

6, Great George Street,  
Westminster S.W.  
7<sup>th</sup> December 1901.

Dear Friar,

The enclosed letter came this morning; and, being marked "Very urgent", I opened it.

I called at the Head Quarters on my way into town, and ascertained that Col Bain is taking out the Detachment which is about to leave, and that the further Detachment to which the letter relates will be enrolled on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst, and will leave at about the end of the year. The officers and men will be enlisted as before for a year, or until the end of the war. There is no doubt that I could obtain from the War Office a promise of Lieutenancy.

But for my part I do not encourage you to go. I do not think that it would open to you any career in the Army, whilst it interrupts your course at Crompton's. If, however, you entertain the proposal, you had better come home at once, and talk the matter carefully over with me before sending an answer to the Corps.

They tell me at Head Quarters that it will be quite time enough if they get your decision during the course of Tuesday.

Yours aff<sup>te</sup>  
Dad