

COMMANDER DESTROYER FORCE  
U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET  
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Dear Commander Armstrong,

I wish it were possible for me to have been on board WILLIS A. LEE for your Change of Command Ceremony so that I might have enjoyed the splendid and dignified tradition that the ceremony preserves, and to wish you the very best of luck in your next tour of duty.

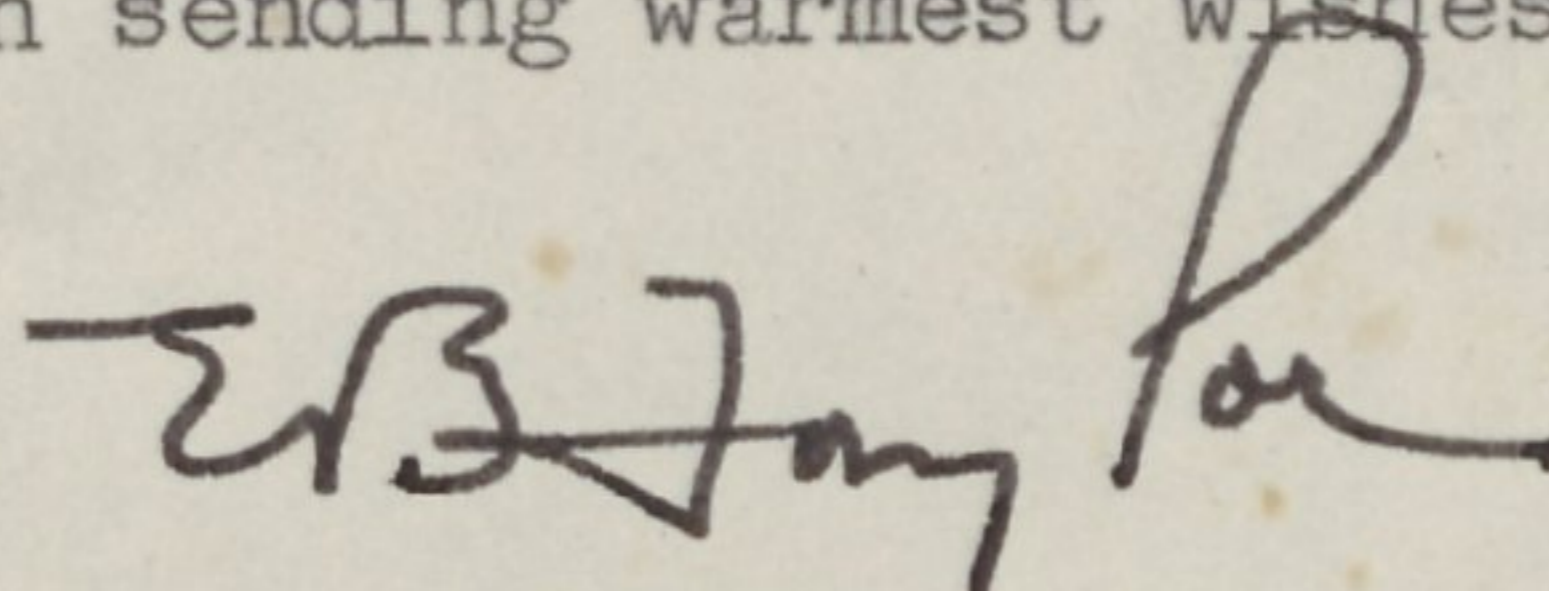
I am not unmindful of the tremendous challenge of this past tour. I know and appreciate full well the many difficult and demanding problems that face our commanding officers daily. I wish you to know that I greatly appreciate all of your efforts to meet these problems in a professional way and to make your ship a dependable, proud and efficient unit of this Force. I know that your professional base has been vastly improved because of it.

Although you are now officially detached, we hope that you always shall be a member of our wonderful Destroyerman Team. We hope that you will continue to be an enthusiastic and forceful advocate of the destroyers' versatility and prowess in applying naval power. We have a continuing need for this support.

You may be certain that I would value any suggestions or comments which you might care to make relative to your experience in the Force. I would be delighted to have you write to or visit with me on board my flagship at any time in order that I may have the advantage of any such observations.

I am enclosing a Destroyerman Certificate as a memento of your service to the Force as one of our Commanding Officers.

All of my staff joins me in sending warmest wishes for a very pleasant tour.



E. B. TAYLOR