

Wednesday Dec 15/48

Dearest Dad -

I've been wanting to write for ages but have been swamped with duties & am so far behind in Christmas and all -

First, I want you to know we really want you for Christmas. "The more the merrier" is the way I feel about it & just because there are a lot of us here makes us want you more - You'd have a chance to meet Marie & get better acquainted with Carl & Bob - However, I'll not be insistent & want you to feel free to do what ever you want to do. It probably will be a busy occasion with children going in & out, but I'll be here & so will Pat. Pat hasn't felt a bit well. It's his tumour & the doctors wanted to put him in the hospital last Friday. He's been staying home and hasn't done anything to irritate it. Just reading & resting but if he doesn't improve soon we'll have to do something. His skin condition hasn't changed much.

That picture we sent was for the paper, but I have one for you if you care to have it. It isn't mounted. Do you have an 8x10 frame or would you just put it in your photo box? It is a finished picture & the other was a gloss -

Marie is feeling fine altho' she hasn't done much. The doctors have warned against lifting, stairs etc - in view of a possible hernia - She hopes to