

U. S. S. PENSACOLA

Long Beach, California
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Dear Admiral,

Your delightful letter of 1 April arrived this week and has been read and reread with the greatest interest. I am more than ever appreciative in this case, for I fully realize the sacrifice of your time which was made necessary to write me at length. Everything on my end of the line is in excellent shape. Your schedule could not have been planned more conveniently for me.

I arrived a week ago today to find my family in good health and spirits, and all looking very beautiful! Even Sally is all excited at the prospect of my serving under you again. Each one of the girls feels a definite personal interest in the matter. They have instructed me to transmit their love to Mrs Snyder and you,

which I now hereby do. I believe Kitty has written Mrs. Snyder, but, in any event, please assure her that we are ready and most anxious to be of any service to her.

I received a letter from Father. He greatly enjoyed hearing from you and I appreciate your cheering them up with news etc. I am afraid leave to go East is out of the question and I have explained the matter to Mother and Glad.

Without further ado I will come to the immediate point, as I am hastening to get this letter to you as quickly as possible by air mail.

It is the matter of a Flag Lieut. Since you first mentioned the subject I have had in mind Lieut. E. S. Hutchinson. He has served with me and all I can say is that I do not know an officer whom I believe could better serve you in that capacity better than Hutchinson. It has been difficult to deal with him, for

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I could not freely discuss it with him when I last saw him during the Cruise and since then we have been completely separated. He is just finishing a cruise in command of a submarine at Coes Solo and, while that is sea duty, the change to serving as your Flag Lieutenant would be such that I feel sure he would not be affected thereby adversely. And, as I have pointed out to him, he could not possibly do himself more good professionally than to get back into the thick of things in the Fleet with you. At any rate I have written him the details and expect a reply in the next day or so. I know he is interested. I will wire you (Western Union for privacy) as soon as I know more. If upon receipt of this you have already selected your Flag Lieutenant, then I will stop my negotiations and no harm will have been done.

I will write again shortly, at which time I can go into more detail regarding news etc. For the present this will suffice to assure you that I am awake and on the job concerning anything that can be of help or assistance to you, sir.

Thanking you again for your letter and with best love to Mrs Snyder, I am

Very respectfully and sincerely,
C. S. Young