

1.4. Thank Mollie H. for not
allowing me to talk about
Japan! Love to Aileen!
Frank

Beechwood,
Friday 1 P.M.

My own darling,

By the time this reaches you, you will know that I am in an awful fix and I feel that you have been let down. I arrived at Beechwood at 9.30 this morning to find that Fr. Kennedy had gone off to Moira and that he would phone further developments. Well, darling, he phoned Wright's at noon to say that he would be detained in hospital for 24 hours, also that he wished me to go with him to the Rugby match at Ravenhill to morrow (I have just seen two 7/6 tickets on the mantelpiece!). Well, my darling, at the same time a telegram came for me from the Moira Hospital ordering me to report at the Ophthalmic Centre (near St. Malachy's College) at 10 a.m. to morrow.

Aileen, my own darling, to think that I could have been with you all day today and here I am stranded in Belfast so far away from you, well I feel like a good sweep at any moment! It would have been time enough to leave Dماغ to morrow morning. We could have had this evening to ourselves. Darling mine, you know how much.

I am in love with you. You are my all and when
I have not got you I have nothing and I am nobody.
Lileen dear this is awful being away from you - and
I promised faithfully never to leave you, to see you
every day of our lives, and now I have to wait till
tomorrow evening to see you. I am at a loss what
to say to you or how to console you; I feel so guilty
about it all. But I love you Lileen and I am all
yours forever and ever - that is all I can give you.
We have had such a lovely week together; every ~~moment~~
moment with you was just too exquisite and every
moment apart from you, you were in my thoughts.
You certainly have become all of me. Please hurry
and finish with school and then our partings will
really end. That is the sad, cruel part of being so
much in love - we suffer so much when separated,
but darling, please think hard about our reunion
to-morrow night. I did not imagine that I could love
you so much, but now that you are not with me
I know how very deep that love is. I would do any
thing on earth for you; I want to die for you to show
you what my love is like. It's so painful at times
that I think Cupid has been working overtime
with those arrows!

Darling, I rang up Spring Villa at noon and what a surprise to find that Fergus has come home unexpectedly. They are all surprised. I am going up for tea and will stay for ages. I am dying to meet Fergus and have a talk with him. Fr. Kennedy and I are going up for tea tomorrow after the match. Four of your Australasian letters reached here this morning, also Margaret's and Mamma's. I am devouring them all, as usual.

You cannot imagine how happy Anne is nowadays. She assures me that Stanley is the real thing and that she is not doing it to escape. She had to wait till I came home and find out what her brother was like! She was very surprised about the cheque. She thought her joy was complete when I came home changed. Tom Fincane bought her a nice pair of stockings on the day he left.

Eileen, my darling, I have a surprise for you when we meet again tomorrow evening. Don't be curious! I shall ring you tomorrow at 6 P.M. too. Remember that I worship you and everything about you. You have looked a picture during the past two days. Please have plenty of rest!

God bless you, Eileen.
All my love,
Frank. x x x