

Letter from Patt M^cHugh to his parents and siblings 4 March 1918.

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My Dear Parents Brother & Sisters,

Time is flying by so quickly that I have no excuse to offer ~~you~~ for not writing to you, before this, but neglect. One month here is just like a day over there, well to begin with, I hope you are enjoying health & happiness as usual, as my sisters, Brother & family, including myself, are in the best of health, thanks to God, Well dear ones, Easter & the Races is drawing nigh & I send you the small sum of (3) Three Pounds just for costs & as a little reminder of a Brother & Son in a

2. foreign land, Every thing is so high here at present, It costs you just twice as much to live now, as it did when I came here first, just imagine, It costs me 10 dollars a week for room and board, and I know it is just the same over there, Well dear ones you can see thousands of young fellows going away to training camps here every day, Foye & myself, got out of it so far, for, how long, I dont know, but I am sure it will be a few months yet, & perhaps for ever, So I ask of you, not to forget us in your Prayers, Though

3. we are taken, god will guide & protect us safe, through and if it is our lot, we may fall, there, Now, Mother I don't want you to worry about me as I did not go yet & perhaps will never, I have no news of any king to tell, you. I had a letter from Sister Maggie, a few weeks ago, I wrote to her Baby at Xmas & send him 10 shillings for a little present how are they getting along, also Julia & Mary, I know you are under a big expense, in those hard times, Well Father how is your good health, have you still got the cough, or how

4. did you fare this winter was, your cough bad, We had a very severe winter here, I guess one of the worse in history, Did any of your Brothers write to you this Xmas Katie was telling me some thing about, Aunt Honor writing to them, but you should worry about her, as I must assure you, they were the best Brothers I know of, So bear in mind there are lots worse than they are, so dont have any ill feeling towards them, Uncle Tom is a fine fellow & he is no better than his wife, No matter when I go to see them, its the (cead mile Failte) & be sure & call again

[5.] Well I suppose you all are busy now with the Spring work, planting the crops, How are all the neighbours getting along also friends, who are you in (Co) with this time or, how is the young horse, Who is doing the work for Mary Sheridan, Katie was in St Louis, recently with the folks, She saw the Hernons down there, no more this time you will be, tired reading this rubbish, and Tommy be sure & take your girl, on the Hobbys

the race day, and have a good time, Good Bye & God Bless you all once more, I remain your affectionate Son & Brother Patt

To Father & Mother & all, Good Bye xxxxxxxxxxxx

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

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