

Spring Villa

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My darling Frank, The date of the arrival of your card is drawing near - you have no conception of how I am longing to see it. By this time too, you must have received some of my letters and how pleased I am to think that they shall bring to you the relief that your priceless precious card has brought to me. Honestly Frank, I feel as though I have just awakened from a horrible, terrifying nightmare - one upon which, even now, I dread to look back. Everyone around me is remarking the change in me in one week. The weighing machine registers 3 lbs more since the good news arrived.

I spent all last Wednesday evening with your father in Beechwood. He is so content now about you and he (also Gerry) have taken the particulars of how they shall write to you. We cannot send you any parcels until the official Japanese list of prisoners is published. There are still thousands of anxious relatives awaiting news of their dear ones in Singapore. Isn't it a miracle that you, darling, got word to me? I am still receiving all kinds of congratulations. Did I tell you I had a nice letter from Mrs (Dr) McLaughlin. You know the lady you met in Rawalpindi. She is at home now with her two children but has had no word from her husband in Malaya.

I had almost forgotten again, to tell you that on the day my good news arrived a baby daughter was born to Felia & Mona - Sheila Mary. ie on September 21<sup>st</sup>. It is a darling baby, although it is every inch an Okane!! There were 14 of us at the christening celebrations on Sunday last. Dr Frank Kennedy (a relative of Daddies) was there and you should have heard the praise he gave my precious Frank. I felt so proud of you, proud to love you as I do. Fr Joe is saying 9.30 AM mass in St. Brigido for you to-morrow Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Feast of Little Flower. We are all going to it in thanksgiving God bless you darling

All my love

Your loving Eileen