

TORPEDO FLOTILLA, ATLANTIC FLEET,
U. S. S. BIRMINGHAM, FLAGSHIP.

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba,

23 March, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Little,

It is with the greatest possible regret that I and the members of the staff and the officers of the Flotilla have learned of the death of your admirable husband, Captain Little.

I can assure you that you have not only our entire sympathy in your bereavement, but that we share in this bereavement for both personal and professional reasons.

It was impossible for

any officer to know Captain Little without being inspired not only with personal affection for the man, but also with the most complete admiration for his great ability as an officer and his single minded devotion to the interests of the service as a whole and to the War College in particular.

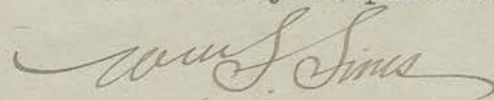
Those of us who have been associated with him in the invaluable work he has done throughout many years realize fully the debt the Navy owes him. Within our time there have been very few, if any, officers who have accomplished so much in promoting the real efficiency of the service; and for this reason his memory will always be held in the utmost respect by the

service that he really loved. And I am sure that those who come after us will honor his memory as much as we do; for as long as we have a Naval War College, his name must always remain intimately associated with its best traditions.

For myself alone, let me assure you that my sense of our great loss is very keen. I really loved this great hearted man. I beg you to accept my heartfelt sympathy.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours very respectfully,



Mrs. William McCarty Little,

Everett Street,

Newport, R.I.