

Police Station
Herberton N. Queensland
8. November 1900

My dear Father & mother Brother & Sister
You will no doubt be
wondering for some time back
as to whether I am Dead or alive
but thanks to god Children Lizzie
and myself are enjoying the very
best of health. sickness is a thing
unknown to us trusting you all
enjoy the same good health. you
will also think it strange of me
being in this Herberton all those
years. I was away from here
about 18th months but the
promoted me and gave me
Charge of the Station and
a very large District. so it
may be some Satisfaction to you
to know that my Conduct.

has been fairly good. I have
just returned of a long trip in
the Bush. and have only one
half hour to get this order and
write those few lines. I will
write you a long letter shortly
and get John & May to
write to their little Cousins
I was so pleased to get Michael's
Photo and his Children who
look so nice & bright. I am
almost ashamed to write to you
after the long spell of negligence
However Dear Father and Mother
do forgive me. as I am sure it
will not occur again

Enclosed please find P. Office
order for £10-0-0. I need not
tell you what it meant for
wishing you all the Compliments
of the Season. & hoping ye will
all drink health to us on Christmas

Accept Love & Kisses from
John May & Lizzie and
your ever affectionate son

Pat. M. Hugh

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Excuse haste & writing as
the tears are bothering me
while writing. Order is
Payable at Tuam in Father's name
Good bye.

P.M.

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Excuse for hurry