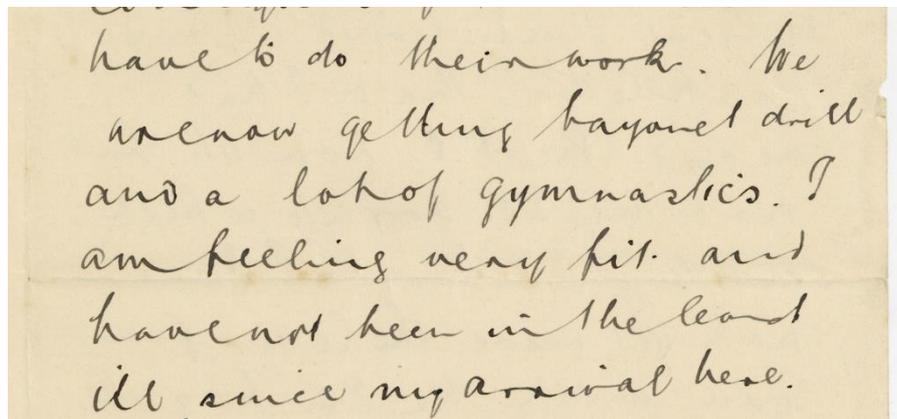


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Two short extracts from a letter from Thomas Baker Brown to his father from a training camp in York, 23 December 1915. He describes the weather and having to do gymnastics and bayonet drills.

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Key words:

Bayonet drill – practicing and following orders about how to use a bayonet (a knife-like weapon that is attached to a gun (musket) and is used for stabbing or slashing in hand-to-hand combat.

Question:

What sorts of exercise Thomas doing as part of his training? Is it working? Pick out the phrase from the letter that show you this.