

Thursday (?)

My dear Frank

I had a very pleasant letter from Leaf in which he said that he was glad I wrote to him & that it was quite proper to do so. Also that he would do anything he could for you & mention you to the other officers, & further giving you an excellent character as a soldier etc & saying a few other pleasant things which I am sure he meant.

How are things shaping with you now? Let me know if I can do anything for you anyway. I am going to Chambers for the first time tomorrow & shall I hope be about regularly on Monday. I bought two Langshams from Cook the other day they look most promising & the pen is now quite a good one & we are getting lots of eggs.

I think I told you that I had written to Kirks? the great B'ham back-terrier breeder about a brindle back-terrier: he has not been able to find me one yet, but he sent me particulars of an all white pup that looks like being a smasher – a heavy weight 50 lbs at least. I should love to have him but I don't think that they would stand four dogs here: if you know anyone who wants one you might let me know & I could put them & Hinks in communication.

The collie pup is taken thanks to Tom's careful teaching & all are well here except Dodo whose ear is bad again.

Your brother

Rowly