

cups of tea she gives Michael in the evening, and at night. She was advised also to apply for a medical card for Michael so that he can be examined for headaches & a dental examination. Michael has at present £2 in P.O.S.B. & 15/- due but could not be lodged as sub post office was closed (strike) he has got a new pants & is to get an overcoat. Michael says that he has no problems.

23.12.63 Works well under supervision, does not work at all unless supervised. Nocturnal enuresis continues, D.M.O. suggests that if Michael has a permanent address with [redacted] when he reaches 21 years, he could apply for a disability allowance since the enuresis would preclude him taking up employment elsewhere, or ^{possibly} getting married.

Michael has grown and says that he is happy here. [redacted] will insure him when he reaches 16 years. In view of Michael's retardation and consequent inability to work without supervision, and also on account of his enuresis, I have not suggested an increase of his wage, as [redacted] will pay Michael's share of the insurance as well as the employer's share.

4.6.64 Michael is well, had flu and was treated by D.M.O. Employer has insured him and pays the full 7/4d - total amount of the stamp. If he improves, his wage will increase. Enuretic very night; does his own washing under direct.



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15 JAN 1965

Co Railway
13-1-65

Dear Miss McCormack

I was so sorry not be out of bed when you called to day - This pain of Michael Flaherty amazes me to say the least - he has never once complained of it & showed any sign of it to us - & his appetite is just terrific. Three times as much of a dinner as my boys he eats daily, Two Breakfasts, one at eight thirty before the boys start milking, one at ten o'clock when we all have breakfast - he's fit for every meal - its the only time of day that he is easy to find - He's very unsatisfactory in his work.

Last Sunday morning he stole three shillings out of my daughters purse - It seems when she came from town, on Saturday night that her coat was wet, she hung it on

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the back door to drip, she forgot to take the purse from the pocket - when she got to it on Sunday morning there was three shillings missing from her purse - she asked all the family about it - also Michael Flaherty he emphatically denied the charge - But we missed small sums before & doubted him - [redacted] my husband searched his clothes & room & found the Three Shillings hidden under his mattress - he admitted then having taken it on Saturday night.

We had terrible annoyance with him taking the boys Bicycles without permission & wrecking them, so we thought if he had one of his own he might care it - So we got him a lovely second-hand Sports Model - very little used as it belonged to a young Jeweller son in Galway it cost £5-15-0, he has that, as he has guns, now - he just wrecks everything - he has broken more Bottles etc than you could imagine & is continually being told

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is he in at eleven at night, its
no use twelve & later - ask him
where he has been - (more lies)
up the road. I cannot get him
to prepare his bed as he is told
& see he has a dry undersheet - So
if the pain exists its likely cold
at night.

Any time you call I will tell
you as I have now written in his
presence - He missed nothing at
Christmas that was on in the [redacted]
Hall - So it takes some weeks 15/- others
7/6, he needed a new Sunday pants &
jumper last week it got them they cost
£4 So he's now starting off with 12/6
to credit on January 9th

Respectfully Yours
[redacted]

P.S. Joe has just taken Michael Heaherty
to Dr McGuire - He examined him
thoroughly & found nothing wrong. He
suggests too much food at Christmas.

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NAME OF CHILD: Michael Flaherty
 DATE OF BIRTH: 2-48
 DATE OF BOARDING OUT: Commenced employment: 8-68
 NAME OF ~~ADOPTED~~ PARENT: Employer:
 ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

SCHOOL ABSENCES:

SEPT. DEC. MAR. JUNE OCT. JAN. APR. JULY NOV. FEB.
 OCT. JAN. APR. JULY NOV. FEB. MAY SEPT. DEC. MAR.
 NOV. FEB. MAY SEPT. DEC. MAR. JUNE OCT. JAN. APR.

DATE

REPORT

13-1-65

Michael complains of abdominal pain and will go to D.U.O. on ~~next~~ Tuesday for examination. Eczema continues.

23-6-65

Michael is to be summoned for having an unlighted bicycle. He was cautioned by the Gardai for making noise with other teenagers in the town at night. Still erratic, and pilfering.

Michael wants to stay here - the alternative was explained to him to-day - that he would have to go to a school where he would have much less freedom, if he continues to misbehave. He has a bicycle. He went as one of the family to [REDACTED] daughter's wedding.

4-1-66

Sleeping in a room in the yard (with a fire) thin faced but healthy. Eczema is the

reason for the change of bedroom.
Has \$20 in P.O. S.B. account, * W. E. Mac Cormack
Children's Office

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COMARTE CONDAE
n. 301 (40)
19 MAR 1962
ASUP SLANCE

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH AND BAPTISM

Parish of Rahoon and Diocese of Galway

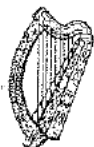
Michael Flaherty
son of Patricia Flaherty
~~daughter~~
and _____
was born on the _____ day of February 1948
and was baptised according to the rite of the Catholic Church on the
_____ day of February 1948
by the Rev. Laurence Bane
the Sponsors being { William Reilly
Mary Nelly
Given this _____ day of March, 1962

Signed Denis Joseph Kelly, Chaplain
REGIONAL HOSPITAL,
GALWAY.

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Ní ceadmhach athrú dá bhíodh a dhéanamh ar an clárastair
To alter this document or alter it so altered is a serious offence.

DEIMHNIÚ



BREITHE

Uimhir
Number

Nº 5
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Nº 96

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Na hAchta um Chláru Breitheanna agus Bása, 1863 go 1952. (Eire)
Births and Deaths Registration Acts, 1863 to 1952. (Ireland)

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| Ainm agus Sloinneadh Name and Surname | Michael Flaherty |
| Gnéas Sex | male |
| La Day | February |
| Mi Month | 1948 |
| Bliain Year | 1948 |
| Míle One Thousand | nine |
| Ceantar Cláráitheachta District of Registration | Decatur No. 1 |
| gContae in the County of | Galway |
| gCéad Hundred and | Eighty eight |
| Eire Ireland | |

Uimhir an Taifid
Number of Entry

Deimhníonn leis seo gur díomsaíodh na sonraí sin thuas as Clár Breitheanna atá dá
I hereby certify that the foregoing particulars have been compiled from a Register of Births in
choimeád agam.
my custody.

Oifig
Office

Dáta
Date

10. 2. 61.

Cláráitheóir Maoirseachta
Superintendent Registrar

Margaret Donahoe
called 7-3-72

Michael F. Sabert - waits
from 2.48

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Case 9-3-72
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accepted - message
sent -
Margaret Donahoe

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I phoned recruiting
officer in Remene
Barracks. The short
form of birth Cert.
will do.

C.M.

CONFIDENTIAL

*The envelope
& this letter
was addressed
to Sergt. Kenny's
home address.
He is an adopter &
will be disclosed.
W.B. Allen
C.O.
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14.3.72

Sergeant Thomas Kenny
Recruiting Sergeant
Renmore Barracks
GALWAY

Dear Sergeant Kenny,

Michael Flaherty, at present living at [REDACTED] wishes to join the Army. His date of birth is [REDACTED] 2.48, and he has a short form birth certificate.

Michael grew up in a foster home, and does not know who his natural mother is. He was in care of Galway Health Authority, and it is for that reason I am writing to you now.

Michael was asked who his parents were, when he applied to join the army, and as he was not able to answer this question, I was contacted. I have no details of his mother's address, so perhaps it would be sufficient for the Army to know that Michael was in our care from birth as far as I am aware. I first came to know him when I came to Galway in 1959, and was visiting his foster home, and later his place of employment in [REDACTED] until he was 18 years. He has been in the same employment for nine years, I understand.

I know that you will deal with Michael's application with sympathy and understanding of his deprivation. If there are any questions you would like to ask, I shall be glad to answer them.

Yours sincerely,

Children's Officer

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CONFIDENTIAL

Mrs. Eugene Shaw.,
The Bungalow
College Road

14.3.72

Dear Mrs. Shaw,

I wrote confidentially to Sergeant Kenny about Michael Flaherty's application to join the Army, and know that Sergt. Kenny will deal with the application with sympathy and understanding of Michael's deprivation.

As I do not like to phone or write to Margaret, in case this should cause her further embarrassment, I wonder if Rita would tell her when she sees her, to ask Michael to call to see Sergt. Kenny. The short birth certificate which Michael has, is all the Army requires.

With many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Children's ^Ufficer

Michael Flaherty

1/2/48

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Recruiting Officer. (phoned.

Mother's maiden name?

Phone call this P.M. between
2 & 4-30 pm.

I phoned & told Recruiting
Officers of Richards mother's
name. He also wanted to
know where she was from. I
said I didn't have this information.
Told him there was district of
registration. He said he hoped
this information would do. If he
has any difficulty, he will phone
again. I told him of letter over ->
C.M. to Sgt. Kerry

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STRICTLY PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

6th September, 1974

Very Reverend Father Carroll
Chaplain
Regional Hospital
Galway

Dear Father Carroll,

Michael Flaherty, who was born in St. Mary's, Tuam on the [redacted] February, 1948 called to enquire about his baptismal certificate. I would like to give you, in confidence, some details, so that it would not be embarrassing when he calls to you.

He was apparently admitted to the Regional Hospital after birth, and was baptised in the hospital on the [redacted] February, 1948. The old baptismal certificate that we have shows his mother's name as Patricia Flaherty, and it is possibly to try to trace his mother that he is now looking for a baptismal certificate because he is not getting married until next year. He is illegitimate, and you might like to issue a certificate that does not show his mother's name as I have no record of her present whereabouts, nor do I know her circumstances. It is possible that she is married and has not told her husband that she had a child before marriage, so I think it is better that you should know this.

Father Dermody was enquiring about a baptismal certificate for Michael recently also, and he knows Michael was born in Tuam, but he may not know that he was baptised in the Regional Hospital.

With many thanks for your help.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

M. E. MacCormack
Senior Social Worker

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Gate Lodge
Regional Hospital
Galway

September 6, 1974

Private Michael Flaherty, O.S.
Renmore Barracks
Galway.

Dear Michael,

I was very glad to see you. If you will call to Father
Carroll, Chaplain, Regional Hospital before you will be married
he will give you an up-to-date baptismal certificate.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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Telephone:

Galway 4141.

Chaplain's Department,

The Regional Hospital,

Galway.

11th September, 1974.

Dear Miss Mac Cormack,

Thank you very much for
your letter regarding Michael Flaherty, which
was delivered to-day.

Father Kennedy wrote to me
requesting Baptismal certificate, and noticing
his illegitimacy, I did what I always do
in these circumstances: I gave a short
certificate which does not include the mother's name.

With best good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Carroll.