

Dear Daddy,

Thanks for the last letter I got - I think it was from Mammy. I'm glad you are all keeping well. In the letter there was a cheque for 10£ Thanks for it. Luckily I've cured completely from the sickness I had. It disappeared in about one week. The treatment I had in hospital worked the trick. Also the other priest who was away in France has come back so things are practically back to normal. At long last I can have a bit of peace and quietness as during the last 2 months it was a constant rush from one thing to another. It is a pity Frank Mansfield is laid up. I wouldn't imagine that St. Finbarrs would be the best hospital to be treated for malaria - as probably they never have that kind of sickness there and so they would have the necessary medicine. I suppose he went to Dublin because there is a hospital in Drogheda which is very good for tropical type diseases. Garry Roche got a dose of malaria last but apparently he cured very quickly. That was what he told me in a letter he sent a good while ago. I'm glad Vincent called. He wrote to me a good while ago. He seems to be very happy which is the principal thing.

I hope you went to the Ordination or First mass of Bernard and Voijsck. I didn't even get around to writing to them. Something I have to do one of these days. In fact I am going through a very bad time with respect to my letter writing. A long while ago I should have written to Aunt Bridie along with letters to lots of other people. But I don't seem to get time then I get some days together and I write a whole lot of letters. I'm glad Olly Fant got a good job. He is getting on well at last. Although it will be interesting to see if he marries before Liam does. I'm glad the honey is going well. It seems to me that all the money he makes in that will go on the dogs. It is very sad that Pat O'shea's wife has lost another child. I see that they are now houses for old people in Fermoy. but Jack isn't too interested. I hope he is keeping well. He has his years now. It is amazing that Kathleen Donegan is still going strong. Living all on her own etc.

It seems the farmers are at last getting on well in Ireland with the high price for cattle. In the photo I sent that building you see is behind the cross beginning from right to left the chapel, about the size of the Kitchen - the sacristy- also part of the chapel and a living room with beds etc. Of course outside it looks like a house. Where we live is behind this building but at times we use part of the building you see in the photo. Other church we don't have here and when we go to the

the other villages we usually say Mass near some house.
In that sense things are a bit primitive still here although
the situation is changing quite a lot. However it has a long way
to go before it is anything like Fermoy.

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With all the building I hear Fermoy is changing
quite a lot. How is Frank Mansfield getting on in India. This
illness must be affecting him quite a lot. I didn't hear anything
that he was coming back for holidays.

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Sorry for the long delay in finishing this letter. As you
have'n't heard from me for a long while you will probably be
wondering what has happened. Between one thing and another
I don't seem to finish the letter. Yesterday I got newspapers
with a tape inside along with a five pound note. Thanks for
it. There was another glued inside a Word. Don't bother
sending on the Mass leaflets as they are really of no use
as here everything is in Spanish. Here the weather is very
nice now - lots of sun with some rain but not too warm - after
a month or two it will be much worse. As the sun gets
very warm.

I'm glad everyone at home is keeping well. How
is Liam getting on with his dogs. I hope they win now and
then - if not they will be a very dear hobby for him. We
got hold of a swarm of bees here the other day but we put
them in an orange box and during the day they flew away.
It is very suitable for bees as they are some trees and
they have no shortage of pollen.

I am sending on a memorial card of Paddy Courtney
which they sent to me a while ago. I think you knew him.
Thanks for the photo of Bernard and Wojciek - I hardly recog-
nised Bernard with the beard. The others also with the long
hair are difficult to recognise. What is Maynooth like now?
I heard they are an awful lot of buildings there. It really
is a luxury the Hostel we had in Maynooth. Today I am dedi-
cating to cleaning up the room a bit as I have everything
thrown around. Tell Aunt Bridie that one of these days I
will write to her, thanking her for the memorial card she
sent of Uncle EdDen. Things in Northern Ireland seem to
be worse than ever - it's a fright there is no solution in
sight. How the people must be suffering there. Here Peron
is now President and they are a lot of problems as they have
begun a McCarthy style hunt of Communists. That is anyone
that the Government doesn't like they call him a communist.
The other day one of the best doctors here was changed in that
way. Well Greetings to Mam and all - God Bless - Goodbye

) - I thought the page had finished. Hope Mammy is keeping
well - the winter will be along soon. We are planting
cotton now so there is lots of work. Will write soon Pat