

195 SPRINGFIELD ROAD,

BELFAST

6.4.43

My own DARLING, HERE I AM WITH YOU AGAIN STILL LOVING YOU AND WAITING EAGERLY FOR YOUR FIRST LETTER AFTER A LAPSE OF 14 LONG MONTHS. THE RED CROSS INFORMS US THAT LETTERS FROM MALAYAN PRISONERS WERE SENT AT BEGINNING OF JANUARY 1943 SO THE SUMMER SHOULD SEE A LETTER - HURRAH.

ALL YOUR DEAR ONES ARE WELL. HAD A LETTER FROM ANNE. SHE IS MAKING ME SOME LOVELY THINGS FOR MY TROUSSEAU IN HER DOMESTIC SCIENCE COURSE AT SION HILL. I SPENT SUNDAY EVENING AT BEECHWOOD V WHILE YOUR FATHER WAS AT THE MISSION / YEAD IN THE DRAWING ROOM. YOUR TWO PHOTOGRAPHS STAND ONE ON THE PIANO (IN UNIFORM) & THE OTHER (YOUR DEGREE PHOTO) ON A SMALL TABLE IN THE CORNER. MY PHOTOGRAPH TAKING HAS BEEN A WASHOUT BUT I MAY GET ENOUGH COURAGE TO FACE THE CAMERA AGAIN FOR YOUR SAKE. I DO WANT TO CARRY OUT YOUR WISH & HAVE THE TWO PHOTOS SIDE BY SIDE IN BEECHWOODS DRAWING ROOM.

THE BOOK WHICH I ORDERED "MALAYAN POSTSCRIPT" ARRIVED LAST WEEK. I PROMISED TO LEND IT TO GERRY. HE WAS AWAY IN DUBLIN SO WE SHALL PROBABLY BE HEARING WEDDING BELLS SOON. I GAVE HIM YOUR NEW ADDRESS.

DID I TELL YOU I HAVE BEEN APPOINTED

1ST AIDER IN THE ROOM IN WHICH I WORK. WELL  
LAST WEEK I WAS CALLED UPON TO RENDER  
1ST AID TO A MARRIED LADY ABOUT 35 YEARS OLD.  
WISH YOU HAD BEEN THERE TO HELP - IT WAS  
ONLY THAT SHE FELT A TRIFLE SICK. I BROUGHT  
HER TO THE VEST ROOM & PUT HER TO BED WITH  
2 HOT WATER BOTTLES & SOME HOT MILK.  
SHE SLEPT SOLIDLY FOR 4 HOURS & WAS  
BETTER WHEN SHE AWOKE. HOW AM I DOING??  
I BET SHE HAD BEEN ON THE RAZZLE DAZZLE  
THE PREVIOUS NIGHT.

TOMORROW IS THE COMMENCEMENT OF  
MY SPIN TO KILLOUGH. TO-DAY IS WINDY &  
SHOWERY SO I HOPE WE DONT HAVE TO GO BY  
TRAIN. SHALL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT NEXT  
WEEK.

MOTHER TERESA SENT ME A NOTE TO MEET  
HER AT THE DOMINICAN CONVENT ON SATURDAY  
AFTERNOON LAST. SHE WANTS ME TO RETURN TO  
THEM IN SEPTEMBER. I SAID I WOULD, PROVIDED  
THE GIRL SUBSTITUTING FOR ME GETS A JOB  
IN THE MEANTIME. HOW I WISH YOU WOULD  
COME HOME IN THE MEANTIME BUT I MUST  
NOT COMPLAIN BECAUSE GOD HAD BEEN SO  
GENEROUS TO US BOTH. MAMMIE WANTS TO  
SAY A FEW WORDS SO I SHALL FINISH WITH  
GIVING YOU ALL MY LOVE & ASKING GOD  
TO WATCH OVER YOU CONSTANTLY, FOR YOUR  
OWN LOVING EILEEN.

DEAREST FRANK, YOU ARE WITH US AT ALL OUR  
MEALS AND WE NEVER CEASE TO PRAY FOR YOU  
THAT YOU WILL SOON BE HERE IN REALTY  
GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS SAFE

KEEPING MOTHER  
P.S. IT TOOK ABOUT 1 HOUR TO WRITE THIS!! (E)