

Peterborough 6<sup>th</sup> May/45.

628 Hamewood ave.

Dear Art:-

I have just finished a short letter to your Father telling him of the splendid manner in which you carried on through a most trying ordeal for you.

Our fear, both mother's and mine, is we did not in our selfishness, think of what we were subjecting you, and we want you to know we will not ever forget you leaving your own float to swim one hundred yards to ease the closing hours of our Boy. Then to submit yourself to the ordeal you did in coming so far to ease our pain.

Our Ottawa Representatives went to a great deal of trouble in securing the story as they have it without mentioning your

names. "The Navy maintains that the traditions of the sea were carried out to the full, that when submarines are in the near waters all Radio Communication is cut off, and that there is no such thing as an hourly communication with Shore. "The R.A.F. pilots were all interviewed, and none of them saw the floats, the ships and destroyers were confined to their courses, and only diverted when they see some thing out of the ordinary which they did not see. An S.O.S would have been sent out but the ship going down in two minutes prevented this. The story will be officially released on Tuesday or Wednesday, and no one is to be blamed, as each and everyone carried out his duty.

"The effects such as Davis watch and lighter are sent to the Estates Department at Ottawa, and after some

mouths & will be distributed.  
The officer interviewed stated  
there was no doubt but that  
Dois watch and lighter will  
be returned to Ida Mae.

with regard to our  
securing a posthumous  
Commission for Don, the  
officers who could give authentic  
information on this were out  
of town, but my friend is  
taking the matter up on his  
return to Ottawa at the end  
of this week.

Now, dear art, give our  
love to Sharon, and Estelle  
and remember always is the  
Patch String out. The next  
time we are in Hamilton we  
will certainly call at your Father's  
home, as we so wish to continue  
to be close to our Dois Buddy.

Sincerely  
Mr Arthur Schweiger ~~to~~ White  
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London Ont.