

CANADIAN



ON ACTIVE SERVICE

MPO 1103,

VICTORIA,

CANADA,

27TH OCTOBER

My own darling,

I arrived here yesterday afternoon and oh what a wonderful place this is. We had a terrific reception as we came into the harbour - all the ships sirens sounded their welcome and the crowds cheered and waved for hours on end. I saw several glad reunions and it brought tears to my eyes to see wives and children greet their dear ones on the dock. It made me tremble at the thought of meeting you and what my emotions would be. You, whom I love and adore above everyone else in the world - to see you again and hold you in my arms for the first time. But, Cileen, that moment is too wonderful to imagine as it draws nearer and nearer.

We are all in a beautiful camp here. Among the pines; it overlooks the sea and in the distance are very lovely snow-capped mountains. The air is so pure and invigorating after so many weeks in the heat of the tropics. There is a lovely officers' mess here and

The accommodation is wonderful. Nowing, it is like a home
from home and the Canadians are treating us even better
than the Americans - and that's saying something. Last night
we had a cinema show in the mess. I met a very
charming Major last evening - he was wearing an Irish
Kilt with a Tara Brooch on it and two harps on his lapels!
He is in the Canadian Irish Regiment and hails from Toronto.
He was in Dublin recently and said it is the best city
in the world - he had a wonderful holiday there and
intends going back again. So, darling, I have first hand
information about conditions there. By the way, my Irish-
Canadian friend had a rapt reception in Scotland when
he paraded in his Irish kilt! He had a very good
Irish friend in Norfolk called Dr. Devlin (from the North).

Darling, I have bad news - I shall be here
at least one week! Our next stop will be Halifax and
may be New York. There is talk of us travelling across the
Atlantic in the Queen Mary. I sent you a cable this
morning. This is a busy day - medical examinations,
X-Ray, clothing issue, and pay. I shall keep you informed
of all developments. I am in good form and wallowing
in the fresh air. I have a good friend in Pilot Officer
Power from Kerry; we are both keen walkers.

God bless you, Cileen,

All my love,

Forever yours, Frank.