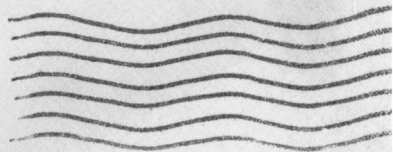


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God bless you

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Dear Mrs. Peake,

I had the pleasure of being the junior officer of the division to which your son was attached. In the few months that I served aboard the Atlanta, Peake was always a willing helper and one who could be depended on to do his best.

I was naturally prejudiced, but I thought that the first division of our ship was the best. Peake and all his shipmates proved their merit and courage in action and made themselves a credit to the Navy and the country for which they gave their life.

May I offer you my humble sympathies in your grief.