

9, Holmview,

Omagh

Thursday 4.30.

Darling Frank,

Words cannot tell you how much I loved your precious note just received. I had intended not writing to you to-day but now the urge is too great and I must. My writing pad is finished & I felt too miserable to-day to purchase another so forgive me for partly mutilating your wonderful letter.

Yes, darling, my face aches unbearably to-day (I was told to expect this). The weather is wet and cold and I miss you terribly. No time was more opportune for an unexpected letter from my love. I read & read and read it again before even taking off my coat & scarf. My heart bled for you last night during our chat on the phone. You sounded so terribly lonely. I now promise you faithfully never to leave you again - never to suffer anything without you, never to have any pleasures apart from you. It is all so easy to make these promises because it is just what I want also. No one could have made me believe one month ago that these short



Separations could be so dreadful. Darling  
mine I am really only beginning to  
love you, you who have been king of  
my heart for so many weary years.  
Nothing can ever displace you from  
your niche there.

I was at mass & Holy Communion  
this morning for our novena. I will  
be there again to-morrow. I am still  
not satisfied with my puny attempts  
of thanksgiving. Will you help me?  
Where you are concerned darling I shall  
never be a broken reed to lean upon  
— I shall be strong as steel. You can

confide in me, all your troubles,  
fears plans & pleasures. They shall  
always be sacred to me and never  
discussed with anyone, even my  
family or Frances. For years I have  
held the secrets of many people because  
they knew they could trust me. How much  
more trustworthy shall I be with your  
innermost thoughts — your thoughts are  
the only ones I really want to keep in my  
heart.

How I am longing to fly into your  
arms to-morrow shortly after 7 p.m.  
We leave Omagh at 5.6 p.m. Already I  
but much better  
your own  
Gileen