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Monday morning

Dear Douglas:

Saturday morning we received another letter from you, dated as recent as the second, and according to this one you had been ashore. You must have enjoyed having old mother earth under your feet once more after rolling around on the briny.

I remembered you to both Mrs. Buffum and Clara as you requested. Tommie telephoned from New York Saturday afternoon! But unfortunately there was no one at home at the Buffum's to receive the call, so he sent a telegram saying that he had tried to reach them and had been in for just that short time. Of course they are tremendously disappointed.

Yes, I have seen the pictures of "The Pirates" and while they are not particularly clear, still they are a souvenir of a good time.

Dad and I went to Communion yesterday. Roger Brown was there, just back from Carlyle, Penn but must return for his assignment. George Turner wished to be remembered to you. The Goodchilds were out including Charlotte and asked about you. They are being wonderfully brave. Hards are back, still unassigned, but expect something by the first of December. Mr. Stone stopped us at the back of the church to tell us that Uncle Vesper had had his store completely destroyed by fire but was well insured and it might work out quite to his advantage as it gave him an opportunity to get a large corner location which he had wanted for a long time. You know Mr. Stone is a salesman for underwear and sells [to] Uncle Vesper.

Friday night Marilyn and Ingrid Pine and I went to the Palace. It was a very mild night and we enjoyed the walk back and forth. I'm quite a fan for Fred

Astaire's dancing which was the feature picture although we enjoyed the second one of Blondie and Daisy with her seven pups, they really are funny.

Saturday we went to the Millards for a typical bean supper which we enjoyed to the limit. As we were walking up to Broad Street to get the Bus, Pixie was sitting out in front of his house. I have not seen him for months but when I walked across and spoke to him he sat still and let me pull his tail and rub his head. He is handsome this time of year, his fur is so thick [sic] and black.

Larry was home for the first time from the hospital--looks very thin and white but was planning to go hunting the next morning at five o'clock with Alan Butler and Betty Butler's husband, Bill Corr. Larry is rather unhappy about his place in the war just now for because of his operation he has been taken out of his original outfit and is now in a casualty replacement group and can be put in any branch of the service. We still are very pleased at your decision for the Navy and think you are too, from the tone of all your letters.

We hope that you will have room to store your Christmas packages until the right day, it is a shame to get them so early but better than no packages at all.

Dad is going to trace your watch but at that time they said nothing for the Navy could be insured although since they have allowed it.

Did he tell you that he is becoming interested in stamp collecting as an investment? Just at present the government is issuing sheets in correct coloring of the flags of all the submerged (that isn't the word I want but I can't think of the right one) nations and as each one comes out he buys a sheet. Of course they will always be worth their [sic] face value as stamps and should increase somewhat for collectors' items.

Glad that you have Thanksgiving already aboard! We will not know until the last minute just what we are going to do. Should Bill be home Marilyn will want to be there but if he is not, she doesn't want to go there nor does she think that they will want to come to our house as I suggested. The OPA has set such a low price on turkeys that the growers declare that they absolutely will not kill the birds and then again I saw by the papers that birds will be available in the West but it is doubtful whether the East will even see one. Not that it is essential to have Turkey but still it is something to base the rest of the day on, but it will work out somehow, it always does. In fact

if there are just to be the three of us, a chicken will be the best bet and taste almost the same.

I am to have this Thursday off as it is Armistice Day. Do you remember when you were small that we went to the parade and then had dinner in the Chinese restaurant. By the way, should you be any length of time in San Francisco, you know Chinatown there is very famous.

Customers have started to interrupt, among them being Fred Band looking like a million dollars, so it is time to stop.

The best of everything for you

Love from
Mother

Do you know that you re supposed to put 5 after Cranston or Edgewood on our address? The Post office has assigned zone numbers all over the US and it is supposed to speed mail delivery.

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