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My darling Frank,

I have put off writing this letter for a few days, hoping in the meantime to have received your precious postcard but alas, though the liner carrying the repatriated British Nationals has been in Liverpool since Friday, no card has yet arrived.

You can well imagine how excited I am to get that card. The postman is watched daily but with each disappointment I take out one of your now one-year-old-letters and read it making believe that it has just arrived. Sometimes I get so lonely for your dearest Frank that I could cry out, but I do not, because I feel so grateful to God for the wonderful blessings he has recently and ~~always~~ bestowed upon us both. He has preserved you from death and I have weathered the storm of the past 8 months. We still love one another and my love for you is infinitely stronger better and more sincere than it was 8 months ago. We will not give up praying with all that we have got, until he has brought us together and then we shall spend the remainder of our lives thanking him and fulfilling his wishes for us here on earth. I spent this morning dreaming of the happiness that lies ahead of us both.

I am going over to Beechwood this afternoon - Wednesday is a day set apart to spend with your father. Last time I brought him some home made cakes which he ate and said he enjoyed. I have joined a 1st Aid class (so that I can assist you in your practice) & hope to take the exam at Christmas. In next week's letter I hope to unfold to you some of ~~7~~ my plans for the future - ie the time between now and your homecoming.

The bottom drawer ~~has~~ had a few recent additions and bought with your money too darling. There now reposes in safety in Shillough a lovely dinner set (7½ pieces). It was a miracle how I got it. Remind me to tell you the tale. When is my best boy going to write me? You know it is 8 months since your last letter! but I am still smiling. God bless you, my own darling,  
All my love Eileen.