

20 of December

Dear Daddy,

Thanks for the letter which arrived yesterday. I hope Jack's pulling around.

The situation of Aunt Julia is probably definitive. This letter probably won't arrive until after Xmas so I hope you all had a very good time.

I don't know if in the last letter I told you of our new place of Residence. In fact at long last - since May I've been in a provisional sort of situation - with another brother we moved in to an area of Buenos Aires where there are a lot of Poles living. It is still in the city but is in the area where the dumps are so you can imagine that at times we have plenty of smoke. The area has been populated some 6 months now -



The land is reclaimed. dump land. It was divided up in small sites and the people began moving in putting up all types of houses - Usually very ~~precarious~~ unstable at the beginning later on more stable with bricks etc. Now they are about 30,000 people living in the area so it like a small city. There is water piped to every site almost but the electric light is all tyled. One gets a long cable and connects it to the mainlines at night. The area is really a ~~big~~ tangle of wires, cables etc. Most of the people are Paraguayan (from Paraguay) and as they have their own language, although they also know Spanish - it is very special to hear them talking. With Chiche the other brother

we bought a site with a house. We paid some \$60 for everything & really are very happy here. The site is quite big (about  $\frac{1}{3}$  that of Kathleen's & Timmy's place). The house is of black tinned hard board sheets - on the roof & the sides. We put up a balcony in front because of the sun & really for 2 people there is plenty of room. Most people have these type of houses until they get up a brick one. It doesn't rain inside so it is quite comfortable. The site has grass in it and the house is at the end of it so we have plenty of space to sit out on. As all the streets are of earth there is no traffic loudly so we have plenty of peace - outside of the noise. Last week the chapel of the area was opened and we work very closely with the

parish priest & 2 nuns who also live here.

On the site we'll have to make a garden or something but I'm afraid we are very lucky. We are looking now for a dog to have in the house. I am still working in the same firm but we have now finished the building where we were (it went to 15 stories) & now we are about to begin another. In January I will take some 2 weeks holidays and visit Santa Fe & Esfuerzo where I was before. St. Terence has gone to Bolivia to learn Spanish & is getting on very well.

I am keeping great & very happy at the new place where we are - The letters all arrive well. Will write soon - God Bless  
all - Your fond son  
Pat.