

Esperance

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My dear little Sweetheart

I have been weighing pros and cons for the last two days and have decided to remain here for another week now don't say sooner or later pet. I am well within the two months but that is nothing - Ciss the great Masonic event the installation takes place tomorrow evening and as I would very much like to go I will wait then I have been offered a Commission as Justice of the Peace which on careful consideration I accepted well the ceremony in connection with this takes place on Friday afternoon then to conclude I have accepted an invitation to dine with the resident Magistrate to meet a few newcomers who arrived here during my absence

Ciss my own I have thought it over very carefully not with my own mind but with yours and I have decided that you would call me a donkey etc. etc. if I did not stop. I do hope I am right in my decision Dearie there is nothing I desire so much as to be with you again love but a week is not long and considering the circumstances of my case I think I am acting in our mutual interests.

You must forgive the short note love I feel as if I never want to write again
I

want to talk to you my own

I received the photo and your dear letter my word you must have slipped a week as you apparently thought I was on my way over. Next Friday I will leave here pet - I find on enquiry that I will only be a day or two later as owing to the strikes I would have had to wait in Albany nearly a week for a boat

With Love to all from

Yours as ever

Ray

N.B Now love don't you say Sooner or later I know you will at first .

Ray