

195 SPRINGFIELD RD.,

BELFAST

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FRANK, MY OWN DARLING.

I got quite a thrill

THIS WEEK WHEN I RECEIVED A VERY FOREIGN
LOOKING LETTER FROM THE RED CROSS AT GENEVA
TELLING ME THAT MAJOR F. J. MURRAY OF THE
11TH DIVISION (A FACT I NEVER KNEW BEFORE)
WAS INTERNED IN MALAYA — MY FIRST THOUGHT
WAS THAT THIS WAS A LETTER FROM YOU BUT
ALAS INSTEAD OF BEING THRILLED AT THE
ENCLOSURE I WAS A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED.
THERE IS STILL NO NEWS OF BILLY MCGINLEY OR
HUMPHREY THOMSON (BELIEVED KILLED) SO
IN COMPARISON I AM A VERY VERY LUCKY
GIRL.

ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON LAST JO COURTNEY
(SHE TAUGHT IN LEICESTER FOR A NUMBER OF
YEARS) & I SET OUT BY TRAIN WITH OUR BIKES
FOR DOWNPATRICK — IT WAS TOO STORMY TO
RIDE. HERE WE HAD A NICE TEA WITH FR COURTNEY
& RODE TO KILLLOUGH VIA ROSSGLASS & ST. JOHN'S
POINT. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY WE CYCLED BACK
TO DOWN & I CALLED TO COLLECT FLEANNAR BELL
(DR MCSHERRY'S NEICE) FOR A ROUND OF GOLF. WELL
BOTH SHE, MRS BELL & MRS COLLINGS BOTH
SISTERS OF THE DOC. WERE VERY INTERESTED WHEN
I TOLD THEM IT WAS TO "MAURICES ASSISTANT"
I WAS ENGAGED. I GAVE THEM ALL THE LATEST

NEWS ABOUT MY DARLING & THEY WERE TO
YING BIRMINGHAM THERE & THEN. MRS COLLINGS
(WHOM I BELIEVE YOU MET) ASKED ME TO MENTION
THE NAMES OF TWO GREAT FRIENDS OF MINE
IN SINGAPORE RANSOM & HETRICK (THIS MAY
BE INCORRECTLY SPELT) HAVE YOU MET EITHER
OF THESE GENTLEMEN? AFTER A VERY ENJOYABLE
GAME, WE HAD LUNCH WITH THE CIVILES & THEN OFF
BY CAR TO NEWCASTLE (FR COURTNEY HAD SOME
DUTIES TO PERFORM AT THE CONVENT THERE) BEFORE
WE ALL RETURNED WE DID A LONG WALK ALONG
THE COAST. AFTER A LOVELY TEA IN DOWN WE SET
SAIL ON MACHINES & SANK INTO TWO COSY
BEDS AT ST. JOSEPHS AT 10 P.M. WITH A MERRY
LITTLE FIRE BURNING IN OUR BEDROOM GRATE - LIT
BY THE CARETAKER OF THE HOUSE WHO COOKED
& WASHED UP FOR US. NEXT DAY, AGAIN AFTER
MASS AND HOLY COMMUNION (AS ALWAYS FOR
OUR INTENTIONS) WE CYCLED VIA BALLYNATRICK
TO BELFAST.

TOMORROW 10 GIRLS OF US ARE OFF FOR
A SPIN TO BANGOR VIA NEWTOWNARDS. DO YOU
REMEMBER DEAREST FRANK THE DAY WE CYCLED
OVER THE MOTOR COURSE. I WOULD SCRAP THE
WHOLE 10 OF THEM WERE YOU HERE TO TAKE ME.
BUT LET ME TELL YOU IT WAS I WHO SUGGESTED
THE ROUTE (FOR MY OWN - OUR - SENTIMENTAL
REASONS). WE ARE HAVING TEA IN BANGOR WHERE
IT IS ALREADY ORDERED.

LAST NIGHT WE HAD A MUSICAL EVENING IN
SPRING VILLA. I AM STILL READING YOUR LETTERS
DARLING ONE - NOW SO VERY VERY OLD. I AM
LOVING YOU EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DAY & LONGING
TO HEAR FROM YOU God bless you darling
YOUR OWN EILEEN