

Dear Dad -

Wednesday.

Thank you for answering Jean so promptly and with such fine understanding. We both fully share your hopes and ideals of a united, respectful, and happy family group, a situation which should be easy with the many lovely people involved. Jean was greatly relieved, and <sup>is</sup> as anxious as I am to achieve the goals you mentioned.

We've heard from Mother, a happy letter written on her way down, and she sounded in fine spirit. We hope she enjoys some pleasant weather and good swimming.

We are just recovering from that winter low of 10° last week, which killed most everything, the new grass, buds & jonquils, and set us back with colds & conjunctivitis. The coldest night I was at the hospital till 3:30 AM. which froze my car and the house pipes. Better luck, thanks to our good



fortune.

Regarding Dr. Schilling's letter & statement, frankly, I hate to see him paid; but expect to not charge only the dependants (financial) of another doctor's, hence can only fairly say, that in my most limited experience payment would probably be in line. That is obviously a problem I know nothing about and a

We hope you are keeping <sup>useless answer, I guess.</sup> may and aren't lonesome. You should be well fed, though, having had a taste of that good cooking to which you are exposed.

The hospital has been busy lately with a great deal of night work.

Having established June 1st as my beginning day at New York, I should be released here April 30. We're planning our trip home thru the Smokies & Shenandoah Valley. Thanks for the offer again of Anostyng. I really don't know how tired up I'll be in New York, but would appreciate an occasional weekend with you there in June or July -  
Much love  
Tom.



5-26-48

Dear Mother + Dad -

We were very glad to receive your warm and welcoming letters.

As you suggested, we will come to Newark, but the exact date will have to wait because my orders for separation have not come yet, but I shall let you know immediately when we can get our train reservations. We think your idea of a buffet supper a most excellent one and will donate a trip to Paterson as a Christmas when we'd like to just sit and visit with you all.

Mr. Aldrich called and we've made a date for the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you very much for arranging that. It will help a great deal to know. We're certainly pleased to not have to drive home. The money came at an excellent time, although the army owes me about a thousand dollars, I doubt if I'll <sup>be</sup> receiving it all in June. We're all very well -  
Maddy thanks, Love  
Tom