Dearest Grandma,

All our mail caught up with us today, including your letter. We'll stay here in Sligo tonight and drive to Dublin tomorrow. Carol still has quite a cold, but is getting by fairly well. You wondered when Carol's folks will arrive. They're scheduled to fly into London on April 18. We expect to fly back to the U.S. about 3 weeks after that.

We're having lovely clear weather. Today is a real March day, quite a wind blowing. Will write from Dublin. Love, Dean.
Dear Grandma - March 9, '73

just a line to tell you our
next mailing address. Here it
is: 40 Poste Restante,
Ballina
Co. Mayo
Ireland

We're leaving Wexford in a rented
car and will pick up our mail
in Killarney before going toward
Ballina. All is well; we're both
fine, and traveling with no real
problems. Will write a letter in a
couple of days.

Love,

Ivan

NEW ROSS, CO. WEXFORD: One of the oldest
towns in Co. Wexford, New Ross has a fine situation on
a steep hill overlooking the River Barrow. Its streets,
narrow and winding like those of Wexford town, present
a mediaeval appearance. It is an important inland port
connected to Dublin and the interior by the Barrow
Navigation and the Grand Canal. Nearby at Dungans-
town is the cottage which was the birthplace of the
great-grandfather of the late President of the U.S.A.,
John F. Kennedy.

PAR AVION
AERPHOST
O.E. 78
Dearest Grandma—

We saw this cathedral yesterday, in the little town of St. Davids, 15 miles from here. We're getting around the countryside by bus. Service is good, and cheap; I wish you had service as good where you are. And we've done some hiking along the coastline from Fishguard. Our weather is improving; yesterday was sunny but windy, and today looks very good. We'll catch a bus up the coast later this morning and hike back along the shore. Tomorrow afternoon, we take the ferry across to Ireland.

Love,

Alva
Dearest Grandma,

March 5, '73

Got your letter today, and was glad to hear from you, even if we've talked on the phone since. We're here in the town which has the ferry landing to go to Ireland. Have had some rain, but this afternoon the sun broke through. We walked along the coastline for a few miles. The hotel we're in is up the hill from the houses in this picture. All for now—thank Mrs. Edwards for the Rotarian clipping, will you?

Love, Juan

Bessie A. Ringer
Box 155
White Sulphur Springs
Montana 59645
U.S.A.
Jan. 28, '73

Dearest Grandma -

We arrived back last night from our trip to Kent and Sussex. Stayed one night in the town of Battle, and looked around the old abbey shown here. Weather is still good - like spring today. We've been out for a walk in Hyde Park. Carol's washing her hair, I'm getting ready to write some business letters. Will write you in a day or two.

Love,

Ivan

Bessie Ringer
Box 155
White Sulphur Springs
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U.S.A.
Dear Grandma,

Boor! Chilly and damp here. We're going out now to see if we can get into court to watch a trial, and then I'll build a coal fire as soon as we get home. The Polaks invited us upstairs for supper last night, which was delicious. This coming week, we'll be staying home to do research. Wish you were here to help cut papers. Hm.

All for now—
love, Ivan

Bessie Ringer

Box 155

White Sulphur Springs

Montana 59645

U.S.A.
Dear Grandma,

We’re about to head back from the Cotswold country to London—just left the little town shown here. This is great sheep country—blackfaces. Once they sold 20,000 sheep in one day in the town square shown on this card. Weather has been raw & foggy, but we’ve had a good time. We go back from Oxford by train—will write you a letter tomorrow.

Love, Ivan

Bessie Ringer
Box 155
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Montana 59645
U.S.A.
GRENADIERS of the XIth or ROYAL, and XIXth or GORDON HIGHLANDERS.
Dec. 9, '72

POST CARD

Dear Grandma,

Letter from you today; what was your hospital stay for? Did they tell you anything at all? Let us know now you're doing.

All is well here—beautiful weather after some hard rain. Went to an auction of valuable paintings with our friend Wintersgill yesterday. One picture sold for $950,000. Sounds really cold there in U.S.S.; should we send you some of our 50 above weather from here?

Will phone you Christmas Eve—Take care.

Love,

[Signature]

Bessie Ringer
Box 155
White Sulphur Springs
Montana 59645
U.S.A.

BLACK WATCH and
GORDON HIGHLANDERS

"drawn according to the latest regulations" by C. Hamilton Smith, D.A. Quarter Master General.

The National Army Museum
Dearest Grandma,

We're in line to try get into a debate in the House of Lords so it'll take time to drop you a card. We just went inside the church pictured here, Westminster Abbey, where people like Churchill are buried. It's an enormous building, built in the shape of a cross. Started to rain outside a bit ago, so it looks as if our good weather is ending.

We're both fine and hope you are, too. Christmas trees are starting to appear over here.

Love, Adam

Bessie A. Ringer
Box 155
White Sulphur Springs
Montana 59645
U.S.A.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY. THE SOUTH TRANSEPT AND ROSE WINDOW
WAB 15
Dearest Grandma -

The day after Thanksgiving, they don’t celebrate the holiday here, but we thought of you yesterday. Lovely weather here — bright and crisp. We’re going out this afternoon just back from good shopping now — which is always hectic.

You wondered in your last letter about Christmas gifts. Since we’ll have the problem of packing when we come home, it would be best not to send us anything here. Why not save Christmas for our anniversary, or birthdays, or something?

All is well with us — have had a busy week. Christmas decorations are going up in the stores— very pretty.

THE DUNSTABLE SWAN JEWEL

English or French, 15th century

Gold and enamel

Actual size

THE BRITISH MUSEUM C/BM/11 (Copyright)

Love from

Bessie A. Reiger
Box 155
White Sulphur Springs
Montana 59645

U.S.A.
Dearest Grandma-

We saw this exhibit at the British Museum last Saturday night. This mask is one of about fifty treasures which have been on display here for most of this year. Londoners have stood in line for hours to see them. We were lucky and had to stand in line only about half an hour. The exhibit has marvelous art work of this sort, all from the tomb of an Egyptian King who lived about 3500 years ago. Rainied like blazes early this morning, but has quit now. Yet a letter from you today - glad to hear things are okay.

Love,

Juan

Nov. 10

POST CARD

REMEMBER to use the POST CODE

Bessie A. Ringer
Box 155
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U.S.A.
Dearest Grandma,

just a line to keep in touch. We went into the morning to do a little Xmas shopping, since we have to mail packages by the end of this week. Otherwise, we've been walking a lot to see areas of the city, and have gone to a couple of plays. Next weekend we hope to see Don Wintersgill, who was a counselor with us at Northwestern. He works for a paper here in London. All for now.

Love, Joan

Bessie A. Ringer
Box 155
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U.S.A.
Dearest Grandma,

We're in the port town of Dartmouth today, with a view looking out on the harbor and the little ferry that goes back and forth across the Dart River.

Tomorrow we head back towards London, aiming to stay tomorrow night in the city of Bath. This is a lovely section of England - farmland, high rolling hills and little seaports - and we like it immensely. The hills remind us a bit of southern Wisconsin. Weather has been cool, with a chilly east wind sometimes, but no rain.

Love, Ivan
The Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, London—by night.
Dearest Grandma—
will write you a letter
tomorrow, but for now will send
you our new address:
52 EGERTON CRESCENT

The place we've rented is a
basement apartment—nice, with
plenty of room. We're enjoying
ourselves immensely, but are
really tired after a full day
of chores here in the city. We're
going to the countryside for a
week in the morning.

PARLIAMENT SQUARE, BIG BEN AND THE HOUSES
OF PARLIAMENT, LONDON—BY NIGHT: Reconst-
structed in 1950, Parliament Square contains a number of statues
of prominent Victorians. The present buildings of The Houses of
Parliament were designed by Sir Charles
Barry, and Queen Victoria conducted the
formal opening in 1852. A flag flies all day,
and at night when the House is sitting, a light
is kept burning. The Clock Tower is 316 feet
high; the hour bell of the present clock is
called 'Big Ben' after Sir Benjamin Hall.
Photograph: W. W. Roberts, B.A., F.R.P.S.

all for now — love, Jean

Bessie A. Ringer
Box 155
White Sulphur Springs,
Montana 59645
U.S.A.
Monday eve.

Dearest Grandma-
Made our flight okay although we didn’t get much sleep. Took a nap pretty promptly when we got settled in our room. We’re about to go out for supper now, and will look at an apartment on the way. Rents are going to be high but we didn’t expect that. We’re both fine, hope you are too. Will write a letter in a few days.

Love, 

[Signature]

Bessie A. Ringer
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August 2

Ocean Grove, N. J.
View of Tent City

Dear Carol & Joan,

Rec'd your card (thank you) written on Carol's birthday.

I know you have had a wonderful experience at the "family tree." Can't wait to read about it. Big things in O.G. this next week. We'll be in O.G. the next week. Will attend Camp Meeting -- 90 countries participating. I'm hosting participants. I'm flying to Washington, D.C. for a few days in my tent at 17001 10th Ave. N.W.

Four (4) residents of Seattle.

Haven't heard from Frank for several weeks. I met a fellow from Seattle, who is a resident of Seattle. Sorry I'm unable to keep up. I'm not doing well.

Hazel
Dearest Grandma,

We’re on the Oregon coast in an area called the Dunes. Very high sand dunes along the ocean 10 about 40 miles. Will work our way north along the coast and about the end of the week go to the Columbia River at Maryhill, where I’m to do another article. The ones I’ve done so far down here have gone fine. See you in a few weeks.

Love, Fran & Carol
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Al & Vi Carlin

This is when Wallace, Joyce and I stayed on our way to Seattle
April 30, 1971

Came home
May the 10th, 1971
Got at Wallace at 12 o'clock.
Enjoying a quiet summer's day at Lake Placid, New York. In the background is World Famous Lake Placid Club.

Color photo by Henry Kloss

Dearest folks -

Have been busy since arriving Thurs. morning, but will at least say "hi". An interesting group here - 840 people from 51 lands. The area is lovely, too - wooded, with a pleasant lake nearby. Have been shooting pictures just as if I knew what I was doing. Another week here, then on to Atlantic City.

So long from -

Bessie Ringer

Ringling, Montana
Dear folks -

We're at Crater Lake this afternoon (Sunday), & is there ever a bunch of snow up here! We have chains on the car & haven't had any trouble on the road up this mountain. Anyway, it's great fun. We're going on to Medford yet this afternoon, then back to Eugene & off to Walla Walla in the morning. Hope your weather is less snowy than it is here!

Love,

Jean & Carol

Bessie Kinger
Box 155
White Sulphur Springs,
Montana
Dear Jacks,

Darnfully busy here, so this is my first real chance to drop you a card. Just got back from Convention Hall where I took pictures of Adlai Stevenson before his speech. Carol made her trip OK. Met me in NY Sat. morning drove me here & then spent the next 2 days with her folks. I'll be back in Evanston Fri. night - will write a letter next week. Happy Birthday,

Love, Fran

Bessie Ringer
Ringling, Montana

Grandma
WASHINGTON MONUMENT AND CHERRY BLOSSOMS
Washington, D.C.

The 555 ft. granite tapering shaft, capped with pure precious aluminum at its completion in 1885, majestically towers over the cherry blossoms festooned tidal basin as an ever present memorial to the Country's first president.

Dear [Name],

A line or 2 to let you know we're enjoying life immensely. Cherry trees are blossoming, the place is jammed with tourists. Have been to the Capitol, the Lincoln & Washington monuments & several other places. Congress should be in session tomorrow, so we'll have a look. Hope you made it home okay - will write when we get back.

Jean & Carol

Bessie Ringer
Charles Doig
Ringling, Montana
Dear folks —

The Assembly is breaking up in a few hours — we leave by train for New York at 9 tonight. Carol will meet me there at 9 in the morning & drive me to Atlantic City. She writes that she’s fine, but lonely. Same goes for me. Will drop you a card from the Convention. Hope you’re both fine.

Love,

Jamie

Sar 118—Ektachrome by George S. Bolster
Dear friends,

Sunday, July 11

Just left New Hampshire and are on our way to the Maine coast, near Booth Bay. Saw Jerry Ackerman and Carol’s former roommate in Mass. Camped near Gloucester two nights, then hiked into a cabin near Conway, N.H., last night. Good trip. N.H. was pleasant, though crowded. Hope you’re both fine.

All our love,

Evan and Carol

Bessie Ringer
Box 155
White Sulphur Springs
Montana
Dearest folks — Tues, Aug 23

Tomorrow we're off to Canada — Fundy Nat. Park in New Brunswick. Weather is perfect — cool and bright. Today we plan to do some hiking here in Acadia Nat. Park. We'll try call you this weekend, but can't guarantee it — don't know whether our phone credit card is usable in Canada. Anyway, we'll call if we can. Hope you're fine; great to talk to you the other night.

Love

Jean and Carol
Dear Grandma-

Convention ended last night, and we're getting ready to go to San Francisco for the day. Will sightsee or maybe go to a beach this afternoon. Great weather here, and we're glad we came, despite having to be away while Dad is in the hospital. Hope you're doing okay.

Love, from Carol

Bessie Ringer
Box 155
White Sulphur Springs, Montana
Dearest folks,

We're between planes at the Los Angeles airport. Sorry I haven't gotten a letter off to you this week; this will have to substitute.

Passed my defense yesterday — no strain at all. I'll tell you more in my next letter. Also, if you have to contact us before we get back to Seattle Sunday afternoon, get us through Harvey Jacobs, head of journalism department, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Hope all is well with you. We're just cloudy. Love,

Juan

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Bessie Ringer

Box 155

White Sulphur Springs, Montana
Dear Grandmama—

We may be back in the U.S. by the time you get this, but thought I'd send it even so. We visited the gardens shown here a few days ago—tulips & other flowers of every imaginable color. Yesterday we drove to the little town where Frank's ancestors came from. It's still a very pretty little village. We're all fine—hope you are too.

All our love,

Jean

Amsterdam, May 6

Bessie A. Ringier
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USA
May 2, London

Dear Grandma,

We fly to Amsterdam to-morrow, then track here on the 9th, then to New York on the 10th. Weather is beautiful here—a sunny spring day, with trees and flowers in bloom. Holland should be full of tulips.

Tonight there’s the job of repacking everything, including a bag or two to leave at the airport till we come back from Holland.

It’s about like moving house.

See you soon—love, Ivan

Bessie A. Ringer
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Tower Bridge, London
Built between 1886 and 1894 it links South and East London. Each of the two drawbridges weigh 950 tons. Designed by Jones and Barry.

See you soon—love, Ivan
April 28

Dearest Grandma,

We’ve driven south from Edinburgh, & are about 70 miles out of London. We’re staying a few days in this Cotswold area where Carol and I came with Ann Mc neartay in December, and will be in London on the 31st. Will catch up with our mail then. Hope you’re doing well. It’s looking like spring here. Lambs everywhere. Will write you a letter in a day or so, after we get the London mail.

Love, [Name]

Bessie A. Ringer
Box 155
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Montana 59645
USA
Dearest Grandma,

This is our last day in Edinburgh; in the morning we drove south to the Cotswold area on our way to London.

Weather hasn't been great quite windy yesterday. But today looks better. We'll likely go to the castle and the Botanic Gardens.

Lots of flowers are blooming here; the city looks very pretty. Hope you're getting some good warm spring weather by now. See you soon.

Love,

Jean

Edinburgh from Calton Hill

A favourite view of Scotland's capital, looking westwards along Princes Street to the Castle. The monument on the right commemorates Dugald Stewart, philosopher 1753-1828

Bessie A. Ringer
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USA

L6/PED 83909/Edinburgh
Fri, March 30

Dearest Grandma -

We made it to Edinburgh OK night before last. Really a fine city, much like the picture on the wall in Dad's bedroom. The old castle shown on this card sits high on a hill above everything else. Our weather is colder & windier than it was in Ireland, but we're getting by. Will check our mail again today, and probably find a letter from you.

Love Alan

Bessie & Ringer
Box 155
White Sulphur Springs, Montana 59645
U. S. A.
Friday, April 20

Dearest Grandma-

The Mullers arrived okay Wednesday, & we've just spent the night in Bath. We're all fine, and hope you are too. Chilly weather yesterday, but warmer today.

We'll spend Easter weekend in Bristol, a big city near here then start driving north. Will write you a letter this week-end. All for now—love,

[Signature]

The Great Roman Bath, Somerset
The Roman Bath was uncovered at the end of the nineteenth century. Still fed by hot water springs, as in Roman times, this unique site is rich in Roman remains. In the foreground of the picture is the diving stone
A Natural Colour Photograph

Bessie Ringer
Box 155
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USA
Monday, April 9

Dearest Grandma—

Tomorrow we leave the Isle of Skye, and wander our way back to Edinburgh.

Weather has improved, and we’ve driven around most of the island and done a lot of walking. We see some of these Highland cattle here, though mostly sheep. Also see a lot of Scottie dogs, and some hills. Really have liked it here. Hope you’re doing fine—see you before long. Love, Ivan

Bessie Ringer
Box 155
White Sulphur Springs
Montana 59645

USA

THE CUILLIN HILLS FROM ELGOL, ISLE OF SKYE  PT36384
Dearest Grandma—
We're working our way north to the Highlands, despite chilly weather. The country we've come through the past few days looks very much like this card — surprisingly like Montana, only with heather on the hills instead of sage. Our waitress at breakfast had been to Montana 2 years ago, to see her uncle in Miles City. We're traveling fine, in a rented Opel car; plan to be back in Edinburgh by the 11th, and hopefully will have phoned you by then.

Love, Avan

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