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My dear Ruth I'm now with Trafford again and as letters from here seem to have a speedy transit you might to get this almost as soon as my last. I haven't had one from you more recent than the 10th & meanwhile I have had one from Fletcher dated the 12th - which is queer. I'm glad J.J. hasn't wasted any time in applying for me; I gather ~~that~~ he had no doubts that he would be successful sooner or later, but I won't get venture to feel wholly assured about that.

This is a good place. I live in a farm house about six or seven miles from Doullens on the Arras road; it is a very comfortable camp & the country is quite unspoilt and rather attractive. I expect to have a good walk even perhaps a run today. I'm much interested in the army schemes for occupying itself pending demobilisation. At present T's squadrons are training much as they would in England as though the war were going on for ever - which

seems highly ridiculous; but on the other hand they have to be employed, especially the 45 young officers, who are mostly little more than schoolboys. I believe the Army has some educational scheme which will come into operation - that is the required thing - only I wonder who is to do the teaching; to work a proper scheme a large staff would be required. And what will education be like as organized by the Army?

It is evident that T. himself has a good deal of the regular soldier about him; he 'turns people down' with a wonderful aplomb. I could wish he showed a little more sympathy all round - but sympathy in the Army manner so far as it exists drops from Heaven where it wills as bounties & blessings rather than proceeding from any earthly contact. I find myself wondering as to T's future whether, if he takes a civilian job, he will drop the anti-social manner or if so what manner he will adopt.

The cold snap ended here yesterday with a wet cold thaw but today is wonderfully sunny & agreeable. The struggle against the cold

was culminated by a final triumph two or three days ago in the battery Officers' Mess, when our purple windows were put in. Previously the sisters light & air refused us their company singly or desirable as they are together there are occasions when can enjoy the presence of Sister Light all the better for the absence of the elder Sister Air. They are quite good little windows each with six square or almost square panes. It will be a most regrettable accident now if the truck has to be given up for any reason. With regard to the curtain I shall certainly get back the velvet one or perhaps some of the others. I think that stuff would be just right for my study; I wonder whether their height would be right for the long low window there - I believe it wouldn't be far wrong.

I shall not write you a very 'close' letter now as I have several things I want to do before we go out walking at 11 o'clock

Much love to you & the infants.

Your loving George.

P.F.O

I've had no passed since the one from Dr. Turner -
Mason & we're short of flour again.

