be much upset but I will obtain what I came to College for – the Certificate – and the monetary loss is none or practically none thus there's no sacrifice on that side.

I have not rushed into it – it's practically a year now since the war commenced and I've thought about it ever since. We are not doing at all well either.

If you wish it I will come home for a few days but there is no drawing out of it now. I shall only come home on condition that nothing is said about it while I am at home. In that case I should want a return ticket form.

If you consider it carefully I think you will see that it's the only possible thing for me to do, and by the notices for teachers, one must be medically unfit to get a post now. There are exceptions to that of course but that is a general stipulation now.

I received the parcel safely. Thanks for it, it is welcome as the food at the end of term always goes off.

Your loving son,
Lewis.