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22/3<sup>rd</sup>/1948

My Dear Brother

Many thanks for your parcel which I received around the twelfth say. It was a pleasant surprise I assure you – moreso on account of the scarcity of the commodity it contained. I would have acknowledge ere now but I had a very bad attack of rheumatism and didn't feel in the mood for writing nevertheless I kept in mind and waited my opportunity to thank you even now. I and the Mrs Teresa and baby Joe are in good health, just getting ready for the sowing of the usual crops. The weather here is favorable just now and it is as well to get some of the work done.

I trust you, Mrs (Rose Ann) and family are

Page 2 enjoying good health. I understand you have not many of your family living with you.

Well old Eire is about the same old story everything rating very high in the shops and of course the income is unable to balance the budget. Still it is a land of plenty as far as potatoes meat and butter is concerned, besides other countries we read about. Flour of course is rationed as we have to import from your adopted country and elsewhere as the soil here in general is not fertile enough to grow our full requirements of wheat.

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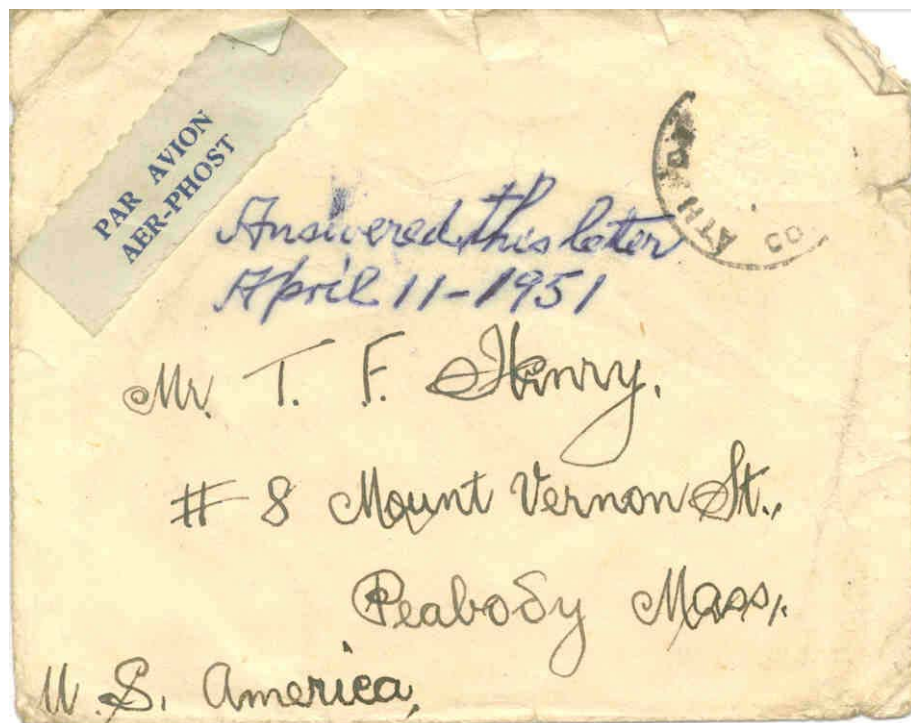
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