

Letter from Kate McHugh to her parents and family March 1918.

Chicago

March

Dear Father mother & all

I suppose you think we must be short in writing paper not to have written since Xmas, the time passes so quick here that you dont know really where you are at sometimes & especially these exciting times.

2. I was in St. Louis again for about four weeks. Just go back a few weeks ago. My folks were there so they took me along. I saw John Herson & Ellie I was at their Aunt's house Bridget Mooney I suppose ye know her. A very nice woman & treated me lovely. nothing was too good for me. her name is Mrs Rielly her husband is dead has only one son & she is very comfortable. the hernan's also are very nice people. You can tell Kitty Mooney I saw them. they wished to be remembered to you all.

3. well I suppose conditions are pretty bad over there. white flour & sugar is very scarce here every-body is using Rye flour & corn meal. & mostly all the young men has joined the army they are leaving every day I fear Patt will have to go as there is no way out of it. because every body will have to go. we will miss him very much. as for John we dont bother him but seldom. he is said and lead by his wife. & doesn't know his own. so we think it best to keep away from them. as long as they get along together. we should worry we have to make our own living. You dont need to say anything about it when you write

4. to him. as thank God I can get along without them. it's a pleasure to go into Uncle Thos. wife & also the Godwins but let it not worry ye any. as I guess his wife is the cause of it. we received the letters & shamrocks glad to know ye are all well. & was surprised to hear Oney was in the convent. well the education wont hurt her as she needs it does she like to be a nurse how long will she be in the hospital for training & how much will it cost it isent every-body that can be a nurse as you need a strong constitution. but you can see later it was no use keeping her home any longer I know ye will miss her

5. how long until Mary's time is served I suppose she will be glad when she is through was glad to hear of Maggie Foye's success I had a letter from Aunt Honour, luck must be in store for them. am sending ye the small sum of one pound hope ye receive it in time for the races. divide it among all of you I mean Tomy Nellie Freddie Julia Annie & Mary & keep some for yer'selves have a good time. ye will be only young once & dont keep the kids from having all the fun they can. every body is well here our only worry is Patt but things may be quite pretty soon –

[6] We have been reading in the papers about the sein feinners in Ireland. have not many news to write can ye get any flour or sugar. do ye get good prices for stock. whis

war makes it hard for every body. How is Maggie & baby. will bring my letter to a finish
hope you have it for Easter

Good Bye

with lots of love from your daughter

Kate xxxxxx

to all

Thanks to Tomy for his nice letter & excuse me for not writing to him

write soon

Transcribed by Margaret Marlow with punctuation, grammar and spelling as in the
original.

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