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Col. G. J. Bond,

Supt. Citadel,

Charleston, S. C.

THE CITADEL

ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM

Dear Col. Bond:-

Once upon a time  
you took me of my boys just  
16 yrs. of age, when I, as a  
widow, had not been able to  
manage. After about a year  
and a half, you advised  
me to take Russell Hudson  
from the Citadel and put him

Friend of him - Anshu Son just older  
than Kennell was Steam man at  
Annapolis his years ago and is  
Lieut. in Texas. Has been in North-Sea  
a year, helped take over the German  
Sub, receive the President and  
will be home in one week. I wish. -  
One just younger than Kennell (just  
21 yrs old) was turned down at Lehigh  
in account of eyes (my near sighted)  
but came home, brought four  
prs. of glasses, got War Dept. to  
wain eye-sight, left his wife, met  
in a Private J. Camp at Macan,  
made good and met to France -  
as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. (all he could get at his Camp)  
in Machine Gun Bat. Then my  
youngest, a fine, but untrained boy  
who had quit Donaldson Military  
School and gone to work, met to  
Raleigh and joined Naval Reserve

and is now on the S. S. Quina  
Merced at Annapolis, Md.  
Hugh Russell-Hardison is just  
18 yrs. of age, handsome,  
bright and capable - strong-  
minded, and moody at times.  
He quit school and worked  
in Lumber Co. Office for  
five or six months - always  
did good work, but gave it  
up when tired - may one  
know he worked for wood

gladly than kept him -  
He has had some promotion  
in Maryland but will  
not to keep him, but he  
knows he needs a better  
education and his people  
are so anxious for him  
to get it. I even fear  
he isn't sufficiently advanced  
for the Citadel, has  
completed Algebra, but  
hasn't taken any Geometry.

He is apt. at math. and has spoken  
of Engineering Course. Donaldson  
Military School went down  
rapidly during his last year  
there, hence the boys lost  
interest. I think if you  
could try him out from  
Jan. to June - it would  
be a great help to him  
and comfort to me - I am  
sure you will pardon all of  
this for the sake of a  
Faulkners boy. Though has not  
been expelled from school, nor  
does he drink that I ever  
heard of. Donaldson M. S.  
has changed hands, no one  
has to sign application, as I

I shall ask you to take my  
word for all this - I could  
get some student of old  
school to confirm my  
statements or some

Courtesy Officer - I think  
he can do the last half  
of Freshman year work.  
Please let me hear from  
you at once - It will be  
hard for me to keep him  
in so expensive a school.

but I trust that feeling of  
that he will be interested  
and do the work fairly  
well - if he will only quit hurry -

Yours very truly  
(Mrs.) H. E. M. Ryde,  
636 Haymarket,  
Fayetteville,  
N. C.

P. S.

I am sure you so can't  
miss a good letter -