

V-MAIL

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Dear Douglas - Yesterday three most welcome letters arrived from you, the latest date being October 29 - #135 and we were so pleased to get them and each one was most interesting to us. Dad is now a councilman and pulled a very large number of votes. The candidate we desired for Mayor also won--that was a bitterly contested issue & up to the time the votes were counted was considered to be very close but Hoyt [indecipherable] won by a very good margin altho the soldier votes when counted could upset it but we are not much worried. I spent the forenoon ringing doorbells and offering to take anyone to the polls but found no one needed me. -- The Whipples had a V-Mail from you--one sheet--with neither heading nor closing & we wonder now whether you do write more than one page when sending it V-Mail. I kidded you about Trudie's letter thinking you had done it as a joke but possibly not--do let us in on the secret! What an adventure, going under the ship! It just doesn't seem possible that you are doing some of the things you are. With such clear water, it must have proven interesting but Dad & I are glad we weren't on the other end of the line! You never mention illness in any form. Do you ever have colds, headaches et cetera? Marilyn, Daryl & I are recovering from a mean cold. Your list of officers seems to have changed considerably from the original--how many are there left? You mention looking forward to the Christmas package--do not get too excited for there is so little we could find to send but it certainly is jam-packed with love! We'd love to have a little black boy, not as much for shoveling snow, but for trailing Daryl & keeping her from sprinkling a whole package of Lux on the kitchen floor & then using Chip's drinking water to wash up the floor, or emptying the sugar bowl on her graham cracker, etc.! Your allotment comes thru in two separate checks and is accumulating nicely. I'll write again Monday, until then

Lots of love

Mother [Transcription ended]