

13th October 1945

At sea.

My own darling,

Here I am doing a Pacific Cruise on an aircraft carrier (built in Belfast!). We are due at Pearl Harbour on 17th or 18th and I hope to have a chance of posting this note to you.

Well, my darling, at last I am under way and am speeding home to you at 20 knots per hour. I shall never forget that awful three weeks I had in Manila under canvas waiting for a boat. But thank God it is all passed and I am happy again. I sent you a vague telegram before leaving Manila - I had not enough cash to write "all my love".

Listen, how I wish you could share this pleasure cruise with me. The ship is new, everything is good - and of course the deck space is terrific. I spend my day in a deck chair, just thinking - of you, our future happiness, my homecoming and what it means to us both. I promise you never to leave you again, Cileen, no matter what the future holds. I love you so much more now that nobody could drag me away. I have so many, many things to tell you, my darling; things that were never meant to be written. That long Naval letter cannot

Give you any idea of how much I love you.

Darling, have you ever thought about my homecoming; what a back number I shall be in every way. I shall need much tuition from you to bring me up-to-date. I shall arrive home like a tramp - I have no clothes, Cileen. You will hardly recognize me when we meet again. I expect to reach Vancouver on 25th October; Halifax about 30th, and some English port about 8th of November. I shall cable you details of my arrival in England - date and place. I think you will have to wait in England for a couple of days while I am being "processed" by the Army. Then we shall return in triumph to our native land.

Darling, have you any ideas about our honeymoon? I realize that travel is very difficult these days, but we shall manage somehow. We have so many places to go and so many things to do.

Give my love to all our loved ones at home and tell them not to forget the light in the window - because I shall be looking for it one of these nights soon.

I shall send you another note from Vancouver.

God Bless you, darling,

All my love,

Ever yours own Frank.