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British War Relief Society, Inc.

Rhode Island Committee

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Dear Douglas:

It will be interesting to know how long after writing this that you received it. We have imagined you bounding over the billowing waves but beyond that our imagination knows not what path to take, but wherever you are, we hope for balmy weather, good fellowship and health.

Saturday afternoon we had an enjoyable sail with the Browns, Fishers, Owens and Marilyn with the Schmids taking care of Daryl. We anchored at Conimicut and I had my first swim of the season. The RI Yacht was holding its annual regatta so the bay was filled with white sails, a lovely sight.

I had put a potroast in the electric cooker before leaving home so was glad to have the Fishers stay for dinner and take pot luck. It is eight years ago this weekend that Bob died, so we are planning to go to the Cape with the Fishers as they try to get away from home for that period. We are going to Osterville near Hyannis which is Mrs. Fisher's old home and are leaving at four o'clock Friday afternoon and returning Sunday night (provided of course, that Mr. Fisher is allowed gas by his ration board.)

Sunday and Monday I spent quietly at home in the garden with the exception of a plenty big washing! Hope your laundry is working out satisfactorily and not too rough on the buttons.

The Buffums have had letters from Tommie telling them nothing except that he attended a very enjoyable party on another ship. Mrs. Buffum is improving and will be home Sunday just in time for Tim's first visit in uniform.

I forward you a letter from Ensign Lawrence—curiously the return address on it was for California but the postmark was Orange, N.J. Do you suppose he could have been as near R.I. as that? Wish if any of those boys come this way that they would drop in and call on us. Extend an invitation if you write for you never know when they might be shipped to the East Coast.

You probably feel as I do that there is so little to put into a letter but just the contact of a letter means so much to us and I know it must to you.

Our best love to you and hope for a speedy return.

Mother (Transcription ends)