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(To Dr. Cushing)

(From Lady Osler)

Sept 7th (1917)

Roy. Victoria.

Swanage.

Dear Harvey

The Chief has written you since your letter to Sue came - and I have waited a day or two. We came here yesterday - because W. O. wanted to - It had been the plan to have two weeks here before Revere came on leave - It may be better to give us a little freshening before facing life with the lights out. I can never tell you how I feel about your having been with Revere. The chance or fate of it all seems even harder to take in than the famous old Gaelic you & he couldn't understand. I could not think of any one I would rather have had with him - Had there been any chance of his living you could have done it - Then he was so fond of you. Remember the teas with Miss Nicols & the trains on the nursery floor? Every detail of our old life comes up - you will be so surrounded by horrors & sadness that I must not make you more unhappy. You were so wonderful to write so quickly - everyone, everything seems to have helped, & then your details were what we wanted of course. All the officers have written, the Chaplain & Sister in charge, so now there is nothing left but bear it and do what we can to help other sufferers during this time of pain and suffering. I wrote Kate at once and of course she knew from Otilie & Campbell to whom a cable went. I suppose the shock took all power of resistance - I am sure he did not realize or he would have sent a message. The Major wrote that he said at once "This will take me home."

Write dear Harvey when you can & if there is anything needed to make the Sisters more comfy at 46 do let me know - A Sister from 61 - a friend of mine wrote she had put flowers on the grave on Saturday.

Our love to you,

Affc,

Tante Grace.

