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Dear Douglas--This is just an extra to tuck in with some clippings etc. I am sending you. Today we received your letter written the day after the Fourth, telling us that the Elden boasts a rising sun on her side--splendid--but I shudder when I think what that implies with reference to danger to you. It's well for our peace of mind that we know nothing until it is past history!

Mrs. Dennis telephoned me today, so pleased to have received a letter from you and glad that I sent you the clippings about Jimmy. She hears from him about once a month.

You will be interested to know this letter just received from you had been opened & re-sealed by "Naval censor."

We have been having a long dry hot spell & Dad does a lot of watering over the garden every night. I went to Red Cross yesterday & the basement at church was very cool. Clara Miller and Agnes, out on their bicycles, called for a few minutes last night.

Young Hartley Whipple, working at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth, writes he is allowed only one glass of milk a day, so he & his chum buy a gallon of milk to last them two days. Knowing the milk situation with you, I thought this might interest you.

Glad you are finding your companions congenial--do wish we could meet them sometime (I mean the new ones)

We are working on the button and music situation, no buttons so far but I'm going to ask Commander Hard to shop for me next trip to Quonset.

Ever so much love
Mother [Transcription ended]

[Newspaper article from the Associated Press attached: "3 U.S. Destroyers, Transport Lost," dated London, July 13 with handwritten note at the bottom: [Transcription begins] Letter from Tommie says he expects a re-assignment. [Transcription ended]