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Monday June 21, 1943

Dear Douglas:

I rather think that Dad will write to you today also but it won't do any harm to get two letters. He was much pleased at your thoughtfulness and good taste shown in the ties, also the accompanying card. I gave him a carving knife guaranteed to be sharp, you know what trouble we always have slicing a roast of beef! Now try and get the beef! But I was able to get a half a leg of lamb and the knife performed very creditably. Marilyn and Bill gave him a new belt, so he was much pleased with his "day."

Yesterday was a scorcher but I don't imagine nearly as hot as you must have it most of the time. However, we spent it quietly under the tree in the yard, Daryl with just a band and a diaper, and Dad puttering around in the garden. We often speak of the fine job of weeding that you did before you went to Notre Dame.

Bill had Saturday at home but had to return early Sunday morning as he had . shore patrol.

Has your boat been launched yet? And if not, would it be in order for me to write Donald Kern, ask him if it is being made at that yard and if so, how about passes for the launching? It would be interesting to have been at that ceremony and make the acquaintance of your new home of the waves.

It is too bad that you can't come home instead of just hanging around but we all know that is the way things are done and one needs a lot of patience in this world. But the time is slipping by and before you know it you will be heading north. Just think, you have only one more Sunday there.

News for this letter is scarce so will stop rambling and get down to work for the BWRS.

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