

P.S. Write often to me as I will write to you often + say a little



Prayer for my safe return how are the Henrichs Send all news

"WITH THE COLORS"

God Bless
Patt & X to
Loving Parents



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My Dear Father, Mother, Brother and Sisters

just a line to let you know that I am in the best of health, thanks to God, also Sisters Brother & family. Well, Mommie dear, I received your welcomed letter & was glad to know every body was fine & enjoying health + life as usual, particularly my dear Father + Mother, also I was glad to know that you received my money (check) which I sent you for the races, Sorry ye did not have any races in Fulltown, this Easter. Well Mommie, I find out you are studying in Tuam, God Grant that you may be successful & if any time you need money, write + let me know + be sure + let me know when you are going in for

Help your Country by Saving. Write on BOTH Sides of this Paper.

training + I will pay the bill no matter what it shall be, as my intentions were set, on seeing all my sisters in some positions in Ireland, rather than see them come here, It is good here for girls, but it is much better for men, they can get along better + get a head much quicker, had I been fortunate enough for the next 4 or 5 coming years like I had been in the past, I assure you that I could live good on either sides of the Atlantic.

Well Father + Mother I am going to break the news to you about my present position in life. I am now in the United States army for the last three weeks + I don't want you to feel bad about it, I will be all right with God's help + his Virgin Mother as it is God who protects and saves us all, I am 1300 miles from Chicago in a Sea-port Town called Portland Maine I am up there with hundreds of other fellows, we are there for the protection of the coast against



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the enemy. I think I am pretty fortunate to be sent up here, as I may be left here. There are lots of Irish lads with me, & they are all a fine bunch of fellows, in fact they are drafting every young man, in this country into the Service, as they intend to put an end to the war, as soon as possible.

Well dear ones, I hated to leave Chicago, and I think I made it pretty lonely for my sisters, as I never was content only when I was out to see them & they were a lot about me, I could not tell you all now, Chicago is a fine city, I was so content there & I had a very nice position there, I am sending you a picture in uniform where I was a train man in Chicago & I am sending

You one in my civilian clothes
to show you what I look like now,
I look much about the same only
some of my hair began to fall
out + it leaves me a higher forehead
than usual, I am sending one
picture to my Father + the other to
my Mother in remembrance of
your Son Patt + perhaps they would
be a good reminder of saying a
little prayer for me + for my safe
return.

Well dear ones I beg if you all
not to worry about me but say a little
prayer for me + if it is my lot I may
never see the battle field Send my letters
to Lilia + she will forward them to me.
John is exempted on account of being
married. Joe was ^{not} drafted yet, but I am
scared he will, sooner or later, Martin Goan
was rejected, Now as I am in a hurry to
go to bed I will send my best wishes +
fondest love to all + will say Good Bye
God luck + God Bless you all as I remain
your ever devoted + affectionate Son +
Brother Patt to Father Mother Brother + Sisters
Good Bye XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX