

27 March 1946

Dear Ones -

all is well. I received a beautiful call from the Epsteins and Berks today; my name is engraved on it and it is a fine thing. I will admit that I think the present was quite unnecessary: it is a part of the spirit of family generosity that is so wonderful. Today was an easy day and except for some laundry, I have everything under control.

This 33 month release on April 1 is more than rumor - any number of officers have heard about it from their units. I will wait one more day but if the Lieutenant who handles officer personnel at Aberdeen doesn't answer by then I will write again - the longer I know where I stand the better I'll like it. Needless to add, it has become my primary concern of the moment.

Thanks for the bank statement and address list - Daddy, he saw and put the next \$100 check in the checking account. My balance is under \$200 right now. Thank you. I heard from Joe Thompson - he now thinks he will get a job in advertising in the West Coast! Ruth is not asking me for Peach - in answering I will explain the indistinctness of my plans. But is the way I see things now. I am certain that a director of some

nature is now not making me eligible for discharge.
Now, ^① Aberdeen may call me back and pack me off for
Devens immediately. (Very unlikely.) ^② Aberdeen may let
me finish this course and then return there and in turn
go to Devens (More likely.) ^③ Aberdeen may let me finish
and then hold me for the maximum period before release.
(Only too likely.) ^④ Aberdeen may leave it up to me - and
I'll say this: I will not delay in discharge - if it is
offered to me, I will snap it up. Therefore since all
this will come to a head probably upon my return to Aberdeen
on April 11th 1946, I will have to leave my Perach plane
undecided until the last minute. There is one other factor -
if I take a leave now, I lose money hard as yet - because
on terminal leave I will be being paid as a Captain. That
is just something to bear in mind. If I am at Devens
even now, there will be no question. If I am at Aberdeen
in the midst of all this, it may be a different story: we
will have to wait and see.

That is about the story for tonight. I am encouraged
by Paddy's agents, Mithy - be well -

Tom
Evans

Regards to Mrs. E. and Miss R.