

195 SPRINGFIELD RD.,
BELFAST.

SUNDAY, 30.5.43

MY OWN DARLING FRANK,

This is OUR DAY AND WHAT A HEAVENLY DAY it is! I AM WRITING THIS IN THE DECK chair in the back garden and at the same time drying my shampooed locks. While I write I AM trying to picture in what part of MALAYA you ARE, WHAT ARE you doing, ARE you happy, DO you still LOVE ME, WHEN WILL OUR DAY COME WHEN WE SHALL BE TOGETHER FOR AYE. I AM TRYING TO DO AS YOU SAID DARLING, TO LIVE IN THE PAST AND IN THE FUTURE, NOT IN THE PRESENT. THIS PAST WHILE I HAVE BEEN THINKING HOW WONDERFUL IT WOULD BE TO JOIN YOU IN INDIA AFTER PEACE IS DECLARED, TO BE MARRIED THERE - A SIMPLE QUIET WEDDING AND SPEND THE (THE) TIME BETWEEN THEN AND YOUR DEMOBILIZATION IN THE EAST. IT WOULD BE SUCH A HOLIDAY FOR US BOTH AND WE COULD SAVE FOR OUR FUTURE LIFE AT HOME. THESE DREAMS OF MINE MAY NEVER MATERIALIZE BUT IT IS GLORIOUS TO EVEN DREAM OF happy days in the sunny climes of the East together, bathing, picnicing, playing tennis, golf, walking and 101 other pleasures of our own making - TO MEET ALL YOUR FRIENDS - FATHER O'DONOGHUE, CAPT FRANK & HIS WIFE, MARY & PAUL. WHAT DO you think of my DREAMS, FRANK. I VOICED THEM TO YOUR FATHER AND HE THOUGHT IT A GRAND IDEA FOR US BOTH BUT HE ADDED PLAINLY "you will COME BACK"

THIS AFTERNOON YOUR FATHER & I ARE GOING FOR A WALK ROUND HIGHTOWN - BECAUSE IT WAS YOUR

FAVOURITE WALK. PHILLIP TALKS A LOT ABOUT YOU TO ME AND I LOVE HIM FOR IT - OF THE TIMES YOU SPENT TOGETHER IN BEECHWOOD AND BIRMINGHAM. HE TOLD ME OF THE TIME (AFTER RANAFAST) WHEN YOU SHOWED HIM A SNAP TAKEN AT CULLY STATION & POINTED TO ME IN IT SAYING "THAT'S MY GIRL" HAVE YOU STILL THAT SNAP?

JACKIE O'KANE WAS ENGAGED TO TERRY WILSON (BROADWAY) AT AN ENGAGEMENT PARTY IN THE ROYAL AVE. HOTEL YESTERDAY. THEY ARE TO BE MARRIED IN SEPTEMBER. HE HAS BOUGHT THE LATE DR CAVANAGH'S PRACTICE ON THE FALLS ROAD. JOHN A. McCAULEY HAS BOUGHT DR KENNEDY'S PRACTICE (OPPOSITE R.V.H.). ARTHUR MARIE JOSEPH de Meuleneester WAS CHRISTENED ON SUNDAY LAST BY FR JOE. FRANCES IS WELL & IN WONDERFUL FORM. I SPENT A LOVELY DAY AT MR. CHARLES ON SUNDAY, THE ONLY OUTSIDER MIDST THE FAMILIES OF McNally & de Meuleneester. ANNIE'S LITTLE

SON VINCENT JOSEPH WILLIAMS IS A BRUISER, FAIR HAIR & BLUE EYES. HIS FATHER (IN THE NAVY) HAS NEVER SEEN HIM. TOST HEAGNEY GOT WORD FROM THE RED CROSS THAT BILLIE MCGINLEY IS A P.O.W. IN CHANGI CAMP, SINGAPORE. SHE & I CELEBRATED LAST NIGHT BY HAVING LÉA IN THE ROYAL AVE. HOTEL & THEN ON TO THE GROUP. I AM SPENDING MY WHITSUN HOLIDAYS IN LOUGH DERG SAT. SUN & MON. THERE WILL BE ABOUT 6 OF US GOING FROM THE OFFICE. THIS IS THE 4TH TIME. 5 MORE TO GO SO HURRY UP. NEED I TELL YOU WHAT MY INTENTIONS WILL BE. MAMMIE & DADDIE ARE JUST BACK FROM DUNLAOGHAIRE. MAIRÉAD GOT 1ST PRIZE FOR SINGING AGAIN THIS YEAR AT THE BELFAST FEIS. DID YOU KNOW THAT KEVIN FLYNN WAS KILLED ALSO THAT DR MCSHERRY'S 2ND SON IS MISSING.

THANK GOD FOR ALL HIS BLESSINGS TO US DEAREST FRANK. EVERYONE'S PROPHECIES THAT WE SHALL BE THE HAPPIEST COUPLE ALIVE. I DO LOVE YOU AND WANT TO MAKE YOU HAPPY. GOD BLESS YOU & YOUR LOVING
ETC.