

Letter to his son Frank, written on board and posted at Queenstown

Thursday 11 April 1912

Dear Frank, I hope that you got to Belfast all right and started work on time, I got your wire from Liverpool. We have made a good run from Southampton everything working A1, we nearly had a collision with the New York and Oceanic when leaving Soton, the wash of our propellers made the two ships range about when we were passing them, this made their mooring ropes break and the New York set off across the river until the tugs got hold of her again, no damage was done but it looked like trouble at the time. Keep well and be a good lad. Regards to Mrs. Johnston, Your loving father. J. Bell.

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