

A copy of the letter that was sent from Captain Morgan RAN, Chief Staff Officer to the Chief of Navy, for our members



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In reply please quote

No. ....

B.D.S. "Sydney",

at sea,

9th November 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that in the name of humanity you now surrender your ship to me. In order to show how much I appreciate your gallantry, I will recapitulate the position.

(1) You are ashore, 3 funnels and 1 mast down and most guns disabled.

(2) You cannot leave this island, and my ship is intact.

In the event of your surrendering in which I venture to remind you is no disgrace but rather your misfortune, I will endeavour to do all I can for your sick and wounded and take them to a hospital.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*John H. Morgan*  
 Captain.

The Captain,

H.I.G.M.S. "Emden".