

V-MAIL

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Dear Douglas - Tonight is Ladies Night at the CYMBC so I will not have a chance to write my regular Monday letter & find I can write a brief V-mail. We were so pleased to have another letter from you Saturday. Next to having you come home for a visit, will be the picture of you taken by the funny little [C]hinaman. I can hardly wait to see it. We all realize as never before how much pictures can mean to us. Have you ever received the one of Daryl taken by a professional photographer? Saturday night we had two tables of Bridge to celebrate Dad's birthday which really fell on Sunday. We had some funny gifts for him and he was real pleased. Tommie's address is Lt. (jg) T. Buffum, USS -ATR #79, Fleet PO, New York. (This will probably change to San Fran. later.) He has had his trial run and should be on his way soon. John Brown returned to Hawaii while you were there & we do wish you got together. Charles will be home for Christmas, Roger is home now, returning to Chicago on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn and I are very busy getting Christmas shopping done, turn and turn about. She also has been doing a lot of clerical work for Mrs. Richmond which takes every spare minute and explains why no letters from her. Forgive her and she'll do better later on! Ever so much love and a longer letter next time!

Mother [Transcription ends]