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I expect I shall be packing up the end of the month. Nancy & I hope to be able to come home together & I have written to her to see if we can fit in together so when I know anything definite I will tell you.

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