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Letter to my Uncle.

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My dear Uncle,

✓ Yesterday I received your letter, and
upon reading it, I became wild with excitement, and
found it almost impossible to realize that you were
asking me to accompany you on a trip round
the world. Needless to say, like all young people, it
has been my most cherished ambition to do so,
and I find it very difficult to realize my good
fortune and to express my thanks to you for
such a generous offer. I am certain however that
✓ you will find me an appreciative and enthusias-
tic traveller and companion.

✓ It is very thoughtful of you to suggest that
I should give you an idea of the places that I
especially wish to see, as our time will be restric-
ted to a year, your business not permitting a
longer absence.

3B- You suggest that we leave Lyttelton about the be-
ginning of March, next year, on our great adventure,
spend a few days in Wellington, where I should like
to see the new Floating Dock and Houses of Parliament;
then by train to Auckland, a city I have not
visited, but I have heard that it is well laid out, has
a beautiful harbour and many interesting features.
to visit.

From there we could embark in the R.M.S. Aorangi
for Suva, Hawaii, and Vancouver. As I have never

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✓ travelled by sea, let us hope for a smooth passage, as it would be a pity for anything to spoil our opportunity for making new friends and taking part in the, to me, exciting activities on board-ship.

✓ I am so looking forward to seeing the tropical islands with their palm-trees, orange and lemon groves, and their quaintly dressed people. The climate there being so warm I will enjoy wearing my daintiest and coolest frocks.

✓ At Hawaii I can imagine being able to feast our eyes on whole fields of pine-apples and wonderful sugar plantations; the Royal Palms at the native Royal Palace. Also we must not fail to see the famous Aquarium and native surf-board riding I have read about.

✓ Thence to Canada, don't you think? After Vancouver we should commence one of the most interesting parts of our trip, crossing the Rocky Mountains by train, where I have learned that the railway lines are laid in great circles and figures of eight twisting up the mountain sides.

After that the trip across the prairies might probably seem uninteresting, however, we should ^{soon} reach Winnipeg, the centre of the Canadian Wheat Trade, then on to the Great Lakes, which we could cross by steamer. I have heard that the largest lake is vast enough in area to engulf our little country, if put to the test.

✓ We must not miss the renowned Niagara Falls, near Buffalo, an American city, as they are doubtless one of the wonders of the world. I expect that the city of New York will almost bewilder me, with its enormous sky-scrapers and everlasting noise of elevated railways, tram-cars, under-ground railway and immense amount of other kinds of traffic.

Then would come another sea-voyage, this time in one of the largest liners in the world,

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 belonging to the Cunard Company, and then the first we should see of dear old England would be the south-coast, ^{the} Isle of Wight - Wight and then South Hampton Southampton and on to the city of my dreams, London! where I expect to see hosts of places, the names of which I have already become familiar with at school, the Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament, to mention but a few, and just think how I shall love the beautiful shops and theatres.

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 It would be lovely to tour England and Scotland by car, don't you agree, Uncle? and see some of the historic towns, castles, cathedrals, and abbeys, most of the latter ruins by Henry VIII's orders.

I believe the lovely Lake District, and indeed the whole country-side of England appeals irresistibly to all home coming Britons.

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 I dare say we ~~will~~ regret very much leaving the home country, but we must not miss seeing some of the sights of ^{the} sunny France on our way home. Could we not visit Rouen on our way to Paris? if only to see the beautiful Cathedral, and the spot where poor Joan of Arc was martyred. In Paris we shall inspect the pictures in the Louvre, the Palace of Versailles, the Arc de Triomphe, and as you kindly suggest I expect I shall spend some happy hours in the Rue de la Paix.

I feel it would not be right to leave Europe without seeing one of the great Memorial Cemeteries where lie so many of the bravest and best of the Empire's manhood, who fell so gallantly in the Great War.

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 After leaving Marseilles we ~~so~~ shall see the south of France, the Bay of Monaco, Geneva, the headquarters of the League of Nations.

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At Rome let us go to the ancient Colosseum and other famous Roman ruins, St. Peter's Cathedral, Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius, then to Naples where we embark on a P. and O. liner for Australia, seeing a little of Port Said and the Suez Canal, it would be lovely to cross, ^{the} by moonlight, the lakes through which this canal passes.

A too short stay at Colombo, in Ceylon, but we could visit some temples, tea-plantations, and Handy if time allows.

I do hope we will be able to see something of the capitals of the Australian states, especially Sydney, and its magnificent harbour with its new bridge, one of the most wonderful engineering feats in the world, and so home after what promises to be the most interesting and enjoyable experience of my life.

Again, my dear Uncle, in conclusion, may I offer you my most sincere and heartfelt thanks, for making it possible for me to live through the wonderful year of travel, which I shall look forward to most eagerly.

From,

your ever loving niece,
Naida.

Guide Books of Different Lines.
Information from General Reading and
Geography lessons.