

W. S. J. Trondroga

At Sea.

Apr 14th

Dear Friend Susie,

Having at last quitted
Key West, I can now do that
which should have been done
so long ago, and that is answer
your kind letter, which was
duly received, and highly ap-
preciated. I assure you.

But ever since I have
been attached to this Squadron,
our time has been so occupied
with constant drilling; in ad-
dition to our regular matches;
that, with the exception of two
brief missions to my mother, I
have not written a single letter,
but now that we are at Sea,
with some little time at our
command, I am making up
for lost time.