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**British War Relief Society, Inc.**  
*Rhode Island Committee*  
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Dear Douglas:

The question in our mind is—did he or did he not make Washington for the weekend? We are sincerely hoping that you did, for the next weekend should see you home or at least heading that way. We can meet you at any time so just let us know. And by all means, send as many clothes home as you can spare, for with a washing machine here you can get much quicker service than at a professional laundry. Do you want any part of them heavily starched? Better address them to Dad's shop.

Last night Dad and I stopped at Johnson's on Allens Avenue for supper but didn't find anything particularly good. Marilyn had left Daryl with the Schmids while she and Janet went downtown so we stopped there and picked her up. Bill does not expect to be home this weekend so perhaps he will be, the one you are here.

Tomorrow is the annual Edgewood Yacht Club Regatta. Dad joined there this year so we will probably go down there in the afternoon, have supper there and stay for the dancing in the evening.

Tuesday of this week Dad and I, Tom Buffum and Mrs. Schmid went to the Playhouse to see Fred Stone (a well known veteran actor) in "Take It or Leave It." It was most amusing. We had planned to take Grandma who has been spending a few days with us but she turned her ankle that afternoon and didn't dare take a chance walking on it so we invited Mrs. Schmid at the last minute. And as Tommie and Mrs. Buffum were to be away at Nantucket for three days, Thomas thought he would sport a little so came along with us. I thought you might wonder at the combination!

We are thrilled at the possibility of attending the commissioning and hope you can get the tickets. Dad and I will both take the day off and Marilyn can leave Daryl with the Schmids. Jack Hyland's mother (he is Captain in the Marines and has just left on his new ship) is volunteering in the shop this morning and has told me about the commissioning of his ship so she can give me some idea what to expect, and it sounds most interesting. It seems probable that you will receive the requested tickets for there must be many of the men who are too far away from home to invite guests.

I wish we might get some of the rain which you mention as a daily occurrence in Norfolk for the gardens are dry. We had a short thunder storm yesterday morning which relieved the situation somewhat.

There is a letter from Carver for you which has been returned from Miami and I will re-mail it tonight when I go home.

Hope you are getting some shoff (*sic*) shelled crabs to eat and perhaps a taste of terrapin!

Love from  
Mother (Transcription ends)