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COLLECTION LEVEL DESCRIPTION

Identity Statement

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| Archive Reference | IE DCLA AR/ADD/102 |
| Title | Patrick English (1894-1970) |
| Creation Dates | 1916-1937 |
| Level of Description | Collection Level Description |
| Extent & Medium | 58 items |

Context Area

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| Creator(s) | Patrick English |
| Administrative & Biographical History | <p>Patrick English was born in 1894 and lived at Dunsink Cottages, Castleknock, Dublin. He was employed as a gardener on Lord Holmpatrick's Estate at Abbotstown. He was a member of Fianna Eireann and the Irish Volunteer Army. He was part of the F. Company, 4th Battalion, Dublin Brigade who fought in the General Post Office Garrison in Easter 1916. After the surrender in 1916, he was imprisoned in Stafford on May 1st 1916. He was later transferred to Wormwood Scrubs and then interned in Frongoch, until he was released at Christmas 1916.</p> <p>After his release from Frongoch, he lost his job and his home, because of his role in the Rising. He was a member of the active service unit all through out the War of Independence. He took no part in the Civil War.</p> <p>He was a keen Gaelic footballer and played for St. Margaret's before the Rising. When Erin's Isle was formed in Finglas in 1917, he became a prominent member and played for the club throughout the 1920s. He died on 27 January 1970 and was buried at Glasnevin Cemetery.</p> |
| Immediate Source of Acquisition | Collection was donated to Dublin City Archives by Patrick English (son of creator Patrick English) |

Content & Structure

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| Scope & Content | Letters written and received by Patrick English during his internment in Frongoch. Includes correspondence with his mother Kate, sisters May and Nellie, brother David, and club mate James Malone. Topics discussed in letters include conditions in Frongoch, welfare of Kate English and support she received from Dependent's Fund, and news of family members and friends who were serving on the Front in World War 1. Letters from Kate English are written in various hands. Includes also rough notes prepared by Patrick English regarding his role in the Rising for the 1937 Garrison Report Order and copies of Marriage Certificate of Patrick English and Catherine Brennan (1927) |
| Arrangement | Arranged chronologically, with undated material at end. |
| Subject Keywords | Frongoch, Wales Easter Rising, 1916 General Post Office |

Richmond Barracks
Gaelic Athletic Association
St. Margarets Football Club
World War 1
Kathleen Ni Houlihan

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| Language | English |
| Physical Characteristics & Technical Requirements | Some letters in pencil are quite faded and difficult to read. Some letters are torn. |
| Finding Aids | Item level descriptive list with full transcriptions |

Allied Materials

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| Existence and location of copies | Digital Copies of Letters submitted for publication on Letters of 1916 : http://dh.tcd.ie/letters1916/ TIFF images created and preserved by Dublin City Archives |
| Related Materials | Defence Forces Military Archives, Military Service Pension Collection, File Reference MSP34REF2226 Pension Claim File of Patrick English. |
| Publication Note | <i>Evening Herald</i> (28 January 1970), death notice John Campbell & Liam Casey, <i>A History of Erin's Isle GAA Club</i> (2000) |

Notes

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| Note: | Biographical information kindly supplied by Jimmy Wren based on his publication <i>The GPO Garrison Easter Week 1916: A Biographical Dictionary</i> (Dublin, 2015). The [] is used in transcriptions to indicate a note or spelling correction added by archivist or to indicate that this section of document is illegible. |
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Description Control Area

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| Archivists Note: | Transcription, digitisation and listing of letters completed by Jenny Snook, Dublin City Archives Intern, August 2015. Fonds level description prepared by Ellen Murphy, senior archivist, Dublin City Archives, August 2015 |
| Rules or Conventions | http://www.icacds.org.uk/eng/ISAD(G).pdf |

DESCRIPTIVE LIST AND TRANSCRIPTIONS

Item Code: Ar/add/102/01

Date: 1916

Description: Partial letter to Kate English from her son Patrick English, discussing stamped letters sent to the camp being destroyed; suggests sending a “pencil, prayer book and a handkerchief.”

Size: 2 pp

Conservation Note: One page written on both sides in pencil. Noted as ‘3’, seems like other pages are missing.

Transcription: 3. Because if you stick the stamps on they are no use to us for such letters are destroyed and if you are sending anything send me a pencil, prayer book and a handkerchief I think I have told you all for the present so I must finish with best love to all and with the help of god we will meet again. I remain dear mother your fond son Patrick. PS I have Mick Cosgrave here with me he told to tell he was asking for you so don't forget and let us know how abbotstown is getting on and if Laurence is still with you.

Item Code: Ar/add/102/02

Date: 1916

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his mother Kate English, [Dunsink Cottage, Castleknock, Co. Dublin] discussing how much she misses him and encouraging him to keep his spirits up.

Size: 2 pp

Conservation Note: The bottom of letter torn so some words can't be identified. One page written on both sides.

Transcription: My Darling son Just a slip in my own hand to let you see by it I'm all write thank god. I am very lonely for yourself. I offer up the rosary every night for you [illegible due to tear] mass for you [illegible due to tear] understand you to be in such a thing as I never seen anything concerning it in the house. I am doing my best to have you released. Cheer up, there is bright days coming. Aunt Annie sent her love to you. Also James he is going [?] to [?] goodbye dear son [illegible due to tear] Mother xx

Item Code: Ar/add/102/03

Date: [2]9 May 1916

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his mother Kate English, Dunsink Cottage, Castleknock, Co. Dublin, telling her son that she is fine and praying for him; sending love from other relatives, and mentioning that a man has been taken on in the Gardens [may refer to Lord Holmpartick's estate at Abbotstown where English was employed as gardener]

Size: 4 pp

Transcription:

Dunsink Cottage Castleknock Co Dublin, [29] May, My Dear Son, I received your very welcome letter glad to know you are well. As for myself I am all right. I only want yourself. I think it is God that keeps me all strate [straight], don't fret about me everyone tells me I am getting young. Do not fret keep up your hart [heart]. Did you get the box I sent you, you never said you did. You asked me about the gardens they got a man in Micks place he stopped a fortnight, he would not stop. I wished you were home it is so lonely for me in my old age. I have Laurence I would not stop here if he was gone. David wrote to you did you get it. Have you got leave to smoke let me know. Cheer up there is good times yet. I am praying night and day for you. Aunt Annie and Francis send their best love and said you're to cheer up it won't be long till we meet again. I think I have told you all there is Mothers lovely hand good by[e] your loving mother .I am sending you three stamps

Item Code: Ar/add/102/04

Date: 1916

Description: Letter to Kate English from her daughter May English, St. Vincent's Convent, Ancoats, Manchester, England discussing the kindness of Irish nun Sr. Vincent has shown to her brother Patrick, discussing Patrick not having gardening work in Abbotstown and enquiring if other family members have been effected by 'the riot'

Size: 4 pp

Digitization note: One page folded into 4 and scanned in two pictures.

Transcription:

St. Vincent's Convent, St. Vincent Street, Ancoats, Manchester, England My Dear Mother
Just a few lines hoping to find you in good health as this leaves me at present thank God. Well have you any idea about Patrick coming home, or is your letters opened you get from him. Sister Vincent wrote to him and sent him some things he seems very pleased at. I am sending him a parcel today and I sent him one before. The fare is 9 shillings and three pence from me to him and I don't think I could get down by visiting hour but perhaps he might not be long there, he ought to wright [write] and thank Sister Vincent when he goes home again. She is most kind and nice about him and feels so sorry for him. She reads all my letters and posted my parcel to him and sent him things and she is only a new Sister but real Irish that is the reason. Whoever has been wrighting [writing] for you I was glad the letters were [nice] and she seen them all I am sure. If she was ever there she would get you somewhere. She asked me were you too old to work she was wondering what can be done. If Patrick weren't so far she would go herself and see him I never saw anyone so nice and kind. Is it Nellie or Kate that writes for you did you here [hear] any more about the house or where are you going or how long have you to stay wont they give Patrick any more work in Abbotstown or what is Ireland like at all. Is Paddy and M J and family all safe in Dublin and Aunt Maria Annie Kitty and all those safe. You never mentioned anyone since the riot I got a PC [postcard] from you and whatever you put on the corner of it I do not know it was cut off for some reason it mustn't have suited. Well how is Nellie and Frank, Katie and Babie and Tom, Jamesy, M J and family Aunt Annie and all? Mickie how is he, David and Mrs and Child, how is everybody, David Shanley and James let me know all the news you can in your next letter not a PC[postcard] Goodbye Dear Mother With love from May

Item Code: Ar/add/102/05

Date: 18 May 1916

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his mother Kate English, Dunsink Cottage, Castleknock, Co. Dublin discussing her worry when he went missing on Easter Monday, and her relief when she saw his name in the paper and realized he was alive. Also discusses her loneliness without him.

Size: 2 pp

Conservation Note: Top corner of back page is torn and can't be seen.

Transcription:

Dunsink Cottage Castleknock, 18-5-16, Co Dublin My Dear Son Patrick I hope you will have the pleasure of reading this letter from me. My heart was broken about you I could not make out where you went to on Easter Monday I was near wild until I saw your name in the paper but "thank God" you are alive I am all right myself I sleep in Jamesy's and comes home in the morning I am sure you can imagine how lonely I [page torn] for you the only one I [page torn] but cheer up and trust in God that we will all meet again I want to know if you would be allowed to receive any shirts or socks or anything at all I would send them on Jamesy David Katie Nellie and all join in sending their best love to you and is praying night and day for the best. Hoping you will get this to let you know I am alive XXXX I remain your loving Mother K English

Item Code: Ar/add/102/06

Date: 20 May 1916

Description: Partial letter to Patrick English from his mother Kate English, Dunsink Cottage, Castleknock, advising him to tell the officer in charge that he is the only support for his widow mother and suggesting that his employer Lord Holmpatrick could provide a character reference.

Discussing: Patrick's mother is looking for a reply. She is living alone, hasn't received money since Easter Monday, asking if there is anything needed by Patrick and will he be coming home soon?

Size: 3 pp

Conservation Note: Letter in three pieces, with parts missing

Transcription:

Patrick English, Dunsink Cottage, Castleknock ,20/05/16 Dear Patrick, I wrote to you before and got no reply what in all the world happened you. I never seen you since Easter Monday. Tell the officer in command of you that you were the only support of a widow mother. I have not received a shilling since Good Friday [part of page missing] the officer if he wants to find out your character to ask Lord Holm Patrick he knows you since you were a child it is there in one of his houses you were born and reared. Cheer up your poor old heart. Tell the officer who you worked for since you were 14 years of age. I am still living in the cottage yet they have taken no one in your place up to the present. Will we be allowed to send you any shirts or cigarettes or anything you want in that way or is there any chance of you coming home my heart is broke thinking of you we had a letter from Michael in the [remainder missing]

Item Code: Ar/add/102/07

Date: c. May 1916

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his brother Davie English, Hampton Cottage, Cabra. Davie tells him not to worry about his mother, the introduction of daylight savings bill, and sends his best wishes to the other prisoners. Comments "Kathleen ni Houlahan send them her love and hopes she will soon see them all again"

Size: 3 pp

Transcription:

Hampton Cottage, Cabra, Sunday Dear Patrick A few lines hoping they may find you well under the circumstances. I expect you must feel very lonely, but you must keep your heart up, as you know the darkest hour is before the dawn, you need not be fretting about my Mother as you know she will not be cold or hungry while we have anything, needless to say she is very lonely. I go to see her every night when I am finished work. I suppose you know we have to be up early now, the daylight saving bill, then we are off early in the evening. There is not much sport, no football, no racing, but racing is starting very soon. I had a bad day at Fairyhouse on Easter Monday. I had all my money on a stiff one in the last race. You need not trouble about answering my letter. When you are writing home you can say if you received my letter. I seen in the papers a lot of names I know. I went to all the prisons in Dublin before I seen your name in the Herald. When you are writing home let us know if you are allowed cigarettes Mr Ginnell said you are allowed some. If that is so I will send you some at once, tell M Cosgrave I was asking for him and tell him Abbotstown garden is in the same place if you are near any of the lads that I know, tell them I send them my best wishes and tell them from me that Kathleen ni Houlahan send them her love and hopes she will soon see them all again. I think the whole thing is too sad for words, but I trust in god that peace will soon come. I often think now that the summer is here the fields and trees in bloom that we were made for nobler things than fighting. Your loving brother Davie. Kathleen, Nellie and Frank send their love. You will have to look out for another girl when you get home as I see your girl walking out with a soldier. Goodbye

Item Code: Ar/add/102/08

Date: 23 May 1916

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his mother Kate English, Dunsink Cottage, Castleknock Enclosing parcel and suggesting that Patrick should tell the prison officer that he has six cousins fighting at the Front in France. Includes comment that Mickie at the Front has written to say 'he was surprised when he heard of the trouble'

Size: 4 pp

Transcription:

Dunsink Cottage , Castleknock,23-5-1916 My Dear Patrick I received your letter on Monday 22 May I was delighted when I got it as I was anxious to hear from you I sent you 3 letters and I got no reply perhaps you did not receive them. I am sending a parcel it contains a cake, shirt socks, tooth brush, 7 books collar and towel and soap. Beads if you are allowed to get tea or sugar or anything you want let me know or will you be let take money let me know in your next letter. I am keeping strong myself I hope you are the same. Don't be fretting as you will be a man yet, you are but a child. Keep up your poor heart as we are all praying for you. We had a letter from Mickie at the front he has got promotion he was surprised when he heard of the trouble. Tell the officer in charge of you that you have 6 first cousins fighting in France. Michael English, Christy [Fenlon], Annies husband that's Joe O'Mahony, Bridget Reilly's husband Sergeant Kelly and the 2 Reilly's of the high road. Lord Winbourne is leaving Ireland and Nellie and Frank expect to be going away with them. Jamesy, David, Katie and Nellie and all the rest of us join sending you our best love hoping to hear from you soon again. My eyes will be strained watching an answer to know if you got the parcel all right. Goodbye my dear son Patrick and God bless you Goodbye xxxxxxxx I remain your ever loving widow mother Mrs. K English

Item Code: Ar/add/102/09

Date: 26 May 1916

Description: Letter to Kate English from her son Patrick English Irish Prisoner, Stafford thank her for parcel, telling her not to worry 'it is done now and it can't be undone' and noting that they attend mass every Sunday.

Size: 4 pp

Conservation Note: Letter is in pencil and quite faded in parts.

Transcription:

Irish Prisoner, Stafford C/O Chief Postal [..] London Dear Mother In answer to your welcome letter and parcel which I received all right I was very much surprised when I got (?) second letter to (?) by it you got no letter from me, but thank god you have received them all right. This is my third letter home. I was speaking to the priest that Sister Vincent wrote to concerning me and he sent her back word how I was going on, so I am sure you have received some word from her. I am quite well thank god so don't be worrying about me you know it is done now and it can't be undone. You need not send me any tea for we have here tea twice, morning and evening and we get a bath once a week. The only thing you need send me is a cake and a few cigarettes for we are allowed to smoke now. I am glad to hear Michael has got promotion don't forget and tell him I was asking for him when you are writing back to him. We go to mass at 7.30 am of a Sunday that is why I asked you for the prayer book and do our own washing every week. [we] were supplied with [illegible..] all for the present and trust in god and will be all right. I remain Dear Mother, Your loving SonPatrick English

Item Code: Ar/add/102/10

Date: 26 May 1916

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his sister May English St. Vincent's Convent, Ancoats M C asking for any news and sending writing material. She mentions Sister Vincent at the convent and her concern for Patrick.

Size: 3 pp

Conservation Note: single sheet folded into 4 parts, with writing on 3 of them and scanned in two pictures. Bottom of page 2 is a little hard to understand.

Transcription: St Vincent's Convent, Ancoats M C, 26 May 1916 My Dear Patrick I was delighted to hear that you were well and that you had written home to my mother. I had a nice letter on Friday from home and they are all pleased they heard from you but as you know they are very lonely without you as it is the first time in your life you have ever being away even one night from home and you being the only one mother had to depend on but however God is good cheer up. Please God I hope you will be soon going back home. Have you any news yet from home. I am sending you these stamps and some wrighting [writing] paper so as you won't be short and I will send you a parcel next week and one of the sisters here is sent these things for you must keep them and always pray for her, her name is Sister Vincent as she is awful kind and good to you and made enquiries about you she is a real friend to me and God bless her for it. I wouldn't have known what to do only for her so Patrick don't forget her night and morning in your prayers and I am sure she will pray for you. So I think I will bring my letter to a close hoping to hear you will be soon going home and that you are keeping quiet well. With lots of love from May Good Night

Item Code: Ar/add/102/ 11

Date: [May or June 1916]

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his mother Kate English Dunsink Cottage, Castleknock. Refers to a Committee which has been set up to provide her with an allowance each week and mentions travelling over to visit Patrick.

Discussing:

Size: 2 pp

Conservation Note: One small sheet folded, written on back and front (tear along half of page) and scanned in two pictures.

Transcription: Dunsink Cottage Castleknock. My only Son I received your letter all right. Glad to hear you are [going] on well. I have made up my mind to remain as I am for the present, of course I am very lonely you understand me am so nervous it so lonely. I do have Jamesy David Kathleen [and] Nelly every day. When night comes I have only Laurence I would be lost only for him he is very good I wish he was bigger he would be able to work for me. I am much better now I get a little allowance every week from a committee that is got up for our keep thank God there is some good people in the world. You need not fret about me I am all right I do be delighted when I get your letter it cheers me up. Cheer up we will be happy yet. May told me she had a letter from you she sent me some money in her last letter. I sent you a postal order in my last, did you get it let me know. What would you think if I went over to see you. Wrote to May to ask what would be the fair [fare] in about a fortnight so if I go David will go also Do you know any one of the [Morsie?] of [abrine?] from Dublin his sister went out to see him. they are friends of [Hayes] as well. get all particulars you know this old hand of I must finish up with some fondest love from all. I remain your ever fond and loving Mother xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Take thoes [those] for my (son?)

Item Code: Ar/add/102/12

Date: 3 June 1916

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his mother Kate English Dunsink Cottage, Castleknock noting that she has sent a parcel to him. Notes that she is doing well except still lonely. She is

thinking of going to live with and work as a housekeeper for David Shandley and is asking for his opinion.

Size: 4 pp

Transcription: Dunsink cottage Castleknock 3-6-16, My dear Patrick I received your ever welcome letter glad to hear you are going on well. I am glad to hear you received the parcel alright. I have sent you on another parcel which contains cake 3 packets of ciggarettes [cigarettes] prayer book pencil handkerchief note paper and 3 stamps, let me know in your next letter if you received them all right. Davie told mother that he wrote to you I received a p.c. from Sister Vincent and she said you were all right. For myself I am keeping splendid the only thing that upsets me is the loneliness here at night it is such a lonely place. I am thinking strongly of giving up the place and going over to live with David Shandley he has me tormented to go over so don't be surprised if you hear of me going over to him. I still have Laurence with me he is not a bad chap at all. I am shure [sure] you are a splendid laundress I would have to scream laughing if I saw you washing your shirt I am sure it comes strange to you. Let me know when you are writing again what would you think of me giving up the place and going over to housekeep for Davie Shandly I would like to have your opinion on it what would be the best to do he has plenty of room over there. how are you keeping yourself. I hope you are keeping up your poor old heart and not fretting too much about me as I will be all right. Katie, Nellie, Jamesy and all the rest join in sending their very best love to you and trust in god to meet soon again. Goodbye and god bless you I remain dear Patrick Your ever loving mother Mrs K English

Item Code: Ar/add/102/13

Date: 4 June 1916

Description: Letter to Kate English from her son Patrick English Irish Prisoner, Stafford, C/O Chief Postal Censor, London. He tells her not to fret over his sentence in prison. He has plenty to do and has received her parcels. Also mentions that he doesn't mind a soldier that he knows being seen out with a girl that he likes.

Size: 4 pp

Conservation Note: Pages are torn and sections missing

Transcription: Irish Prisoner Stafford C/O Chief Postal Censor London 4-6-16. My Dear Mother In answer to your welcome letter which I received on the [...] also David's [...] to see it in [...] Handwritten [...] not be [fret...] me for [...] plenty have a football match and concert out in the yard every day. I have answered the parcel you sent me, we are allowed to receive cigarettes money anything necessary, there is a man comes in with a handcart every day and can buy any[thing] [...] want from [...] got a letter [...] and [? "some" crossed out] [...] on alright you can tell David I don't mind if the girl is walking out with a soldier. I have one that won't and that is yourself. No more news at present hoping to hear from you soon .I remain your fond Son Patrick English [...] Aunt Annie and all [...] I was asking for them

Item Code: Ar/add/102/14

Date: 9 June 1916

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his mother Kate English Dunsink Cottage, Castleknock discussing parcels she sent and her life at home in Castleknock; not being as lonely as he might imagine, with relatives and neighbours nearby.

Size: 2 pp

Transcription: Dunsink Cottage Castleknock 9/6/16 Dear Patrick A line in answer to your very welcome letter which I was longing to get it made me young. You did not mention anything about the last parcel I sent. It contained Prayer-book homemade cake, stamps cigarettes. When you are

writing always let me know what you receive. I am glad to see by your letter that you are going on well and keep up your heart as it will not be long until [until] you are home with your poor old mother again. Mrs. Dewar was [out] to see me she was greath [great] to hear you were in England she stayed for a few days. You will be surprised to hear who I had for a visitor last week Mrs McMahan baby Mary Hendricks she has three children they were here for a few days. So I was not too lonely, you will be [] to hear that Lady Holm Patrick met with an accident, she slipped at the hall door and hurted her shoulder. Laurence is a very good boy now; Nellie has changed her mind she is not going to England she is afraid to go across the sea. Frank expects a job as a motor driver in Guinness. Jamesy, Mary Jane, Aunt Annie, Nellie, Katie and all the boys send their love. Enclosed is a postal order for 2 shillings as the funds are very low. As you want no girl I send you my love. What is better than a mother. Your loving mother xxxx I got Davie to write this. Also a handkerchief in the parcel.

Item Code: Ar/add/102/15

Date: 13 June 1916

Description: Letter to Kate English from her son Patrick English Irish Prisoner, Stafford, C/O Chief Postal Censor, London. He tells her that he is sure that she is getting lonely and that going to live with David Shandley is her decision if it cheers her up. Notes that prison life isn't too bad and they do get plenty of liberties.

Size: 3 pp

Transcription: Irish Prisoner Stafford C/O Chief Postal Censor London 13/06/16 My Dear Mother In answer to your welcome letter and parcel which I received all right on the 12 [June] glad to see by it you are quite well as this leaves me at present thank God. I am sure that you feel very lonely but cheer up there are good times coming and as regards you giving up the house and going to live with David Shandley I will leave that to your own judgement [judgment] whatever you think best yourself to be done. I was at confession and communion on last sunday and we say the rosary twice a day so I am not as badley [badly] off as you may think. I think I have told you all for the present. You know there isn't much to say about the [prisoners] only we have got plenty of liberty. Mick Cosgrave sends his best wishes also David. I must bring these few [...] with my best love for yourself and all at home. I remain Dear Mother Your affectionate Son Patrick

Item Code: Ar/add/102/16

Date: 13 June 1916

Description: Letter to May English from her brother Patrick English Irish Prisoner, Stafford, C/O Chief Postal Censor, London. Talks about the chance of going to an internment camp and getting two parcels from home. Mentions prayers for Sister Vincent and confession and communion on Sunday.

Size: 4 pp

Conservation Note: Letter torn. Written in blue pencil and faded. Partially illegible

Transcription: Irish Prisoner Stafford C/O Chief Postal Censor London 13 -6- 16

Dear May [In answer to] your welcome [letter and parcel I received quite safe] [be... end...out forever] Thank god [there is] some talk of us going to an internment camp I did not say anything to Mother about it as I'm not quite shure [sure] wheater[whether] we well be going or not. I got two parcels from home the only thing I am badly in need of here are cigarettes, bread and note paper. Dear May tell sister Vincent I never forget her in my prayers we say the rosary twice a day and I was at confession and communion [] last Sunday. I think I have told you all for present you know there is not much to be said about prison life only we have plenty of freedom so life is [...] Hope you and [...] Good talking will be [all for now] Lots of Love From Patrick

Item Code: Ar/add/102/ 17

Date: 21 June 1916

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his sister May English St. Vincent's Convent, Ancoats. She tells him that she is looking forward to his return and is glad that he is going on outings. Hopes to come and see him by train during the next month, asks if he would like any members of Sisters of Charity to visit.

Size: 4 pp

Transcription: St. Vincent's Convent, St. Vincent Street, Ancoats, June 21-06-1916 My Dear Patrick I received your kind and welcome letter to hand this morning. Very glad to see by it you were keeping quite well thank God. I am very glad you get plenty of outings the air will do you good. I will be very glad when I get word that you will be going home. Please God I hope it won't be long. I hope Jamesy and David and Frank and the lads write to you. I thought perhaps they were sending you cigarets [cigarettes]. Perhaps I may come to see you some[time] next month if you are not gone. If so you must let me know. You are a good way from Manchester my fare would be 10 shillings return and I might not get down by vesiting [visiting] hours in the morning unless I caught an early train. I will see how things go on. I will let you know later on, you might be going home soon please God. Dear Patrick Sister [Vincent] thanks you for your prayers and she told me to be sure and ask you if any of the Sisters of Charity visit the prison. If you were here she would visit you. So let me know in your next letter. Well Patrick I think I have told you all the news for the present. Hoping you will be sailing home soon. Sister says if you haven't rosary beads let her know and she will send you a pair. You will have good bit of note paper to last for a good while and there is envelopes in your box. Good Night with love From May x

Item Code: Ar/add/102/18

Date: 3 July 1916

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his friend James Maloney [club secretary of St. Margaret Football club] Dubber, Finglas. Letter discusses parcel he has sent, local football news and mentions that he has been himself released from Richmond Barracks and 'Dublin is now quite [quiet]' and news of his brother being injured at the Battle of Loos [France]

Size: 3 pp

Conservation Note: One page folded into 4 and scanned in two pictures, written on back and front. Made into four pages, with three written on. Damage where paper folds occur and two tears in top corners. All words can be read.

Note: Patrick English played for St. Margaret's Football Club Nth Co. Dublin.

Transcription: Dubber Finglas July 3 [19]16 Dear Patrick I received your letter quite safe. I am glad to hear that you're getting through all right and not downhearted. I am sending you some cigarettes, the Post, Irelands own and some notepaper and stamps. I trust you will get them safe. The F[ootball] Club is in [grat] great fettle we have entered the Baldoyle tournament for which the proceeds goes for the repair of the Howth Catholic Church. The Fingal final is put back for some time. [Erin's] Pride were playing Geraldine's [one] and were beaten 11 points to 4. I suppose you know that T Bully and R Duke is released and I suppose you do not know that I was released myself from Richmond [Barracks]. Dublin is now quite [quiet] and I hope it will remain so for it's after seeing a lot of trouble. Tell Cosgrave I am asking for him and I will write to him in a few days. The weather over here is very bad it's always raining we hadn't a fine day since summer came in. My Brother Peter is in London in

hospital, he was wounded on April 5 at the battle of Loos, he is after going under an operation but is now progressing favourably. I think I have no more to say at present. So I will here close hoping yours and Cosgrave and all the boys release before long. I remain your fond Club Mate James Maloney

Item Code: Ar/add/102/19

Date: 5 July 1916

Description: Letter to Sister Vincent, from Patrick English. Irish Prisoner, Stafford, C/O Chief Postal Censor, London noting that he is about to leave Stafford, travelling to his new address at Frongoch and asking her to inform May (his sister) about this.

Size: 1 pp

Transcription: Irish Prisoner Stafford C/O Chief Postal Censor London 5-7-16 Dear Sister Vincent I take pleasure in writing these few lines to thank you for your kindness in sending me the postal order which I received all right. We are leaving here the 5th [July] for the camp so I will ask you to let May know of it and tell her my future address will be Frongoch near Bala Wales. The priest here has supplied us with postcards to send home to our people to let them know we are leaving he has done a lot of work for us here. I shall not forget him as long as I live also yourself I shall always prey [pray] for you for your kindness to me, no more news at present and with good and holy help I will be all right. From Patrick English

Item Code: Ar/add/102/20

Date: July 1916 [beginning of July]

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his mother Kate English, Dunsink Cottage, Castleknock, Dublin. She notes that she is glad to hear from Patrick. Sending him stamps and heard he is moving to the detention centre in Wales. Looking for a way to get over and see him. Hoping he is well and letting him know that she is fine, receiving money from a committee.

Size: 4 pp

Transcription: Dunsink Cottage Castleknock My Dear Patrick I received your welcome letter glad to hear you are well. I was uneasy about you when you were not writing. I thought you were sick but thank God you are alright. I am also pleased you got my two postal orders I sent you, if I had known you had no stamps I would have sent you some. I am sending you here enclosed 2/- postal order and 3 stamps. You are talking about going to Wales to [the] detention camp. When I find out where you are going to, I will go over to see you. Find out all particulars, how I would get over to see you. I suppose I would not know you with your whiskers. I had a letter from May last week and she was telling me that she had a letter from you several times, she also told me she sent you some parcels, she is very kind to you. I will send you on the coffee later on as I was not in town to get it. It was a fortnight since I had a letter from you until I got this one and date your letters when sending them. I hope you are not fretting about me as I am going on splendid. As I told you I was getting some money every week from a committee so I am not too bad. Keep up your poor heart and you will be home sometime. I believe you have got fat the rest will do you good. I have no more to say at present. Hoping to hear from you soon again. Goodbye Dear Patrick From your loving mother K English Don't forget and let me know if you get this postal order. All at home send you their best love xxx

Item Code: Ar/add/102/21

Date: July 1916 [early July]

Description: Fragment of letter to [Kate English?] from Patrick English, Frongoch, North noting that he has left the south camp, glad to be back in the north and commenting on Joe being wounded.

Size: 2 pp

Transcription: [...] suppose you will be surprised to hear we are left the south camp and gone to our old home in the north as you see by the above address. I am glad we have left the south camp I'd much rather be in the north. You were telling me you's are having very bad weather at home but it cannot be much worse than we are having [page missing] weathier I am here Annie is in a state about Joe well you know such is the fortune of war he is not badly off when it was only a slight wound he got. I think I have told you all for the present nothing strange to relate except that we got shifted to the north camp and good job no more news to tell you this time expecting to hear from [remainder of letter missing]

Item Code: Ar/add/102/22

Date: July 1916 [early July]

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his mother Kate English, Dunsink Cottage, Castleknock, Dublin. She discusses her plans to visit him in Frongoch and notes that she has a job waiting for him when he arrives home. Sends love from the rest of the family.

Size: 4 pp

Transcription: Dunsink Cottage Castleknock Co. Dublin My Dearest Patrick I have just received a card from Fr. Moore telling me you have gone to Wales. What I want you to do is write at once and tell me what way you are situated, tell me what is visiting hours and days and how long I can stay with you for go to see you I will. I will bring on your shoes and socks and tell me do you want shirts. I am bringing the cocoa and any other little things that you would like tell me. I won't wait until August as I think the Doolan's are not going until then. I think Davie is going to come with me so I won't be bad I am not one bit nervous. Strange to say I am grand and I hope your dear self is just the same. I got masses offered for you and we are all praying for you night, noon and morning and please god we will be together and happy again. How is Mick Cosgrave and all the lads I hope to see everybody when I go. We will have a jolly time if we can. Dear son cheer up and don't be [fretting] about me I am all right and I have a grand job waiting on you the minute you arrive no more sharing 25 shillings per week we will be as happy as the day is long. Jamesy, Davie, Katie, Nellie and all the rest of the long tail family sends their best love to you not forgetting Cathleen Na Howle [underlined Kathleen Ni Houlihan?]. James is working in Mooney's it's very hard to get work now a day. Laurence has got a very good boy he minds me well. Annie was home for a few days she looks fine, she sends her best love to you tell P Mooney she sends her love to him and best wishes to all the lads. I think I have no more to say only no matter what you do write at once by return and tell me all particulars I will be watching every post to see what news from you. Goodbye dear [and] god may bless you until we meet soon. From your loving mother K English

Item Code: Ar/add/102/23

Date: 12 July 1916

Description: Letter to Kate English from her son Patrick English No. 1637, Hut No. 20, Upper Camp, Frongoch near Bala, North Wales He notes they are only allowed send two letters a week and discusses conditions in new camp at Frongoch He advises her not to visit him as it requires sending notification to the War Office and only fifteen minutes visit allowed.

Size: 2 pp

Conservation Note: Page torn in two pieces

Transcription: No. 1637, Hut No. 20 Upper Camp Frongoch Near Bala North Wales 12-7-16 Dear Mother Sorry I could not write before this but as I told you in my last letter we are only allowed to send two letters every week and as for you coming over to see me I think it would be a foolish idea for we would have to send a notice to the war office and then we would only be allowed 15 minutes of an interview so you know it would only be a waste of money, for it would cost you a good deal to come here but if you wish to come I won't stop you. As regards myself I am all right, nothing to do and plenty of time to do it. I am glad to see by your letter you got the post card quite safe from father Moore but sad to say we left him behind us in Stafford, he done a lot of work for us. I believe you have left the cottage you never mentioned it in any of your letters. Frongoch is not to [too] bad a place at all only for the rain it would be all right. We get tea morning and evening and a good dinner so you need not worry about me I am alright. Mick Cosgrave is getting on splendid so are all the boys that I know here. We sleep in huts, thirty in each hut and I see by your letter you have a good job waiting for me whenever I'll get home which of course you know will come some time they are not going to keep us forever. I think I have told you all the news for the present hoping you are keeping quite strong and all at home also all the long tailed family so I must say goodnight for this time I am just think about getting down my bunk and if you are really [really] making up your mind to come I won't stop you but under the circumstances it would be foolish and a waste of money but you can rest assured I am all right. I remain your fond son Patrick English

Item Code: Ar/add/102/24

Date: July 1916

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his brother Davie English, Hampton Cottage, Navan Road, James Street Dist. Cabra County Dublin. Davie informs Patrick that all men who were imprisoned locally have now been released and that their mother has been evicted by the Hamilton's.

Size: 2 pp

Conservation Note: Page torn in three pieces

Transcription: Hampton Cottage, Navan Road, James Street Dist[ri]ct. Cabra County Dublin Dear Patrick Just a line hoping you are in good health. I would be very down hearted if I was in your shoes now as all the lads around here are home. But you don't seem to mind been over in Wales. I cannot understand how you are kept in and all the others are home. I had intended going over to see you, only expecting you would be home but you will have a new home to go to, as you know the kind Hamilton's were good enough to put Mother out of the house while you are in prison. I suppose their [there] is a great smell of leeks over there. [torn page] back as soon as you can and let me know if you [are] getting out or are they going to keep you much longer as I have a book or two to send you if it is a thing you are going to be there much longer. I have a book on the fighting in Dublin by Howard Redmond passed by censor. You can let me know if you would be allowed to read it. It is not much good, but it might help to put in the time. Is there anyone there that you know? I know some of them Tom Maxwell and M Nolan from Howth side and a boy named Healy from Phibsborough, you will find a good many changes when you come home again. Keep your heart up as there is two things we should not fret about, the weather and things we cannot [cannot] help who knows but Dark Rosealeen may see a good time yet. Davie. Excise [..] writing [..] but you're your married and the children tormenting you, one crying another pinching your legs and wiping his dirty hands in your only good clothes and trying to eat stripes of your socks Thinking it is [...]. It takes a clever man to write. Love from all/

Item Code: Ar/add/102/25

Date: 1916

Description: Partial letter to Patrick English from [his mother Kate English] discussing relatives who are fighting in the trenches in World War 1 and advising him to go to mass.

Size: 2 pp

Transcription: [...] wants me to stop with her for a week or so. I have maid [made] up my mind to go for a few days. There is news from cousins Tom Reilly, Joe Ma[honey] [Micky] English. I suppose you heard Philip Reilly is killed [an Lue Flood]. Fancy all your relations in the trenches in [...]

Will thank God. I think the world is gone mad or what is up with the people. My sight is getting very bad. Myself and Laurence goes to 7 oc[lock] mass every morning for you I hope you go also and don't forget confession and holy communion. God will keep you strong. I am sending you a shilling PC [postcard] with love from all

Item Code: Ar/add/102/26

Date: [c. End July 1916]

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his mother Kate English Barn Lodge, Cappagh, Finglas, Co. Dublin hoping that he will be home very soon as others from Frongoch have been released and returned, and 'all look in the pink'. Remarks on the well-being of relatives who are fighting in the World War 1.

Size: 4 pp

Transcription: Barn Lodge, Cappagh Finglas Co. Dublin My Dear Patrick I have just received your letter but I thought yourself would be here [first?] I can't understand why you are not home with the rest; they all look in the pink. We had Mick Cosgrave up to see me he told me all particulars, also Paddy Mooney and Duffy they all look the finest, they told me you would surely be here by Saturday next and I will die with grief if you are not here by then. I will expecting you so surely come. I am glad that place is not like where you left, it will do you. I suppose we won't know you when you come home, you have gone that fat. I am feeling all right, Mick Cosgrave says I got young and fat. Katie and Nellie sends their best love also all the rest. Aunt Annie had a letter from Mickey he is safe yet thank God. Annie Fenlon had a letter from Joe Mahoney he is safe [still], he was in that big battle, when it was over he missed all the familiar faces god help them all sides. I won't say any more as I will reserve all the news until I see yourself. From your fond Mother K English

Item Code: Ar/add/102/27

Date: 13 August 1916

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his sister May English St. Vincent's Convent, St. Vincent Street, Ancoats saying that she is glad he is in good health and enjoying the Summer and location in Frongoch, and hoping he will be released shortly.

Transcription: St. Vincent's Convent St. Vincent's Street Ancoats 13/08/1916 My dear Patrick In answer to your kind and welcome letter which I received and was glad to see by it you were quite well, as this leaves me at present thank god. But I thought you were gone home, as I hadent have a letter from home for three weeks and the last I heard that they were expecting you home any minute or hour or else I would have written [written] to you long ago. I didn't know your address properly, you certainly [certainly] sent Sister Vincent a letter when you were leaving Stafford, which she was glad to get, but she thought by now you were released, as she said she hopes you soon will be please god. I am glad you are having nice fine weather. I am glad you are enjoying the summer months there, as I believe it is a very nice place where you are and I am glad you get mass every morning. It must be nice you will be fat and red when you go home after your long holiday. You never told me whether you needed anything or not but I am sending you those stamps and when

you write to me again you can tell me if you are aloud [allowed] anything, or if you need cigirets [cigarettes] I will send you some, but I hope you will be soon going home to Ireland as they will be all delighted to see you David and mother was going to come and see you onely [only] you told them you were going home soon, but perhaps it was all for the best. I hope the lads write to you. Well dear Patrick I think I have told you all the news for the present, hoping you will be soon released and don't forget but let me know if you kneed [need] anything. I will be only too glad to send it. I wouldn't have kept you all this time without a letter if I had known your address. So goodnight dear Patrick With love from May

Item Code: Ar/add/102/28

Date: 13 August 1916

Description: Letter to Patrick English from R. O'Driscoll, High Road, Ashtown. R O'Driscoll is a fellow prisoner who has now been released and is back in Ireland. He states how much he misses all of the fun and other men at the Camp. He mentions friends and family that he has been talking to, sending cigarettes and asking for a reply.

Size: 1 pp

Transcription: High Road Ashtown 13-8-16 Dear Paddy I never thought I would have to write to you I was expecting you home every day I don't know what they mean by keeping you after letting us all home however don't be down hearted it is very lonely [lonely] over here I wish I was back again I never got a minute since I came back I miss all the fun very much all the other boys are going about doing nothing except J Mooney and Kit Duffy. I do be talking to your sister often they are nocked about very much over you. However I told them not to mind that you would be all right I told her about all the sport we had in Hut 20 together. Let me know if O'Leary and Joe McDonough is still in camp, let me know [...] number I have forgotten it I want to write to bouth [both] of them I called to O'Leary house last week but he was not home then. I very often meet some of the boys in the city they all wish to be back again don't think bad of me sending you this order of cigarettes I know you will want plenty of smoking and if O'Leary is with you give him a few in remembrance of me. But don't forget to write to me. And remember me to all the other lads that I knew in camp. Sincerely yours R O'Driscoll

Item Code: Ar/add/102/29

Date: [1916]

Description: Partial letter to [Kate English] from Patrick English, mentioning family photograph he has received. He also mentions news of the Shandleys being killed, and how upset their mother must be now that their other brother Paddy has also enlisted.

Size: 2 pp

Transcription: [...]looks fine if you are the same yourself as you look in the photo you must be all right [...] for Kathleen she is a real hand me down a star she looks quite a young woman in the photo I was glad to hear Bob Driscoll got my letter safe I am sure he had a pain in his eyes watching for it but it is not my fault I can't help [...] time I was sorry to hear the Shandley's were killed and I believe Paddy that's the other brother enlisted now so I am sure the mother must be in a terrible state now she being blind she'll have no one to bring her about now. I was glad to get the words in your own handwriting and as for your old face as ya call it it's your not so bad at all for you look just as young as [...]

Item Code: Ar/add/102/30

Date: [August 1916]

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his mother Kate English, No. 2 Ashtown Villa, Blackhorse Lane, Phoenix Park noting that she is moving to a new house with Nellie, along with news of family and friends including the Doolans and McNulty's

Size: 4 pp

Note: The date is estimated to be between 13 to 17 August 1916

Transcription: No. 2 Ashtown Villa Blackhorse Lane Phoenix Park My Dear Patrick I was delighted to get your letter Saturday morning but I am very disappointed you were not here yourself, but we can't help you must only wait your turn. Mickey [Doolan] arrived home on Friday. I am leaving here and going to live with Nellie in the above address, she has taken a big house so that will be our home when you arrive, it is just at Smiths the dairy people so if you get this letter before you come I will be gone, but I am not sure what day I am going yet. I am delighted you are able to get to mass every day that alone will cheer you up and when you are in the best of health we have a lot to be thankful for, but I trust in god you will be home soon for I am dying to see you once more. I am grand myself I feel young again since the nice weather has come in. All the Doolans looks fine, poor Mickey is limping still but he won't be long until he is allright [all right]. I was speaking to the McNulty's they told me I won't know you when you come home. You are quite a favourite with all. Jamesy sends his best love and Annie. Katie and Nellie Frank they are delighted with their new home it is so convient [convenient] to everything. I think I will say no more now only I hope by the time this reaches you, you will be home here if possible, but it could happen. Goodbye dear son write soon if you are there With love from all y[our fond mother Ps enclosed is a PO [postal order] for 1s[shilling] to get cigarettes

Item Code: Ar/add/102/31

Date: 17th August 1916

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his mother Kate English, No. 2 Ashtown Villa, Blackhorse Lane, Phoenix Park noting that she is being well looked after by Nellie, attending mass daily, and does not understand why he has not been released yet.

Size: 3 pp

Transcription: 2 Ashtown Villas, Blackhorse Rd .Phoenix Park 17/08/16 My Dear Patrick I received your letter this morning and I cannot understand why you are the only one that is kept and all your crowd home. It is sickening to think of it and "you" the only support of your old widowed Mother. I hope you got my second letter all right and P. O [postal order] I am now sending you on the third send me word if you are in need of anything. I am keeping wonderful going to seven o'clock mass every morning since I came to live with Nellie and I am delighted to hear that you are doing the same it will give you strength and go to holy communion as often as you can. You are not to worry about me as you know to [too] well that Nellie will mind me and mind yourself and come home blooming for please god you will be soon be home to your old friends. Did you get a letter from Bob Driskel [Driscoll] as he got your last address from me. I hope you heard from May by this time as I don't think anything is wrong with her write as soon as you can as it's the only thing that cheers me up. All joins in sending their love and hopes to hear good news soon so goodbye with best love. I remain your loving mother K English xxxxxxx

Item Code: Ar/add/102/32

Date: 20 August 1916

Description: Partial letter to Patrick English from his sister May English St. Vincent's Convent, St. Vincent Street, Ancoats sending him stamps and news from home.

Size: 4 pp

Conservation Note: Letter is torn and section missing

Transcription: St. Vincent's Convent St. Vincent Street Ancoats 20/8/1916 My Dear Patrick

In answering to your kind and welcome letter which I received and was glad to see by it you were quiet well, as this leaves me at present thank god. I sincerely hope you enjoyed your concert the other night. I hope it was a good one. Well Patrick you asked me in your letter about stamps, well I did not send stamps, but I sent you a shilling postal order and I hope you got it [...]I have the nu[page torn]... (ber?) for yourself but in this letter, know I am sending you a shilling worth of penny stamps and through the week you can expect a parcel and then you can write towards the end of the week, you can send me word if you got what I will have sent you safely and let me know if you received your postal order and I hope to hear soon you will be released please god, as I think it is your turn next, as I believe there [are] lot gone back from [page torn] so perhaps [page torn] there [...]this till I send you your parcle [parcel]. I got a letter from home on Thursday morning and mother is living in Blackhorse lane beside the park so that is all rite [right]. Is there anyone there you know from your part as you wont be so bad if there is but please god you will be soon going home and you will have a good time [I haven't ...for a hol..till you..I hope th...from ho..*torn section*] prayers and she is praying that you soon will be let home. Well Patrick I think have told you all the news for the present but I hope you get your 12 stamps safe, don't answer this till you get your parcle [parcel], so goodbye for present. With lots of love From May [*torn section, illegible*]

Item Code: Ar/add/102/33

Date: 23 August 1916

Description: Partial letter to Patrick English from [his friend James Maloney?], St. Margaret's, Co. Dublin

Size: 2 pp

Conservation Note: Section (page quarter) of a larger letter. Double-sided. Correspondence unknown.

Transcription: St. Margaret's Co. Dublin Aug 23rd 1916 Pardon me for not writing before [...]first place I didn't know your [...] expecting to hear of your release [...] (as the Duck said when he swallowing[...]) let you out soon, for I think our [...] I only had about three [...] I came back and that was in [...] [Ashbourne] boys and of course we [...] must be like a pet elephant [...] wonders too see us looking [...] be saying 'Arah' what the[...]but I say 'Wind.' [...] By the way [...] police barracks on Sunday [...] how long it was in solitary [...] the Fingal's boys. And try [...] up and practice some foot[...] hoping to see you and all [...]so that we may enjoy so [...]

Item Code: Ar/add/102/34

Date: September 1916

Description: Partial letter to Kate English from her son Patrick English No. 1637, Hut No. 20, Upper Camp, Frongoch near Bala, North Wales, mentioning that he is playing football and in good form.

Size: 2 pp

Conservation: top-half of single sheet, written on back and front.

Transcription: No. 1637 Room 5, Internment [South], Frongoch, Near Bala, South Wales [?].9.16 Dear Mother, In answer to your ever welcome letter which I received quite [?]. Glad to see by it [?] are well as this [finds] me at present [thank] [?] in the pink just the same as ever kicking football and such things as that except for a [bit] of [?] we work we have to do every so [?][morning] just the [...] letter that David Shandley was going [?] to me but I got no word from him up to the present no matter perhaps it will come soon better late than never. (That's what the [?] said when he swallowed the frog). By the way, do you ever hear anything the [old] job or is there anything strange

happened up [?] since I left. I believe Mrs. [Fenlay] [...] heard [...] dead. I am sure the old man must be [?] full state if that is [...] whenever you see David again [tell him] that I [am well] and Nolan were [?] for him [...] great chat with [...]

Item Code: Ar/add/102/35

Date: 23 October 1916

Description: Partial letter to [Kate English?] from Patrick English South Camp, Frongoch, Near Bala, North Wales, mentioning receiving package.

Size: 4 pp

Conservation: two small double-sided fragments of the same letter.

Transcription:

South Camp, Frongoch Near Bala, North Wales 23-10-16. In answer to your [letter] which I received [...] see by it [..] of health [...] as this leaves me thank God. I got [...] all right as is [...] so wrote back to [...] received everything [...] we cant [...] was very sorry to hear [...] Shandley being [...] leaving poor [Dav...] I am sure he [...] [lonely] and is such [...] in away at [...] know [...] to him be[fore...] write to eve[...] I also had a let[ter...] [week] he sent me [...]so you can tell [...]

Item Code: Ar/add/102/36

Date: 10 November 1916

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his mother Kate English, No. 2 Ashtown Villa, Blackhorse Lane, Phoenix Park noting individuals who have been killed at the Front, and noting that no one is living in their old house. Hopes he will be home for Christmas and mentions that her finances are low.

Size: 4 pp

Conservation Note: single sheet of four pages torn in half; all readable.

Transcription: 2 Ashtown Villas, Blackhorse Road, Phoenix Park, 10/11/16 My Dear Patrick

In answer to your ever welcome letter delighted to hear you are in the best of health as this leaves me at present thank god. The times over in Ireland are terrible everything, everything is terrible dear, and for rain it never stops. I was delighted to hear that Brian O'Higgins from Finglas is home. David knows him very well. He is going over to see him on Sunday. He is in bad health. We will soon have Xmas. I hope you will be home before that but if you are not I will send you a grand Xmas box. I hope you don't neglect going to mass every morning, you don't know what God is doing for you. We heard that Willie Casey is killed in action and Jemy is missing. Aunt Annie never heard from Mickie this 3 weeks. She is upset over him, there is such a terrible sight getting killed. I am surprised at Mary Ellen Doyle not writing to you. she was so anxious to get the address but that won't worry you. There is no one living in the old house still nor in Fenlon's house either. They must be afraid to go into them. I have no more strange news to tell you until I hear from you again. I have enclosed 1/6 postal order can't afford anymore as the funds are very low. Good-bye and keep your heart cheery as you don't know what's blowing in the wind. I remain dear Patrick Your fond and loving mother K English xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Item Code: Ar/add/102/37

Date: [1916]

Description: Letter to Patrick English from his mother Kate English, No. 2 Ashtown Villa, Blackhorse Lane, Phoenix Park sending him 1 shilling, describing the house, and noting that his comrades are surprised he has not yet been released.

Size: 3 pp

Conservation Note: single sheet of three pages. All readable.

Transcription: No. 2 Ashtown Villas, Blackhorse Road, Phoenix Park, Co. Dublin. My Dear Patrick I got your second letter and was surprised to hear that you did not get the money I sent you for ciggarettes [cigarettes]. I sent you one shilling and I am sending you another now. Answer as soon as possible to let me know if you received it. I hope you will be soon home, as I am expecting you every morning. You need not be worrying about me as I am splendid. I am quite happy with Nellie, it is a beautiful house, when you are coming it is to this house you are coming. It is beside Horans. I know you will be delighted with it. All your comrades are more than surprised to see you are not home, they cannot understand it. I have no more to say at present hoping to hear from you soon again. We all join sending our best love. Goodbye with love and kisses From mother xxxxx

Item Code: Ar/add/102/38

Date: [1916?]

Description: Partial letter to Kate English from [Arlac?]

Size: 2 pp

Conservation Note: small fragment of letter

Transcription:

Dear Mrs. English, I had a letter this evening from the supervisors at the [...] So we must hope to have better news next time. In haste [Arlac]

Item Code: Ar/add/102/39

Date: [1916] [

Description: Partial letter to Patrick English from Sister Vincent, Sister of Charity

Size: 1 pp

Conservation Note: Small fragment

Transcription: [...] quite happy and are looking forward to getting home. It will be very great pleasure to your dear mother. Cheer up. God knows what's best for all of us. I remain Yours sincerely Sister of Charity, Sister Vincent

Item Code: Ar/add/102/40

Date: [1916?]

Description: Fragment of letter to [Patrick English] with news of friends and weddings

Size: 1 pp

Conservation Note: Fragment of letter

Transcription: [...] sure it was at the [...] but as usual I [...] I see young Willie [...] at Dolly Hefferan's [...] he is married here too and George Quinn is married

Item Code: Ar/add/102/41

Date: [1916?]

Description: Partial letter to [Patrick English] from [his mother Kate English?]

Size: 2 pp

Conservation Note: double-sided fragment of letter.

Transcription: [...] during the week 15 Aug to 22, so with your permission I will call to see you all and have few tonic waters. I still have corns on my behind since riding out to Dolly Hefferan's - still what

[...] arabs anyway. I hear that the Grannie and the Dolans are very annoyed with me because I didn't go there, but what time did I have to go there? I shall refer [them] [...]

Item Code: Ar/add/102/42

Date: [1916?]

Description: Partial letter to [Patrick English] from [his mother Kate English?]

Size: 2 pp

Conservation Note: Small double-sided fragment of larger letter.

Transcription: [...] Patrick I [hope] [...] is better by [this time] and all the others [...] Nell here to rite [write] to me and I will well rite [write] to her. I do often get a letter from the Revd [Reverend]. Mother and St. Vincent at [...] gone to help I hope she is better by this time so when you are writing to me I hope you will have good news for my father and little [Patrick] xxxx And all the [?]

Item Code: Ar/add/102/43

Date: [...]

Description: Partial letter to [...] from May[], address unknown, hoping Kathleen and children are doing well, end of letter wishing them a Happy Easter.

Size: 2 pp

Conservation Note: Double-sided fragment of larger letter.

Transcription: [?] but not the park but I have learned you found it at long last but however I hope things are OK and that Kathleen and children are all well as this leaves me at present and I hope you have a very nice Easter and don't be a stranger as long again you can ride to the Park on your way to [?]4 so I think I will bring my letter to a close and wishing you all a Happy EASTER. With best Easter wishes To Kathleen and Children And yourself From May

Item Code: Ar/add/102/44 (1-5)

Date: 1934

Description: File of draft letters and notes written by Patrick English to [the Board of Health] discussing his application regarding tenancy agreement at Meakstown Cottage, Dubber Finglas. As he has been delayed in receiving a plot of land with tenancy of cottage, he is requesting reduction on rent and compensation for loss of crops. Document also includes details of English's service in the GPO during Easter Rising, his imprisonment in Frongoch, and his subsequent eviction and loss of employment from his position with Lord Holmpatrick.

Size: 2 pp

Archivist's Note: 5 draft letters included on document. Each letter has been digitalized and transcribed separately.

Item Code: Ar/add/102/44 (1)

Date: 28 April 1934

Transcription: Meakstown Cottages Dubber Finglas 28-4-4 I, as a tenant of one of the above cottages I beg to apply for compensation for loss of two seasons crops. When I took possession I was given to understand I had a plot attached [to job?]. I have now got a notification from the Secretary of the Board of Health that I cannot now have my plot until the first of October next. I then consider it most unfair as I have to pay the same amount of rent as the remainder of the tenants. I [must] also [state] wish it to be understood this leaves me without sanitary accommodation. I would like these people [now] [to know I was evicted from my home after Easter 1916] that I fought in the GPO in 1916 and was interned in Frongoch until the following Christmas. During that time my people were evicted from my home. I also lost my position and career. I [wonder] got [is this the only return]

I am to get in this cottage after being promised one for seven years. I have been treated most degrading and I hope you will give my application your earnest and immediate attention.

Archivists Note: underlined sections have been scribbled out on the document but still legible

Item Code: Ar/add/102/44 (2)

Date: 1934

Transcription: Labourers Cottages, Meakstown, Dubber Lane, Finglas Dear Sir or Madam

As a tenant of one of the above cottages I beg to make application for compensation for loss of two seasons crops. I signed an agreement on the 17th May with the Board of Public Health for a garden or plot of ground with a cottage there on but the fact is I only got possession of the cottage. I believe under those circumstances I am entitled to a refund of rent as I am paying the same rent as the rest of the tenants. I wish it to be understood this leaves me without sanitary [accommodation]. I was given to understand I would get my garden last Oct.

Item Code: Ar/add/102/44 (3)

Date: 1934

Conservation Note: Partial letter in pencil. Difficult to read

Transcription: [under Captain] Patrick Mooney. About August 1918 when owing to bad health I gave [up been] then under the command of Patrick Mooney. I would like to mention owing to my part played in 1916 I lost my home and work in the Gardens of Lord Holmpatrick [?].

Item Code: Ar/add/102/44 (4)

Date: [1934?]

Transcript: Dear William I thought I would have been able to attend the [meeting] Thursday night but the fact is I owe the County Council £1.4.10 [rent] so I got notice to hand over the key of the house on the 25 September [?] it to be a gap but the [?] refused [?] rent on day so I am just looking up a solution and see what [we'll] have to say. Patrick English

Item Code: Ar/add/102/44 (5)

Date: [1934]

Transcription:

I was a member of 7 Company 4 Batt IRA. Cornelius Colbert was Capt. and Lawrence Murtagh [left been [mobilised] on Easter Sunday 1916 after standing too all night in Christopher Duffy's House. We left on Monday under the command of Larry Murtagh he having sent me on with a dispatch to Emmett Hall Inchcore. On arriving there I found out our company had already left he then [?] us along to some old mill on the canal at the back of Richmond Bks [Barracks] where he left Patrick Mooney in charge and went out to see how things were. When he came back we [leisurely?] left and went to Kimmage. From there we went to the GPO on arriving there all the men with rifles were picked out and sent on to [repel] attacks in the Four Courts [once] leaving only four of us behind in the GPO the first orders I received was from [Commandant Pearse] to go out and try and stop the people from looting. After that [I was sent by the O'Rahilly] with some other man I was sent to the [O'Rahilly] House for some arms and ammunition. When we came back I was with Jim O'Neill who was in charge of the ammunition. I was [afterword] in the War works and coliseum until the evacuation to Moore Street and then came the surrender been taken prisoner to Richmond Bks [barracks] and from there we were sent on to Stafford Prison after a few months we were sent on to Frongoch. While there I done my best to save some of our [commanders] from [been] taken for military services [...]in the British army taken part in hunger strike, refusing to answer names or

numbers [until] on our unconditional release on Xmas [Christmas] Eve, when all our [company] came home there was a general meeting held [in 1918] which I received.

Item Code: Ar/add/102/45 (1-4)

Date: 1934

Description: File of draft letters and notes written by Patrick English to [the Board of Health] and to [Dublin County Council?] discussing his application regarding tenancy agreement at Meakstown Cottage, Dubber Finglas. As he has been delayed in receiving a plot of land with tenancy of cottage, he is requesting reduction on rent and compensation for loss of crops. Discusses unsanitary living conditions and feeling degraded after being evicted for his part in the Rising.

Size: 2 pp

Item Code: Ar/add/102/45 (1)

Date: 28 April 1934

Conservation Note:

Transcription: Meakstown Cottages, Dubber Finglas 28-4-4. As a tenant of one of the above cottages I beg to apply for compensation for loss of two seasons crops. When I got possession I was given to understand I had a plot attached. I was notified last year I would get my garden in October. I have now being notified from the Board of Health Secretary that I cannot get my garden until next October. I believe under these circumstances I am entitled to a refund of rent as I am paying the same amount as the remainder of the tenants. Owing to me having no garden leaves me without sanitary accommodation. What matters worse in this case is having a family of four small children. I have been treated most degrading as they understood quite well I was evicted from my home in 1916 for my part in the Rising. I was in the G.P.O. and was sent to Frongoch where I was interned until the following Christmas. Hoping my application will receive your earnest and kind consideration. I am Dear Yours Respectfully Patrick English

Item Code: Ar/add/102/45 (2)

Date: 28 April 1934

Transcription: Meakstown Cottages, Dubber Lane, Finglas 28-4-34, Dear Sir or Madam As a tenant of one of the above cottages I beg to make applications for compensation for loss of two seasons crops. I have signed an agreement with the Board of Public Health on the 17 May 1933 for a garden as plot of ground with a cottage there on but the fact is I only got possession of the cottage I was given to understand last year I would get my garden in October. I have now been instructed by the Secretary of the Board I will not get my garden until next October and by then there will be a new council elected so I wonder what actions will they take as I have already stated without the plot of ground I have no sanitary accommodations. What matters worse in this case is having a family of four small children.

Item Code: Ar/add/102/45 (3)

Date: 29 April 1934

Transcription: Labourers Cottage Meakstown Dubber Lane Finglas, Co. Dublin 29-4-34 Dear Sir or Madam As a tenant of one of the above cottages I beg to make application for compensation for loss of two seasons crops. I signed an agreement on the 17 day May 1933 with the Board of Public Health for a garden or plot of ground with a cottage there on but the fact is I only got possession of the cottage. I believe under those circumstances I am entitled to a refund of rent as I am compelled to pay the same rent as the rest of the tenants. I was given to understand last year I would get my garden in October. I have now been notified by the secretary of Board of Health that I cannot get my garden until next October which leaves me without sanitary accommodation. What matters worse in this case is having a family of four young children. I have been treated most degrading considering I

lost my work and evicted out of my home for my part played in the 1916 Rising been afterwards interned until the following Xmas. [Christmas] Hoping my application will receive your earnest and kind consideration. Yours Respectfully Patrick English

Item Code: Ar/add/102/45 (4)

Date: 1934

Transcription: Meakstown, Dubber Lane Finglas

As it has come to my notice [re districtibution]] of [land?] at Meakstown [?]. Mr. Carney from [?] applications for farm [?] old IRA of which I was a member. G.P.O. [?] tells me I am entitled to a [part of their land] Having a good all round knowledge of farm works [through] my people at home including gardening for which I enclose copy of certificate from which place I was evicted after 1916, hoping you will give my case your kindest consideration [?] Patrick English

Item Code: Ar/add/102/46

Date: 13 May 1937

Description: Printer circular letter to members of the G.P.O Garrison from Chairman Liam Cullen & Hon. Sec. Liam Tannam of G.P.O Garrison requesting individuals submit personal recollections of their duties during Easter Week in 1916 in order to create an authentic and complete record of events in G.P.O during the Rising. Includes handwritten annotations by Patrick English regarding his participation.

Discussing: Typed document English is invited to a special annual meeting of the Garrison about the historical record of operations in the G.P.O area during Easter 1916. Notes in pen written on the back discuss the role of Larry Murtagh, P. H. Pearse, Jim O'Neill, Brian O'Higgins and the O'Rahelly's in the Rising. There is a small note written in pencil, Patrick discussing his part at the G.P.O.

Size: 2 pp

Conservation Note: Typed document has several large tears in the centre, with pieces missing that can't be read.

Transcription:

[Typescript]: The G.P.O. Garrison May 13th, 1937. Comrade: A SPECIAL MEETING of this Garrison will be held in the Rotunda Winter Gardens on Sunday May 23rd. All members are specially requested to be [?]. Proceedings will commence at noon, sharp. The special order [of business?] will be: The historical record of operations in the G.P.O. [area] during Easter Week 1916. At our Annual Meeting held last Sunday the draft compiled by Diarmuid Lynch from personal recollections and from data supplied by over twenty members whose names we gave him was read. It recites chronologically the outstanding events of the week as they developed over this area. It is felt, however, that additional details are necessary for the completion of the task undertaken at the request of our Garrison Committee. When published in conjunction with the proposed reproduction of the Roll of Honour in book form, the record now in course of preparation aims to be authentic in every detail and to omit no item worthy of note. The presentation of our individual statements is a duty which devolves on each one of us to that end. Week by week our ranks are growing thinner and our memories of the stirring events of 21 years ago are growing dimmer. Therefore, the present effort to produce a clear, chronological and complete record – work which now calls for the study and clarification of recollections which in some respects have with the lapse of time, become out of focus – demands our whole-hearted and immediate co-operation. To facilitate the making of these individual reports copy of the enclosed form is being sent to each member of our Garrison. Though much of the story has already been recorded, these reports are certain to furnish the compiler with other data which he lacks. And, brief though the reports may be, they will afford him an opportunity of calling into conference those who participated in any particular phase on which he may need more specific information. Furthermore, a proper response to the questionnaire will furnish a fairly complete list

of those who occupied each of the Posts, and this will be an interesting supplement to the general Roll already in existence. Your report should specify the day (and the hour approximately) on which you reached each post or position, defensive and offensive operations (and preparations therefore), time at which Post was evacuated, the point to which you retired, etc. You are requested to return it by Thursday May 20th. If you send it earlier, so much the better. The work of [?] them is bound to be a tedious one; the more thoroughly this can be done prior to our SPECIAL MEETING the better can our progress be on that occasion. Entries on the enclosed form must necessarily be brief. But those who wish or deem it advisable to extend their comments on incidents in which he or she participated or was eyewitness to, or to supplement reports already made, are requested to use in addition the back of the form, or separate sheets where necessary, for that purpose. Sinne, le meas mor, LIAM CULLEN, Chairman LIAM TANNAM, Hon. Sec. P.S. Permit us to suggest that you make a rough draft of your replies before filling in the form.

[Handwritten annotations by Patrick English in pen] Left Castleknock UI. Arrived Richmond 12.00 for Kimmage L. Murtagh arrived G.P.O about 2oc Tuesday morning. [Received] orders to try and stop people from looting [?] one of the windows [facing O'Connell Bridge] on the bottom floor. Sent afterwards to ammunition dept. [department]. Sent over to Imperial Hotel with sled hammer. Sent with some other man to [O'Rahelly House] for small arms and ammunition. Placed in the ground floor window. After sent with a party of men to

Larry Murtagh,. Murtagh, P.H. Pearse, Jim O'Neill, Brien O'Higgins, The O'Heally, Diarmuid Lynch
Diarmuid Lynch, 4 Forthfield, Terenure, Co. Dublin. E. [N...], Pearse, The O'rahilly

[Handwritten annotations by Patrick English, partially illegible]

I am up [?] there was only four of 7 [?] G.P.O. Michael Dowling, Edward Duffy [?] Jim O'Neill is the only one I really know as I was [?] in Stafford with him G69 [?] giving [?] is so late.

Item Code: Ar/add/102/47

Date: [c.1930s]

Description: Letter to Kathleen Glass, Nunciature, Phoenix Park. from her sister 'Nellie' [Ellen Mann] regarding a visit on Sunday.

Size: 2 pp

Transcription: Nunciature Phoenix Park Dear K Just a line hoping it will find you quite well. I am writing to say we will be over to see you on Sunday if it is fine. that's if you don't mind. We won't knock you about much as I don't mind what way the place is so I hope it will be a good day as I like a walk along the road and have a good laugh. So we will be over early after dinner please God . May is over and is longing to see the children. I will close with tons of love from all. From your loving sister Nellie Excuse writing in a hurry

Item Code: Ar/add/102/48

Date: [post 1930s?]

Description: Letter to Kathleen from Katie [Kathleen Glass], Castleknock, Co. Dublin.

Size: 1 pp

Transcription: Castleknock Co. Dublin Dear Kathleen, We are going over on Sunday at about 3pm. Would you mind if we took 4 boyfriends with us. I think you know them, Peter McKeon and the others, they will have all their music with them. There will be 10 of us altogether. Write and let us know Yours sincerely Katie Mrs. Kathleen Glass
P.S. Don't forget to ask Patrick, will he be pleased with it.

Item Code: Ar/add/102/49

Date: [...]

Description: Partial letter to Patrick English from [?] written on behalf of Lord Holm Patrick

Size: 1 pp

Transcription: Lord Holm Patrick handed your letter to me he desired me to deal with it as his Lordship was not as much at home while you were there he thought I would be the proper person to reply. His lordship wishes you all success in whatever you are applying for.

Item Code: Ar/add/102/50

Date: 11 May 1927 [-1963]

Description: Certification of marriage of Patrick English and Catherine Brennan at St. Mary's Metropolitan Parish on 11 May 1927. Witnesses were Joseph McGrane and Bridget Farrell. Certificate issued on 30 December 1963.

Size: 1 p.

Transcription: Reg. 1920.29 Page 180 Pro-Cathedral Dublin

This 30th day of December 1963 I Certify that: Patrick English And Catherine Brennan were lawfully married according to the rites of the Catholic Church, on 11th day of May A.D. 1927 in the presence of Joseph McGrane and Bridget Farrell. As appears from the Marriage Register of St. Mary's Metropolitan Parish, kept in the Pro-Cathedral, Malborough Street, Dublin Michael Geaney Curate of the said Parish.

Item Code: Ar/add/102/51

Date: 11 May 1927 [-1980]

Description: Certification of marriage of Patrick English and Catherine Brennan at St. Mary's Metropolitan Parish on 11 May 1927. Witnesses were Joseph McGrane and Bridget Farrell. Certificate issued on 21st April 1980.

Size: 1 p

Conservation Note:

Transcription: Saint Marys Pro-Cathedral Dublin 1 I certify that it appears from the Marriage Registers of St. Mary's Metropolitan Church, kept at the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough Street, Dublin, that Patrick English and Catherine Brennan Were lawfully Married according to the rite of the Catholic Church on the 11th May 1927 in the presence of Joseph McGrane and Bridget Farrell
Date: 21st April 1980 Michael O'Dowle Priest of the Said Parish

Item Code: Ar/add/102/52

Date: 25 April 1980.

Description: Certificate of confirmation of Katherine Mary Teresa Brennan at St. Paul's Arran Quay, Co. Dublin on 3 June 1922. Certificate issued on 25 April 1980

Size: 1 pp

Conservation Note: Printed on one side of page, with names, addresses and dates written in pen.

Transcription: Certificate of Confirmation Parish of Arran Quay Diocese of Dublin

I hereby certify that, as appears from the Parochial Register Katherine Mary Teresa Brennan born on ----- 19 ----- of Upper Finclas, Co. Dublin residing at ditto was confirmed by Most Rev. Dr. Edward Byrne in St. Pauls, Arran Quay on 3rd June 1922 the Sponsor being -----
-Date 25th April 1980 Signed John M. Mulligan * If Confirmation was conferred by a priest the clause "in virtue of Apostolic Indult, he/she being in danger of death from grave illness" should be inserted here.

Item Code: Ar/add/102/53

Date: 1916

Description: Envelope addressed to Patrick English

Size: 1 p

Conservation Note: small envelope with several tears and small piece missing at top corner.

Transcription: No. 1637, P. English, Internment Camp (South), Frongoch, North Wales.

Item Code: Ar/add/102/54

Date: 1916

Description: Envelope addressed to Patrick English

Size: 1 p

Conservation Note: small envelope. Very fragile with large piece missing from right-hand side and a lot of tears.

Transcription: Mr P. English, No. 1637, South Camps, Frongoch, Near Bala, North Wales.

Item Code: Ar/add/102/55

Date: 1916

Description: Envelope addressed to Patrick English

Size: 1 p

Conservation Note: small envelope. Good condition.

Transcription: No. 1637, Mr. P. English, South Camp, Frongoch, Near Bala, North Wales.

Item Code: Ar/add/102/56

Date: 1916

Description: Envelope addressed to Kate English

Size: 1 p

Conservation Note: small envelope. Torn in top right-hand corner with piece missing.

Transcription:

Mrs. K. English, Black House Lane, Dublin.

Item Code: Ar/add/102/57

Date: 1916

Description: Envelope addressed to Kate English

Size: 2 pp

Conservation Note: small envelope. Small tears around it. Printed sticker on back of envelope.

Transcription: Mrs. English, No. 2 Ashtown Villa, Blackhouse Road, Phoenix Park, Dublin. Opened by censor P. W. 157 [on reverse of envelope]

Item Code: Ar/add/102/58

Date: 1916 (based on address given)

Description: Envelope addressed to Patrick English

Size: 1 p

Conservation Note: small front piece of envelope with back torn off.

Transcription: Mr. Patrick English, Stafford [?]