

Monday Sept. 20

Dear Mammy,

Hope you have recovered completely from your complaint in your leg and that you are able to walk around again. I am keeping well although it will be probably a month or two more before my collar-bone is fully healed. The doctor took out the wire he had within it - so I have to take it easy once again as it does not have the support of the wire. I received the newspapers the other day. Really just send along the Irish papers - as I find I don't read much the others - I just find I don't have time and naturally one loses interest in things that happen in England. I hope you got the photos I sent - One came out very well - the other not so well - if you want copies I could send along the negative.

I hope the weather is fine for the harvest and that it is good. Here we are now into Spring - the trees are in bloom and we get lots of rain. For 2 Sundays I couldn't go to the village where I say mass because of the rain - the road there is pure earth - they are no stones here in the soil. For that it is impossible to travel in wet weather - The farmers use a sledge to bring the milk in wet weather - pulled by a horse.

Ned I suppose has returned from the States & now I was going to write to him again but - He said he was coming back on 17th Sept. I imagine he will continue in Cork studying etc. Dennis is back at school again I imagine. Apologise to Kathleen I should have written to her thanking her for her letters and the Papers. I'm delighted to hear Tommy will be able to get a job in Ireland and settle down. How is Liam's greyhound going. They have no greyhounds here - at least they are very few and they very seldom race them. How is Liam getting on in

his new digs. The rugby season should be starting once again. How is the rowing going - with the new boat now ~~the~~ should be lots of interest once again - hope they don't go using it as a training boat. We haven't finished building a club for Scouts here yet. It is difficult to get the boys moving all the time.

Last week here we had a festival here but it was very small this year. The Urban Council have to pay for everything and they could only spend very little money on it. They had a folk-music festival which was very nice. With the young people here we are organising a series of Pictures - after every Picture we have a Discussion. Last week we had nearly 300 people in the cinema. It makes a picture more interesting when it is followed by a Discussion.

How are all the relations keeping. I am writing now to Aunt Mary. I had a letter from Margaret Nones. She seemed to have a good time in the States. Did Vincent call yet? He told me he'd be at home in August. I heard Charlie Fitzgibbon has left. It really wasn't that big a surprise. He should have no trouble getting work teaching German. I had a letter from George and I'm enclosing it. He made a copy of the same letter - it avoids having to write all the letters - he may have sent one to you. I may do something like that for Christmas. I hope the Turkeys are well - it won't be long before it will be here again. Hope Daddy is keeping well. With the harvest I'm sure he has a lot of work. It's a fright what's happening in Northern Ireland. The IRA seems to be very strong again. It's a wonder the English don't make a better attempt to fix it up.

Well I haven't much more news. Give my best wishes love to all at home especially Daddy. ^{god bless} Love your fond son
Pat.