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**British War Relief Society, Inc.**  
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Dear Douglas:

We are so pleased to hear that you are to have eight more weeks in the South and to know that you will be able to go into the branch of the service which you most desire. It sounds very interesting and we shall be waiting to hear the details of your new set-up (when you know them yourself, of course). Your trial trip must have given you some idea of what to expect and if your attacks of "acute indigestion" didn't get you down, there's no need to worry on that score.

I read Grandma's letter aloud to her over the phone and we all agreed that the fishing trip must have been fun. How about one to the Everglades—Marilyn seemed to think you had either been or were going. I also telephoned to Arthur Aker's mother and she was so grateful that we let her know about it.

Saturday night we had the Metcalfs, Buffums, and Hendricksons over for beans and brown bread and the Hendricksons stayed all night. Then last night the Metcalfs had a big chowder supper. We were just sitting down, when who should pop in, but T. Buffum in person! He has had a light case of German Measles and as his boat is to be in for the next two days, was given that time before having to report back for duty. He thinks you are very fortunate in your choice and hopes it will come his way some time soon. He said that your picture of the boat was very true to detail.

One by one, all the boys we know are disappearing from our sight—Skoogie has just been drafted. Kendall French is out in Utah, where he is being given a chance to study X-ray in connection with some medical unit. Dick Whipple, whose broken arm has not yet started to mend (it will probably have to be re-opened and new bone grafted) has been given a two weeks extension of his induction date by Mr. O'Connell of the draft board, as if he will be ready by then!

I'm so glad you have had a little opportunity to do some reading and now you must enjoy the time you spend that way. I fear it will be less when you get into your PC school. Will it seem queer to be back as a student again after tasting the life of an instructor?

Bill is still at Newport and Marilyn at Vineyard Haven but he knows that eventually he will be back there as soon as Gilbane takes back his boat. She has taken some snaps of her little bungalow and I think will send you one.

Young Robert Hard left yesterday to start his training in Naval Aviation.

Perhaps you have seen the enclosed which I clipped from some copies of the New Yorker which were brought into the shop—they gave me some laughs and perhaps they will do the same for you.

With love  
Mother (Transcription ends)