

Have just got May's letter from Crawley - + donee Herts
+ Marguerite Benjamins - 26.7.16

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My Dearest Eilis,

I was so sorry to see you looking unwell yesterday - you and the poor wee Gee. Both of you are working too hard for me, my dear girls - and it adds to my grief to think of you out there - and of your loving hearts breaking for me. Alas! that I have brought so much grief to you and N - and others too. I wish I hadn't - I can say no more - If I could spare you and the others I'd go back and die years ago - could such be. Indeed it would have been well - and I'd have been happier too - How can I thank you and Gee - and Edie too - for your brave, faithful, loving hearts to me in these last horrible days. It seems all a Nightmare - and I often waken in the night with a start - to find myself here. But God will bear with me, and bear me up I pray until the great step has to be taken. It has been so long in coming - all these weeks of waiting since the Tower - then it was easy to die and I longed for it every hour - Now it is much harder - for I have found you and Gee so close to my heart - and the poor old N - that I cannot bear to leave you. But it is the will of God that I must go - and you must do all in your power to cheer up N and comfort her. I cannot bear to think of her - and I dread to write to her as I must do in a day or two now - to bid her goodbye for ever on earth.

When the insignia of the C.M.G. is found - as it will be - I want it returned, with seals intact, unopened just as it came to me - and a receipt for it in that state obtained and put with my papers. Also if the Coronation Medal is obtained I wish it to be returned. I had already written, on 1. February 1915, to the Secretary of State as to my wishes in the matter - and would then have returned the insignia and medal if they had been with me. I thought they might be with my things in London, which I knew the authorities would seize and open - or else with Nina. Keep the date of posting to me - it came by registered post when I was in Ireland I think. - and the label and seals were all on it - in a cardboard box.

Give Eddie my love and most affectionate wishes for his future - Hope
he will not return to the front - and that peace may soon
come to bring the brave fellows home all round - in all the
countries now at each other's throats. In London a card I got
some (13) days ago from the front. I can't recall the sender - but
if he should ever turn up tell him I got his card and
was grateful for it. To day I learn that the attorney
General has refused the fee for carrying my appeal to the House of
Lords. I never expected he would allow it for a moment -
it would be too much to expect from the prosecutor! - and
after a decision arrived at as that one was!

I wonder what fair minded men think of it? - if there can be any
left in such times as these. I know of a few - thankful I am that
they still exist. After all, my own counsel treated me so outrageously
at the appeal in dropping the point I especially desired argued
- the L.C.J.'s definition of "aid & comfort" - that I can scarcely
wonder at the attorney General being inconsiderate.

Here are the verses I repeated for you yesterday that
have been recovered by a miracle, ~~and~~

Marjorie! that son of mine should stand

In camp with robbers three -

The Spillers' Church, the I - band -

The Black Son of Shawn Bwee.

Marjorie! my leaders all are dead

Else this could never be -

The cause for which my true sons bled

Now sold to Black Shawn Bwee.

I am told that the occasion was the Education
act of 1905 (I think) and a copy of them was on a postcard
- once sent to me - but I cannot say where it is now.

The other night I dreamed you, Gee and I were at
Mullough Bay, on the green hill, 900 feet above the sea,

