

[Transcription begins]

#61 October 30, 1944 the night
before Halloween

Dear Douglas - We have lost two clotheslines so far and Dad thinks he will string
[remainder of paragraph untranscribable].

Of course everyone is talking about the [indecipherable] victory and rejoicing over its
success but [indecipherable] we are keeping our fingers crossed until the naming
[indecipherable] made public. But we know there are many of them and the chances are
real small that the ELDEN was involved.

[Several untranscribable paragraphs follow.]

Daryl has just been up for a few minutes, the girl's cuter every day--puts two words &
sometimes three together & feeds herself without any help.

I'm looking forward to another letter from you in a few days--you are a good son to write
so often & it is much appreciated.

All our love

Mother [Transcription ended]