Long Barn
Weald
Sevenoaks

March 4th

BRITISH EMBASSY,
CONSTANTINOPLE.

Dear V. Raemaekers

Please forgive this paper, I am in London for the day & have no other –

I received yesterday your letter dated the 27th Feb. and hasten to answer your questions:

(1) The size of the wrapper is 7 3/4 inches by 5 1/4 inches.

(2) The lettering on the side of the cover will be the title 'CHALLENGE' and my name V. Sackville-West; I should suggest these going at the top. I do not know whether you will do the lettering or not; but if you don't, will you kindly leave a sufficient space for it?

(3) The young man is tall, slim, young. (22) loose-limbed, with rough dark wavy hair; not with a school-girl's idea of good looks, but a strong rough kind of looks. Yes, he is all the

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Things you suggest: idealist, man of action, thinker, Bolshi! At the moment when you draw him, he has just emerged triumphant from a hand-to-hand fight, - hence the revolver and the bandaged head, - but above all triumphant, excited, flushed with youth, love & victory, and all the other jolly things you can think of. The title 'Challenge' ought to be the Key to his attitude and expression.

④ He wears ordinary clothes, (sort of Oxford undergraduate grey flannel clothes,) and perhaps his shirt would be torn open and collarless. No hat.

He would be standing ~~on~~ on a rock, with sea & sky all round him. It is a hot, sunny island in Greece, - i.e. the shadows would be strong - I don't think there was anything else you wanted to know.