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