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November 10, 1918.

Commander John L. Neilson,
Yard Surgeon, Mare Island,
California.

Sir:

Permit me to express to you the thanks of the people of San Francisco for your assistance in arranging for the assignment of the Mare Island Hospital Unit which has been on duty in the care of influenza convalescents at the temporary Red Cross hospital, here.

The Unit has been of very great assistance in handling the influenza epidemic, now happily at an end, and I beg to extend my compliments to you, as Surgeon of the Navy Yard, upon the personnel and spirit of your men, whose work I have had many occasions personally to witness.

Very sincerely yours,

Mayor.