

Wednesday

My dearest and sweetest Cis I received your dear lovely letter today by the "Rob Roy" altho I did not altogether expect it. I will answer it by the same steamer Cis. This I am sending by the "Nicoll" which leaves today.

I am sorry dearest that I made such an error in the date of your birthday - of course I did not know it altho I have it in one of your letters at the Norseman - I asked Arthur and he said he thought it was the 17<sup>th</sup>. However my own I will again offer you my heartiest and warmest congratulations and only wish that I were with you

you today I feel really sorry to think that mother should be in trouble on such an eventful day - I made enquiries and find that Arthur would be with you today dearest and then I hope Ruth and a few more will be there to cheer you up Cis you ask me to be candid and so you must forgive me if I say that I am disgusted with Arthur. It must have been awfully aggravating for you dearie not to receive a few kind words of advice from him. I thought it hard enough to think that I could not exchange confidences with him but I was looking forward to

to you telling me, that he has had a long long talk with you on the subject - I can sympathize with you my own and if not too late would suggest that you ask Minnie to have a talk with him. But Cis we must excuse him & suppose it is his peculiar nature and you know it would not do for us all to have the same ideas. I was not in the least surprised to hear that he had not gone to Sydney - although I feel rather annoyed - But I was hoping that between you and mother you might have persuaded him to run over. Maybe he will go before he returns here I do hope so. Cis my own

I am sending a few photos I regret to say that the ones with the chain were failures I will send them later.

I rather hurried them & I have sent you three different shades of blue one bromide and one ordinary portrait. Tell me which you like best dearest. In my leisure I will print them off for you. I rather like you in the "blues" but as they are all the same price I will expect you to tell me which you like best - in the meantime I will get a few of the small ones ready.

Give one to Willie by all means. He is a friend of yours & your friends I trust will be mine from Your ever loving

Ray