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#48 - Tues - Aug 1, 1944 A.M.

Dear Douglas--The hot spell continues with us but the house keeps quiet comfortable & it is lovely in the yard after the sun has gone down. I often wonder what kind of weather you have, terrifically hot? much rain? any thunderstorms? We have had very little rain & the one or two thunder storms have been mild & short & so far have failed to clear the air. I had a very pleasant three days last week at Coles with Mrs. Millard. The men came for us Wednesday night & we went to Howard Johnson's on Reservoir Ave. for supper (swordfish & blueberry pie). Thursday night we called on Aunt Marion--young Harvey has left his job at the Plymouth Hotel, conditions were far from satisfactory and he is now happily located at a Sandwich Shoppy at Harwichport on the Cape. Dick has discovered that the government will pay part of his tuition because of some rehabilitation plan for 4Fers[1] & he is seriously considering going to Georgetown University in preparation for diplomatic service.

Friday night we had the welcome news that Tommie had landed in N.Y.--was heading immediately for Washington to check on his eyes at the hospital & also to check up on his j.g. In about ten days he expects to go to Maine where Mr. and Mrs. Buffum are vacationing for two weeks--I'll keep you informed.

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Saturday Dad, Daryl and I went to Coles--Marilyn went to Schmids--Bill came home, expects to be here a few days but is much upset at the delay & not having <u>any</u> idea where or when or why. Daryl behaves beautifully down river, is as lively as a cricket, but took her nap & slept all night without tumbling out of bed because we blocked her in with chairs. At Grand Avenue all the inside doors are open & she couldn't stand having the screen doors onto the piazza at Coles closed after her! Norman Bridge was home & looked fine--he has his commission but so [indecipherable] up because of car trouble. Bob Stang came home [indecipherable] actually while I was there but I did not get [indecipherable] morning I went back to Coles [indecipherable] house for Mrs. Pine who has rented it for the month of August. Instead of getting off at the Farm Gate I rode one more stop to Eaton Ave. at Conimicut, walked down there just a short way & thru a vacant lot into Pawtucket row at Coles a much quicker & easier way than the long trip thru the farm.

Your #118 July 17 received in just a week & most welcome. I know what a day you must have put in when you heard of the loss of the Partridge & am so glad that Tommie wrote to you so quickly. Send mail to him at 287 Massachusetts Ave. I am forwarding a letter to you today from Lt. Cdr. Glenn--please satisfy my curiosity. Who is he? Was interested to have you use the word "state-side" as I had just read an article about that expression.

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[1] She is referring to the Selective Service classification 4F assigned to those who have been found not acceptable for service in the U.S. military.

Your cousin Hazel Louise expects to be married Aug. 18th to Douglas Bragg if he gets his leave--it will be strange to have another Douglas in the family.

Enjoyed your "peanut whistle" episode--you can rest assured I will not be [indecipherable] called to the attention of Cdr. Hard! I would be very careful of what material I gave to the Odyssey & would never use the name of your ship. The dream [indecipherable] use was so cleverly worded that I couldn't resist sharing it.

The shirt buttons seem impossible to get. Could you spare one in your next letter & I will see if I can get something similar? We are mailing you a small package tomorrow with some [indecipherable] buttons & a couple of other things I hope you can use. Did you ever receive any maple sugar?

Yesterday I saw a new DE go down the river on her trial run--she was quite a sight--so slick & swift.

Dad manages to keep ahead of the grass & enjoys the yard a lot. Daryl is beginning to put words together--calls "Here, Chip. Here, Chip!" She calls both Marilyn & me "Marmie" so we are trying to switch her to "Nana" for me. You'll [indecipherable] when you come home. We are waiting for that day!

Love from us all
Mother [Transcription ended]