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My darling Frank,

Although this letter leaves me written by hand it will reach you in typewritten form, due to the kindness of volunteer typewriters attached to the Red Cross in London. You see the Japanese ask that all letters to P.O.W should be typed. Occasionally I shall send a letter in block capitals - I know you would prefer this but the risk of having it discarded is great. For the past number of months we were allowed to write weekly now it is fortnightly.

Last week it was announced that a plane carrying 30,000 letters from P.O.W. in Japan had crashed and only 2,000 letters were salvaged. Alas darling I fear that your letter must have been lost. There has been no news of you since February 1942 except one postcard (with no date and no postmark) which reached me in October 1942. Still that priceless card gave me all the information I needed - you are alive and you are well.

Have you received any of my letters? Do you know that I am returning to Loreto on August 30th to resume teaching after 14 months at home? Do you know that since Easter 1942 I am wearing constantly your beautiful engagement ring purchased with the money you sent me - the remainder I am spending on articles for our future home - all my purchases I note in my book for you to see some day.

Did you know that Anne has passed her Domestic Science Exam in Sion Hill and is home in Beechwood once again and that all there are well and send you their love. Three weeks ago I went over with the dog for a walk - the family (OKane) were all away in Port Stewart and I was setting out for Wicklow the following day. Well I never saw the dog again until last week when I visited Beechwood. Tory was there and had been for three weeks and was very much in love with all the occupants especially Phillip. He is still there!

Although practically all next of kin have received word of their dear ones in the Far East, there is no word of H. Thompson the poor Prof. was so sad when I visited him to show your card.

With this letter, I send you all the love of my heart. I am yours forever, I shall wait for ever and join you when you wish it.

Ever your own loving

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