

Wednesday

My own little girl is not receiving justice from me this week I should have written last night dearest but I really cannot make up my mind until I hear from you again - Although I feel convinced that you will agree that it was for the best that I did not rush over to you still I must have it from your own pen - There are three steamers now overdue here and as any one of them may be here at any moment I let procrastination get the best of me - However the "McGregor" if none of the others will be in tomorrow & she may have a little letter for me - It does seem such a long time since we had a steamer in here.

Well I hope you are enjoying yourself dearest you must have been agreeably surprised to see Arthur?

No doubt ere this reaches you he will have been to Sydney and back and probably on his return to Esperance. Well I wish him all success and a very pleasant trip back. He will have told you no doubt of the little Social on board the "Flinders" Just before his departure? The dancing craze here is still Booming they average about two dances a week. It is awfully funny to hear the gossip and scandal among the fair sex - Just Dancing they are getting quite cliquey here and now there is a "storm

"Storm in a teacup' because the Butcher's wife told somebody something about the Mayoress - so they don't play chainies now and do not patronize the same functions - so much the better for the public as we have two dances now in place of one. One for the butcher's wife and the other for the Mayoress. Further the Private township (3 miles away) residents and are indignant at not receiving invitations to our dances so they are giving a dance at their town on Friday next to which several of us have been invited.

We have been having terrible weather here lately very changeable just we get a heavy downpour then next day a howling gale of wind which stirs up the sand then probably we get a fine but very warm day.

And now I will leave my dear little girl for the present - By the way Cis you must let me know how your dancing pupils are getting on I am very anxious you know as I would like my teacher to have credentials before entrusting myself to her XX

Good night my Love XXX Good night with all my Love
Good X good night

from yours forever.
Ray

P.S. I am sending you a little piece of seaweed I picked up the other day R.