

20 Westbrooke R.

Dearest Robin:

Spid.

Have just remembered the name of the place that Grand P. Robert leaves his apprenticeship at:- A. & J. Inglis Ltd of Glasgow (pronounced locally:- Aye and Jye Ingles. now ~~long~~ long since taken over. They were only smallish & specialise in largeish steam yachts including one the Mufidieyieh, for the Khedive of Egypt, which to allow for His Serene Highness' lack of faith in the heretical screw propeller, was installed with two cylinder oscillating paddle wheel engines of 5000 HP. each cylinder

being as big + 5000 horses! Owing
 to the exalted position occupied by the same
 person of the Khedive in the Muslim hierarchy,
 the vessel's hull has to be consecrated
 from the outset, + guards posted on the
 dock and gangway have instructions to cut
 first + ask questions afterwards. Your Grand P.
 have been a boy in Mohammedan Java, was
 able to recite the muezzin's call to prayer
 each time he passed on + off, + has free
 access through him, though he could not
 have passed the foreman test. (He's left his
 in Java) after leaving England, he joined the
 Naval Design side at Fairfields (Large Beam's
 Clyde side Blooper,) + worked on most of the
 ship designs that later fought at Jutland.
 including the Dreadnoughts, the nuclear
 deterrents of their day. All got green
 cross on how seven feet thick! Luv: De xx