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MY DARLING FRANK,

SINCE I LAST WROTE I

HAVE BEEN AWAY IN DINAGH ON HOLIDAYS - FROM  
THE 16<sup>TH</sup> TO 19<sup>TH</sup>. THE WEATHER WAS GLORIOUS AND  
I HAVE GOT QUITE BROWN WITH TYRONE'S SUN.  
I STAYED WITH MISS MCGUIGAN WHO LIVES  
3½ MILES OUT IN A QUIET LITTLE BUNGALOW  
WE WENT TO MASS IN KNOCKMOYLE ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup>  
& CELEBRATED OUR NATIONAL SAINT'S FEAST DAY  
WITH AN ALL IRISH PLAY IN THE CONVENT IN  
THE AFTERNOON FOLLOWED BY A CONCERT AND  
DANCE IN KNOCKMOYLE HALL WHICH LASTED  
UNTIL 3 AM & THEN HOME ON BIKES. WE HAD  
A HIGH SUPPER WITH FR M'HAUGHLIN THE CURATE  
WHO CAME TO VISIT US THE FOLLOWING EVENING  
WHEN I LEARNED THE FAMOUS "25" CARD GAME.

THE WHOLE QUESTION WAS - WAS I  
RETURNING TO DINAGH IN SEPTEMBER. MRS REAY,  
MY LANDLADY SAYS SHE WILL LET HER PRESENT  
BOARDER GO (AN OFFICER) THE MOMENT I DECIDE  
TO RETURN. I WISH YOU WERE HERE DARLING TO  
ADVISE ME WHAT TO DO - OFFICE WORK OR  
TEACHING. THIS IS MY PROBLEM AT THE MOMENT

FRANCES HAS HAD A BAD DOSE OF 'FLU  
BUT THANK GOD I HAVE ESCAPED ALL COLDS

this winter & according to ALL in Omagh  
they never saw me look better - you see  
my dearest Frank I have now peace of  
mind. I know you - you who mean ALL  
to me - have been spared & now I  
must just await as patiently as I can  
your return. Yes dear FRANK I LOVE you  
and this love will last until I die. THERE  
NEVER could BE ANYONE ELSE EVER.

When are your letters going to arrive  
I am still reading 1941 letters as if they  
had just arrived. How I thank you for  
ALL those wonderful letters. They have  
kept me alive in these long days of  
waiting

To-day - our day - is beautiful.  
Why aren't you here darling to take me  
away for a spin into the country?  
Jo & I are going to cycle to Ballynabunch  
in the afternoon & back for supper Eh!

I have not been to Beechwood since  
Dublin. But please God I shall go over  
next week.

I have got a lovely new handbag  
which hangs from my shoulder - it is very  
useful on the bike. Did I tell you the  
latest edition to our bottom drawer -  
clothes pegs!!

God Bless you my darling husband  
to be. you know you have all my love  
Your own EILEEN.