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Tuesday afternoon and is
it pouring!

Dear Douglas:

We are not complaining about the weather for we have just had a very pleasant three days for the holidays. But I am caught without rubbers or umbrella and it makes me mad!

Bill was home again for the week and so Daryl spent Saturday with the Schmids and then I took care of her on Sunday so they could go sailing. I think I wrote you that he has been given the chance to take the intensive three months training at the Coast Guard Academy at New London when he would receive his commission as an Ensign. He is not saying too much about it until he passes the stiff entrance exams.

Monday we started off at 12:30 for a sail down to Patience Island with Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Marjorie and Genevieve, Mr. & Mrs. Hard and Barbara, Mr. Dick and Anne, and Mr. & Mrs. Fisher, a congenial party. The day was lovely, the wind strong but the water too cold for swimming so we anchored for about an hour at Patience and some went on the beach for a walk, but I kept Bill Fisher, Roger and Dad company while they fished with no luck. It seemed queer to have the crew so short-handed. Charles is at Gulfport, Miss.—John is having the equivalent of a two weeks cruise in and around Boston Harbor, Roger and Connie were on a short bicycling trip in Southern Rhode Island and of course Edmund and Stimson are out of town although Edmund and Barbara did get back last week with little Douglas. I was much disappointed not to make his acquaintance but must wait for the next trip.

Dad has been working hard on the back yard and we have bought another blue and white chair so that now we have quite a bit of garden furniture. Still not warm enough to eat out there but we are hoping.

We enjoyed your illustrated letter very much. You get action in every one of your lines and I am convinced that you should do something with that bit of talent sometime. The enclosed picture was most welcome and we enjoyed making the acquaintance of Mary Ellen (how is her last name pronounced). The superman picture was also enjoyed and I can imagine Anna's reaction when she received it.

Tommie Buffum telephoned me yesterday to say that he was just starting for his assignment in New York for a month although he seemed to think that far horizons were beckoning. He says that he hasn't heard from you in over a month and is not sure who owes the letter but I have a hunch that he is the guilty party.

We have enjoyed being with Roger Hard. He has much to tell but does not inflict it upon you unless you ask. He has seen plenty of service but is anxious to get back in the harness again. They are planning to leave about the first of July for the West Coast, where he is to undergo a slight operation with a recuperating period of about three to four weeks when he expects to be placed on the active list again.

I think that you have received your birthday box by this time and in a day or two I expect a letter telling in what condition it arrived. If you can send the cake box back I might be able to send you something again for tin containers are hard to get.

I am enclosing some clippings—they may be of interest to you.

Daryl gained eleven ounces last week which is a lot, five being the average. It is amusing to hear Dad talk to her for he pretends to be so hardboiled as far as babys (*sic*) are concerned but when no one is around you should hear the baby talk! She laughs if we talk to her and soon we will have a snap shot to send you showing her with her mouth wide open in a toothless grin.

Eat and sleep all you can and write us when you have a minute.

Lovingly,
Mother (Transcription ends)