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I truly wish to say thank you to all the men and officers who have served with me in this Command, and who have put forth an extreme effort to make this a fighting ship — a ship that is ready to defend its country if called to do so. I cannot begin to express the true gratification I have felt from the cooperation and work that all men of this ship have put forth in helping to make her the best ship in the fleet.

(My final words are thank you, God bless you and good luck until we meet again.)

