

(W. W. Francis)
13, Norham Gardens,
Oxford, CUSA17/130.76
Monday 8 p.m.
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Dearest Bill,

Bon voyage! & hurry back. You have been a good boy & have done this job well. So satisfactory to have this billet which brings you to this side.

I hope your luggage will be all right.* My love to all.

Yours,

W.O.

(P.S.) Splendid day . No cough.

* This was W.O.'s usual "tag" in connection with any journey, and it dates from the '80's when he frequented our nursery in Lantanel. My father, returning from England, had been pestered by a bore on the boat with endless repetition of a few silly questions: "Do you think my luggage will be all right?", "How's your liver?", &c., &c. The latter W.O. later converted into "How's your paussy?" after my little sister had objected to the mention of "innards" and as liver & stomach — "Why [she said] not call it 'paussy'?"
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