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HÔTEL MÉTROPOLE
FOLKESTONE.

July 31st 1915.
11.15 p.m.

Dear Lucket.

I fear so good. The many ways feel we have been most fortunate. Travelled down from London with about 75 nurses only & however belaeguring to our unit, which is Dr Stakimaly Hospital. We arriving we were sent to the above Hotel where all unit are staying. A lewis Charleson

is an Quaker, & very delight & surprise find Col. McKee is an Commanding Officer.
It is not that I like him so much, but knowing him makes such a difference & he was awfully nice. Also spoke to Dr Bauld & find he is one of our men also. Certainly life is full of surprises.
Shirley also is here. She has been helping in a convalescent home in Dieppe, but yesterday on receiving a cable or telegram that her hub. was leaving un-expectedly & immediately, came

night over ~~Dragy~~ good bye. She tells me once we read where we are to be stationed she will follow. She looks so well - better than I have seen her since her marriage. Just spoke to Colt for a minute. I believe Lipton is somewhere around. I wonder if sending this of the Canadian Hospital units to the Mediterranean means that some of our troops are going there. Dreadfully so.

I feel we are very poorly equipped for a hot climate, when we had

planned for a cold
winter in France, also
our laundry is in
Cloudcroft & our trunk is
full of dirty clothes – But
such things can't be
helped. I seem to have
spent a lot of money too.
Imelda & I have a
very grand room – this
is I imagine a first
class Hotel – one of the
best here – & we haven't
even a tooth brush, &
will have to sleep in our
shirts!!! Mayo Patch
didn't allow no hand
bags & we stupidly left
our hold-alls go with
the other luggage which

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Has been sent I think straight straight to Southampton; as it was 10.30 by the time we had supper, couldn't go out & buy even a comb — Am going to hunt up some one & board.

Well we got a bit tired having been on the go since 8 a.m. & it is always rather worrying, trying to get things done in a hurry.

But once on the boat will have 10 days complete rest. Have invested in 2 boxes of lucifers, for I am told we are aft. to have a good deal of rough weather.

I wish I could be there when you open my cable. Am sure it will be a surprise. Give Lucile my love that sweet little letter was a great treat & will be answered, once I am on the boat.

Am rather afraid

This ~~will~~ may not reach you in time to wish you many happy returns of Aug. 10th but it will let you know I am thinking of you that every day, & may we spend your next birthday together. Had a nice note from Mr. Burton saying he had received the clock. I do hope you like it.

Once again good bye & just heaps of love to you from

Bellie.

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P. S. We have breakfast in the a. m. @ 5-45 so are to have an early start. Once again good bye. Am afraid it will be a long time before I have another letter from you.

As I have kept my diary am all mixed up in the number of my letters – But since the last one sent me from London this afternoon was this am. I shall remember that when I get hold of my book again.