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Dearest Bud;

I received both your letter and Paddy's today. I see by the post mark it has taken a month to get here. We have had mail strikes here and they are just over. I really needed them today as it is Mom's birthday and I am feeling a little low. I get like this at odd times of the year. I am so very glad to hear how well you are and getting better all the time. I have been so worried about you, and think of you all the time. I promise to keep my letters up if you do. My how I do remember those old days so very well. I think of them often. I really want you to get well so when we come home we can have a ball together and then maybe you can come here to us. I would love to have you here with me. The past 2 years has been a nightmare in so many things for me. We finally got out of probate last November. What a terrible thing that was. Then with Dad's marriage, we sold our family company, the flat in Garfield and we had this house in Dingley. In Dec. John and I bought this house from Dad. As you know we extended a huge apt. on the back all self contained. It has never been lived in. So there is always a place here for you. What a reshuffle this has been. However, I am sorting myself out and I am learning that self preservation is the first thing. I am coping very well and I pray to Mom for the strength I need. The kids take up a lot of my time, and I am now working, so I keep myself pretty busy. I am working in a Drug store not far from here. I work over the week ends and on every second Friday. I work a twelve hour shift, John is marvellous, he takes care of the kids. The kids are very well and growing up. Mike is going to be a motor mechanic specialising in Auto Electronics. He finished school next year. Sadie is growing all the time and very keen on sport. Jimmie will be 7 in June. He is a darling. He is in first grade and enjoys it. He is a left hander and wears glasses. You will really enjoy the kids. John sold his Business over Christmas. He was really sick of it and after 13 years had had enough. He is working in Dad's with a Fibreglass firm. We aren't sure what he will finish up in. We are not rushing into anything. I am feeling pretty good. They have my blood pressure under control. I have lost a lot of weight and I am getting fitter all the time. I am playing basketball twice a week and badminton. I found sitting around this house I was going mad so I started getting into all these things and I feel better for it. It is very hard to explain all this in a letter. I will be telling you all the news soon myself. Well, Bud I must close this letter and go get Jim at school. I do hope you will sit down and write to me at least twice a month. I have worried about

you terribly. Please tell Mary I have not forgotten her. I would like to have her address also. Now you take good care of yourself and get yourself in shape for when I get home. I must tell you about my phone and please tell Paddy. After our last phone bill, (sky high) we had a public phone (coin phone to you) put in. The kids have to pay for their own calls, The only thing is I can't call overseas on the dam thing. So for my birthday in July give me a present and call me collect. My number 551-1688. I would love to hear from you. I must close for now and I will

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