Letter 007 The Hague, 5 May 1873

Dear Theo,

You must forgive me for having forgotten your birthday. My best wishes. I hope this year will be a happy one for you, and that you will like your work more and more.

My time here is almost up. Next Saturday I go home to say goodbye, and then on to Paris on Sunday. I fear, however, that it will be Monday before I can start, and that I shall have to stay over in Helvoirt on Sunday. I hope that I shall be able to write you when I'll be passing through Brussels in time. I may not be able to, as I do not know for sure when I have to be in Paris.

How are Uncle and Aunt – have they moved already? You must write me about this soon, my address is below. I am writing in a hurry; as you can imagine, I am very busy. Adieu, best wishes. Compliments to Uncle, Aunt, Mr. Schmidt and Eduard.

Always your loving Vincent.

V. W. van Gogh C/o Messrs. Goupil & Co., 17 Southampton Street, Strand, London

Don't forget to write \underline{V} . \underline{W} . \underline{V} wan \underline{G} ogh; otherwise it might be confused with Uncle Vincent's mail, he is only called \underline{V} ., you know.