

ON BOARD THE  
CUNARD  
R.M.S. "LACONIA"

Naples March 17  
Dear William

Have seen some  
wonderful scenery and  
many interesting historic  
places since I wrote  
you from Cairo. I went  
to Luxor on the Nile  
where many beautiful temples are located  
Luxor Temple was founded  
by Amenophis III and  
enlarged by Ramses II  
and Ramses the III.

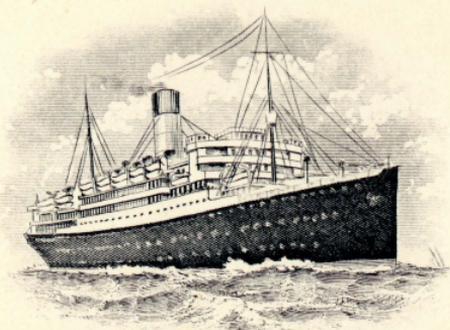
There are two sitting statues  
here 40 ft high and a pink obelisk  
I also visited the Temples  
at Karnak including the long  
avenue of sphinxes. The great  
Court with its 134 gigantic  
Columns It is impossible

for me to describe all of  
the different Temples here  
and the Sacred Lakes

The Temple of Karnak contains  
the most extensive and  
imposing ruins in the world  
all in a remarkable state  
of preservation I also visited  
the Tomb of King Tut-ankh  
amen and was very fortunate  
in being able to get in  
as it is closed to the Public  
I entered in the Mountain  
about 70 ft to reach his Tomb  
and saw his Coffin in the  
Sarcophagus I also saw  
all of the things taken out  
of his Tomb in the Museum  
in Cairo, also visited the  
Tombs of Ramses the II and  
III also Sethi I father in law  
of Ramses the II also visited  
the Tomb of Amenophis II  
and saw his mummy figure

his wife and two children  
were also there, all of these  
Tombs and about 12 others  
are located in the valley  
of the Kings and Queens  
and at the foot hills of the  
Libyan desert from here  
I went on the Mountain  
to Thebes here I saw the  
beautiful Terrace Temple  
of Amenhotep built by Queen  
Hatshepsut the Queen Elizabeth  
of Egypt, a short distance  
away was the Statue of  
Ramses the II a massive  
piece of granite there are  
also many other great and  
wonderful objects of interest  
here I stopped at the Winter  
Palace Hotel in Luxor as well  
it is one of the finest hotels  
to be found in Egypt from  
here I could see the  
sun rise in Arabian desert

and set in the Light desert  
The Hotel is on side of the  
Nile and saw the Nile  
by Moonlight the scene  
was wonderful. Luxor is  
420 miles South of Cairo  
I left Cairo Mon 14th for  
Alexandria I spent a part  
of the day here and left  
about 2pm for Naples  
I expect to visit all of the  
interesting places <sup>there</sup> <sup>today</sup>  
will spend two days  
here and two in Rome  
I am going to change my  
route and get off at  
Villfranche (Nice) instead  
of Churbaug as it takes  
nearly a week between  
the two places I have  
concluded to go to Ireland  
and Scotland before I return



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I expect to spend three  
days in Paris then  
go through London to  
Scotland and Ireland  
then return to London  
to spend the remainder of  
the time until I leave  
Southampton April 4  
for New York, I sail  
on the Berengaria one  
of the biggest steamers  
on the ocean  
Send love and kisses  
to your and Ruth  
Dad



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