

August 25, 1948

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Dear Blanche:

Your good letter came this afternoon to the hospital and both your mother and I read it. It was a good letter, and we were glad to have it.

Gertrude is comfortable, has little pain, and sleeps well. She is not building up as rapidly as we had hoped. We are having a hope on one side and a knowledge of the seriousness of her condition on the other. She is not mentally distressed, and generally speaking, seems to look forward to her recovery, for which we all fervently hope.

Janet and Mary Beth went home yesterday or the day before and Dorothea is carrying on. We have not heard a word from the Murphys, Mother and Daughter whom we are hoping to have with us beginning September 1. We hope they will not disappoint us.

We are glad everything is running smoothly with Eilene and her plans, and we have ordered a picture of her in her wedding costume.

It was just two weeks ago today that Gertrude came to Lawrence. The past two weeks have shown wonderful improvement of the previous two weeks, but she already has had four blood transfusions. As they tested her blood again today, it may be that they have another in store. While her blood count has been up to quite an extent, forces are at work to tear it down. All we can do is to look after her every comfort and hope and pray for the best.

Give our love to the other members of your family. You are very precious to us.

Lovingly, your father