



R.M.S. Duchess of York Sunday
Afternoon 23rd Aug
1936

My dearest Lois

Many thanks for your kind attentions. I opened your present according to instructions and found the very elaborate tent. The only defect being that, having no earth I cannot play house by driving the tent pegs.

Then I found a beautiful bunch of roses & babies breath from you and a nice bunch of asters from Mother. The stewardess was inclined to think the

flowers wasted on a mere
man but the steward came
to my help with the
statement that anyone that
could not appreciate
flowers could not appreciate
nothing.

It is dead calm, rather
sultry and murky from
forest fires I suppose. I
hope for the sake of my
fellow passengers that it
clears so as to give them
some view of the river and
of Quebec. Thus far
nothing has been visible
since lunch.

The two young women that
Oliver Fyfe introduced me to
are Mademoiselle Yvonne Marie
Le'Roux



R. M. S.

an exchange student² from
the Sorbonne who has
just put in a year at
"Wellesley" a ladies college
in New Jersey and Comptessa
Marilina Cavazza who
has also been studying in
the United States, Boston I
think and is going back
to Italy to have charge of
department in an America
finishing school in some
place in Italy when she
will teach Italian etc to
about 8 visiting American
girls. I am told that

I cannot legally do anything for them except invite them to tea in my Cabin which sounded most improper. However if they accept I have got a most presentable Cabin capable of having four berths but only two are made up and I am alone in it so I have been able to unpack and put away every single thing without any crowding.

Well dear I must thank Mother also so Good bye for the present. Best of Love

Yours
Edward.