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British War Relief Society, Inc.

Rhode Island Committee

38 Exchange Place – PROVIDENCE

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Friday afternoon
Thursday, June 11, 1943

Dear Douglas:

We were much interested to read your last letter to Marilyn. When your postcard arrived saying that you were back at SCTC we thought it was to brush up on some particular point and that you would return to Key West, as we thought your course was to last until about July 8th.

We are as breathless as I know you must be waiting for your assignment and wondering whether it will mean an opportunity to come this way. I know that some of the DE's are being built near here and we just hope and pray that it will be your good fortune to draw one of them.

Life has been very interesting for me the past few hours as the Coast Guard has practically decided to take over half of our shop as a recruiting centre for the Spars! We feel that it will be a good thing for the BWRS to cooperate and we can be mutually beneficial. The Lieutenant in charge was most friendly so I happened to mention that I had a son in the Navy and a son-in-law in the Coast Guard who went in with the rating of CPO at only nineteen. He asked whether it could by any chance be Bill Schmid and said that he had the pleasure of mustering him in and that he was considered was (*sic*) of the best men that they had. The Lieut. had been stationed at Nantucket and said that there wasn't a better man on the water and that many a time he had gone out to take food to a ship that hadn't dared to come in!

Don't hesitate to telephone, telegraph, if you have any news and should you not get home but be within possible distance, perhaps Dad and I could manage to run down to see you.

Hastily but with love,
Mother (Transcription ends)