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to get the highest grades of anyone, having "A's" on all his papers, but modestly he disclaimed any credit, saying it was all work with which he was familiar. It has been close to eleven months since he was first taken into the service, and it looks as if there were still some weeks or months of preparation ahead of him as he thinks that he will be put into navigation.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Nell Hanley. We realize that Julia had always been very fond of her, and that she was a favorite with her brother Charles. I think Charles has reason to be proud of the successful advancement of his nephews.

Dolph Simons, Sr. has been away since Monday morning in making a trip in which he visits cities in each one of the congressional districts in putting over the United War Fund Campaign for which he has been named Director of Publicity for the state of Kansas. He will be home tonight after four days' absence.

A letter from Dorothea yesterday says that they have been getting in a fine supply of materials for their lumber yard, which, I think, indicates careful attention to business on the part of Bus. He has been able to get materials seemingly when other lumber yards were unable to do so. He now is assisting in the management of six yards.

Blanche is anxiously awaiting the first frost to be rid of hay fever.

Don Hefflin who was a carrier for us in 1907 was in to see me yesterday. He has been a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota for some years and is a representative of the U.C.T. Not long ago he was at the Ransford where he met Don of whom he spoke highly.

I am writing this to both of you because I have the same message for each.

Gertrude joins me in sending love.

Lovingly,

Your brother