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My dear Dr. Keller:

This is to let you know of some good (?) news that has just befallen me. BuPers has honored my request for transfer back to Columbia and I have just received my orders to report there for Term III. So St. Albans, ~~1/1/44~~, has been a not unpleasant vacation in all.

Speaking to Mr. Van Dyke over the phone I got the impression that action of a favorable sort had been taken by the Director of Qualifying Certificates. Is this the case to your knowledge. It would be rather amusing if this were the case, for probably the main reason that I am being transferred back is the doubt and confusion over my English requirements which I mentioned in my request. Incidentally this is about the fastest work that I have seen the Navy Dept. (Washington) do. I put my signature to that transfer request on about the 21st January. From there it had to go to the Medical Officer in Command here at the hospital, and then to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Training Division, V-12 Dept. It must have shuttled back and forth in the Bu Med & Surg (BuMandS) for some time thereafter, but anyhow it was only ten days before these orders came through.

Hoping to see you soon,

Joshua.

P.S. The idea of going back to all those books: 53 miles of bookshelf, even, does terrify me a little bit after the morally easy life here. I've just begun to appreciate what a grind school is.

P.P.S. Regards to everyone.