

WFF-COH.

21st October 1918.

My Dear Mr. Briggs:-

Your letter of the 17th October received. Please put in requisition for sextants and I will approve it and send to Washington immediately.

I am pleased that arrangements are made to fumigate the "BRUTUS". Please have it very thoroughly done. I assume the stores, etc., will be on board at the time of fumigation.

This is important in order that no cockroaches and insects may be left in the ship after fumigation. I am anxious that the "BRUTUS" shall be absolutely clean and sanitary, and it would be well to paint all the lower compartments while opportunity offers.

Your Liberty Loan Record was splendid.

The "BRUTUS" will make at least one trip with coal to San Diego before she starts on another cruise, unless something happens to upset my plans.

After fumigation therefor, you will take a full cargo of coal and come to San Diego as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Lieutenant Commander James R. Briggs, U.S.
Naval Reserve Force,

Commanding U. S. S. "BRUTUS".