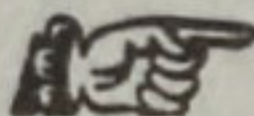


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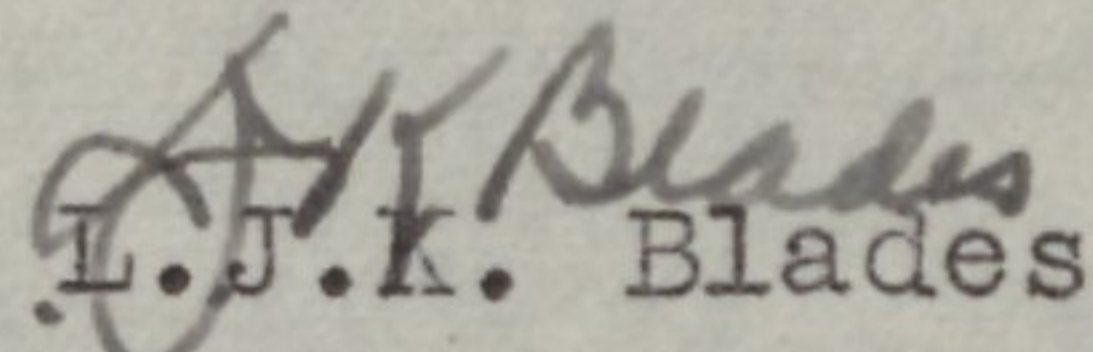
Dear Mr. Broaddus:

Lieutenant Nicoll was in yesterday and gave us the circumstances of yours and Ensign Lathrop's desire to exchange duty with Lt. (jg) Sloat and Ensign Tiffany who are serving under Commander Bard at Yorktown.

Individual despatches to the Bureau by all four concerned, requesting the exchange and agree to pay your own transportation expenses would probably have the approval of the Bureau even though they look with disfavor at the present time, of making any more changes than those absolutely necessary and for the benefit of the government provided it has the approval of the Commanding Officer in both cases. I called up Commander Bard and asked for his approval of the exchange but he will not approve of it as he wants to keep Sloat and Tiffany at their present assignments.

That being the case there is no use to pursue the matter further. The Bureau is certainly not going to make the exchange when the Commanding Officer of two of the parties involved objects. Sorry to have to report an unsuccessful attempt in your behalf.

Yours truly,

  
L.J.K. Blades.

cc: Ensign Lathrop's

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