

Police Station

Cunningham Blaud

September 11th 1910

Dear Mother Brother & Sisters

Doubtless ye will be surprised at receiving a letter from me. I will not make any attempt at an apology but beg to be forgiven for my downright carelessness, it would seem as though I had forgotten that ye were living, but far from that.

I was delighted to see by Maggie's very nice letter that ye are all well and mother still able to go to Mass, on hearing of her great age I at once decided I should write home, and before doing so I became anxious that I should be able to tell mother something about John, not knowing his address as I had neglected writing to him also. I obtained Lizzie Markie's address from Brisbane, and wrote to her enclosing a letter from ^{her} John, and both letters were promptly answered, they are both well, John promised me he would write to mother before I was, and asked me to convey to her and all at home his fondest love. I am so pleased to hear ye are all well and those in America doing well, I was very pleased at J. Meloney, calling to see mother as he could tell her more about us than I could write. I am, thanks to God strong in health but

feel very much being away from home
I was in Brisbane for a few days in February last
and hope soon to pay them another visit I may
take holidays shortly and go to Sydney & see John.
I would like to send mother a Photo but am
unable to have them taken here, but will send
one first opportunity. Lizzie John & May are
having theirs taken to send, they are all well and
are writing soon I hear from them every week.
I do not feel uneasy about them as John & May
are so good & give no trouble, otherwise I would
try and get away from here long ago. now I am
learning it until it pleases the Commissioner to
transfer me. This being my first letter for so many
years I will cut it short and conclude with many
kind wishes to all friends & neighbors and
foudest love to you all and a big X for Mom.

Your ever affl. Son

Patt McHugh