

SALVAGEMASTER,

OUR FIRST SEASON OF DREDGING AND DIVING HAS BEEN PRODUCTIVE. WE HAVE RECOVERED A FAIR QUANTITY OF RESOURCES, AS EXPECTED. THE WRECKS ARE SCATTERED ACROSS A REASONABLY LARGE AREA OF THE SEABED, AND WE HAVE SEEN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT STYLES OF VESSEL, REPRESENTING BOTH IMPERIAL AND FOREIGN NATIONS.

THIS SEASON OUR DIVERS WERE INVESTIGATING A CLUSTER OF SMALL VESSELS CLOSE TO ONE OF THE LARGER IMPERIAL WARSHIPS. WE BELIEVE THE LARGE SHIP WAS ONE OF THE NAVY VESSELS, AND THE SMALLER SHIPS AND BOATS BELONGED TO INDEPENDENT CAPTAINS SUPPORTING THE IMPERIAL WAR EFFORT.

WE HAVE SENT THIS LETTER AHEAD OF THE SHIPMENT OF HISTORICALLY-INTERESTING ITEMS. WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST TO CLEAN AND PRESERVE THE OBJECTS RECOVERED, AND IT SEEMS LIKE THE COLD WATERS AND THICK MUD HAVE KEPT MUCH OF WHAT WE ARE FINDING IN SURPRISINGLY GOOD CONDITION.

YOU WILL FIND THE SHIPMENT AT THE HUB, IN THE CARE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE IMPERIAL CIVIL SERVICE. IT CONTAINS TWO ITEMS THAT SEEM TO BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTING. THE FIRST IS A DOCUMENT FROM THE SYNOD, ALONG WITH A SUPPLY OF LIAO; IT WAS FOUND AMONGST THE WRECKAGE OF THE SMALLER VESSELS. THE SECOND ITEM IS A PRESENTATION BOX CONTAINING A BOTTLE OF SEGURAN WINE. THE DATE SUGGESTS IT WAS MADE VERY SOON AFTER SEGURA WAS CONQUERED BY THE EMPIRE. THE CONTENTS APPEAR TO STILL BE LIQUID AND THE CORK IS INTACT, BUT WE CANNOT DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS DRINKABLE WITHOUT OPENING IT.

WE CONTINUE OUR WORK, AND YOU SHOULD EXPECT ANOTHER LETTER, AND ANOTHER PACKAGE DELIVERED VIA THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, NEXT SEASON.

ON BEHALF OF THE SALVAGERS OF THE GOLDEN FLEET,

YOURS,

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