

Admiral Gougeon has seen. Commandant has seen. Pearl

Chf. Ops. Officer *sup*
 Asst. Chf. Ops. Officer *vmp.*
 Operations Officer *sig*
 Operating Plans
 Small Boats
 Air-Sea Rescng

U. S. COAST GUARD

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

UNIT HEADQUARTERS

DATE 30 JANUARY 1945

INCOMING HEADING

300101

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of 1-3 files*

FROM COMSOPAC

TO (FOR ACTION)

CINCPAC
AFV HQTRS
PEARL

	ACKNOWLEDGE
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TO (FOR INFORMATION)

COMMANDANT
COMSERVONSOPAC
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TEXT

USS SERPENS AK 97 EXPLODED 2323 L 29TH WHILE LOADING THREE
 50 POUND TORPEX DEPTH BOMBS WHILE ANCHORED LUNGA X SHIP SANK
 IMMEDIATELY BOS REMAINING ABOVE WATER APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS
 X 3 KNOWN SURVIVORS INCLUDING COMMANDING OFFICER PLUS UNKNOWN
 NUMBER NOT ABOARD AT TIME OF EXPLOSION X YP514 ANCHORED NEAR
 SERPENS SUSTAINED DAMAGE OF SHIP X ONE DEAD 4 INJURED PLUS MINOR
 CASUALTIES X COMGEN GUADAL REPORTS SUB CONTACT COINCIDENT WITH
 EXPLOSION OBTAINED AND JASA BEGUN X FURTHER DETAILS LATER

apparently not C9 wanted

"ALL DISPATCHES IN THIS DISPATCH
 TO THIS DISPATCH AND DELIVERED TO BY OFFICER
 DULY AUTHORIZED MESSENGER"

Com. McCliggett
 Capt. Hites
 Military Aide
 Capt. Zook

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Operator's Record. TOT 0945 30 JAN 45

SECRET Initials of "ACTION" officer.