

Spring Villa

Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>

Darling Frank,

This is our day!  
Where are you? I believe now that the  
Australian address given to us in the  
cable does not really mean that you are  
in Australia. I wonder will you return via  
America. The Redemptorist priest returning  
from the Philippines came by the States.  
Would that mean that you could land  
in Ireland? How wonderful that would  
be. Can you understand dearest how  
anxious I am to meet you before all  
our dear ones. It seems as though  
I have been buffeted about on the  
storms of fate for years & home is  
in sight at last — your arms  
sweetheart. When we meet I feel as if  
I don't want to speak just relax with  
my hand in yours & feel at peace  
for the first time in years — in my  
life. Spring Villa is humming with  
happiness at the moment. Yesterday, arrived  
a delightful letter from Mattie. She is  
leaving La Touche & returning to Ireland.



for an indefinite time. In the letters were 4  
snaps & oh, she has got so thin. There are  
3 houses in Ireland, one in Cork, Waterford  
& 2 in Dublin. Roebuck Castle outside Dublin  
(adjoining U.C.D athletic grounds) was  
recently purchased & we are hoping Mattie will  
be sent there. So now darling, Christmas will  
be one grand reunion. She asks about you in  
her letter & says she is praying for us  
both constantly.

Fergus is on his last year at Limerick  
He enters the Noviciate in Dundalk in  
August 1946, please God. So this will be his  
last Christmas at home. He spends one  
month in the Summer & then off for ever.

It will be a very sad parting.

I wonder when your letters are going  
to arrive? Upon them depends when I will  
hand in my notice. I would really like to  
talk it over with you. I realize we will  
want lots of time together - to really get to  
know one another.

We have 3 visitors this week end -  
Auntie Meg from Carlisle, Auntie Carrie from  
Cleveland, Blackpool & Mary Byrne a friend  
of mine from Shillybegs. She taught 18  
months in Omagh & is now appointed to  
Cambridge House, Ballymena. Many love  
to-night & then I am going up to Beechwood  
& I'm just dying to see your father & Anne.



I would have called to see Margaret & Naween  
to day only they are on Retreat the first  
Sunday of each month.

Here I am back to family news again.  
3 cards sent by me to you have been  
returned so here is some news from them.  
Mairéad got her exams in Electricity &  
Light & is now permanently appointed  
to the R.V.H. She waited a long time  
before returning to study after getting  
her massage exam & it took all our  
persuasion to get her back.

I'm writing this in the midst of  
chattering people so please forgive me if  
it is disappointed. I will ~~writing~~ after I  
get back to Loreto. Do write me your lovely  
long interesting letters. I am so very  
interested in everything that concerns  
you.

The others are hurrying me out for a  
walk so I'll finish this off with all my  
love & prayers for your safe speedy return.

Ever your own Eileen.

Dear Frank,

Please learn all you can about  
Physiotherapy. I'm trying to teach Felix - at  
least, I have him interested. Wouldn't  
you be interested also? We take up  
when you say "I can do no more for you"  
in the case of stiff joints etc. Delighted to  
hear you are coming home. Praying constantly  
for you. Mairéad

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