

# TO KILL REFUSING

## BRISTOL'S WORLD WAR 1 CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

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**Title:** Letter from Eric Crompton 1/3

**Description:** A hand written letter

**Details:** Letter written by Eric Crompton to his parents, on 28/10/1916, after being transferred from Horfield Barracks to Weymouth to await court-martial.

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Saturday

Dear Father + Mother,

I am now at, Room 47,  
Westham Bank, Weymouth. I expect you  
have heard from Aunty about me. I am A1 +  
quite happy so there is nothing whatever to  
Worry over. Arrested on Wed: + taken to Horfield  
Barracks but not allowed out of yard. Met  
5 other C.O's there. Four were shifted yesterday  
+ a chap, Lewis, + I taken by motor lorry to Temple  
Meads to day for here. I refused to get in  
the motor so much to the amusement of all  
I was picked up by soldiers + hitched in.  
all took it in the best of spirits. I expect to  
be in the Guardroom on Monday + then  
D.C.M. I hear 4 C.Os are already in the  
Guardroom. We have dodged the sentry  
to-night so have from about 6-30 till  
8-30 round the town. Well I hope to  
write again shortly. Yours Affec<sup>ly</sup>  
Bill.