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**British War Relief Society, Inc.**  
*Rhode Island Committee*  
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Tuesday morning

Dear Douglas:

Just a short note to send along with Dad's. I had to laugh when I read that he enjoyed the "Bonita" marmalade which I think is a kind of fish and he really meant the "Mango!"

Saturday night we had the Marbles for the week-end. Their Ted is at Sikorsky's airplane plant at Stratford, Connecticut and is deferred until April. They are making helicopters and he is fascinated by the possibilities for them in the future. Jean (Gene) is still at State but as the military authorities are taking over there his status is rather uncertain. Aunt Eleanor tells me that after an examination by Dr. McCurdy, he says that Hartley, Jr. must have an operation on his ear to remove dead bone and that he couldn't possible (*sic*) be taken in any of the armed forces. Being such a husky every other way, he feels quite badly about it. Richard Whipple has his arm out of the cast but it is not yet straight and the surgeon thinks that he will be exempt for another three months.

Sunday we had a delicious Turkey dinner at the Dick's house. Marilyn was with us and then she walked down to Schmid's. They think the world of her and she visits them very often. Bill called on the phone last night, just in from patrol, he thinks he is going to be given command of the schooner which he has wanted for a long time. It has engines but uses sail most of the time.

In this morning's paper I noticed a short item about an ensign commanding a PT boat, saying that he trained at Miami and Walla Walla Washington. How you men are jumped around the map. Any chance of you being sent out there?

You have a letter from Brown urging contribution to their alumni fund, but as you probably have enough on your mind now, I don't think you will start giving to that yet, so I am not bothering to forward it. But as for the church, if you will let me know what you want to give each Sunday, I will do it for you, or you can send it direct, whichever you want to do.

I'll try to think when I write you next time and enclose the measurements of Dad's metal chest. While it is not entirely waterproof, still it is a good sturdy one and I think about as tight as anything you could have.

It must feel queer to be back in a school room again and are you finding the subjects very difficult and how much studying outside of class do you have?

Are there two George Mills in our choir? One of them has just become a father and I am wondering if it is the one who sang in Trial by Jury.

Customers are beginning to arrive so enough for now.

Lovingly,  
Mother (Transcription ends)