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#6 - extra
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Dear Douglas:

As the "Hit Parade" would say, "This is a Lucky Strike Extra." We have just received your letter from the west coast written on Halloween. Pretty good mail service, I think. We were more than delighted to get it, to know that everything is all right with you. It sounds as though you had had some rough weather but we are glad to know that you think you are really getting your "sea legs."

It would be wonderful if you could see the Vadenasis and if you dock at Los Angeles for any length of time perhaps you might care to look up Roslyn and Mrs. Shumway Sweet. Roslyn's husband, Lieut. Charles White is just back from 50 flying missions in Sicily and Italy and has a month's furlough. They live at 325 North Oakhurst Street, Beverly Hills, California. But probably by the time that you receive this letter you will be far afield again. O hum!

Wednesday Marjorie Schmid took care of Daryl while Marilyn, Mrs. Schmid, Mrs. Watts and Harriet spent a day shopping in Boston. And of all things, Marilyn met Laura Holmes in Schraf[f]s restaurant! Isn't it queer how one will pick the same time and place when just a minute or choice of building can spoil a contact. She is well, expecting a companion for Deanne in February. Marilyn was quite tired when she reached home about eight o'clock and was just getting to hop into bed when Bill appeared! He had to leave the next afternoon. Have I told you that he has bought a '35 Ford Sedan and is gradually getting it into shape. That means it will be easier for him to get back and forth. Do any of your men make belts in the spare time by knotting string? Bill is making them for Marilyn and his mother and sister, just something to do when out on patrol and they are very pretty and

quite interesting to do, all done by tying [sic] square knots with different strands of string.

You remember the pale blue outfit that Daryl has for out-of-doors? Mrs. Schmid bought her one in pale pink so that she is quite well supplied.

I think I wrote you that we are taking Clara Miller down every morning. She also had received a letter from you.

The cartoons are much appreciated, they really are good. I try to enclose some to you once in awhile, if they have given me a laugh.

Bought a new blue dress yesterday, rather a light or Alice blue if you know what I mean. Quite a while ago Dad gave me a beautiful bracelet made with deep blue stones and now I have a pin and earrings to match so will wear it with that. I have taken the large fur collar off my wine colored winter coat and had a small mink one put on so that it looks entirely different. I have had it ever since the hurrican[e] but like to keep it for unpleasant days instead of wearing my fur coat all the time.

Your allotment check came the other day for \$50. I am so glad that you can send so much home for the time will come when you will be so happy to have that cash in the bank or invested but don't deprive yourself of enough to go sight-seeing when you dock at an interesting place. Your letter said that you have increased that to \$100 which is a good idea, but don't cut yourself too short.

Guess this takes care of the news for the time being.

Lots of love and so glad to have heard from you so recently.

Lovingly
Mother

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Schrafft's was founded as a candy company in 1861 and later expanded in 1898 to include restaurants located in northeast United States, including New York and Boston. All Schrafft's restaurants no longer exist.