

11TH ENDORSEMENT

29 January 1946

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From: The Chief of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.  
To : The Secretary of the Navy

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Via : (1) The Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks.  
(2) The Chief of the Bureau of Ships.  
(3) The Chief of Naval Operations.

SUBJECT: Ct. of Inq. - Explosion aboard and loss of USS SERPENS  
(AK97); deaths of and injuries to U.S. Naval personnel;  
conv. by ComNavBases, South Solomons Sub-Area, SoPacFor,  
PacFlt, 30 Jan. 1945.

1. Appropriate action will be taken by the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts to make adjustments in the accounts of the supply officer charged with accountability for the property destroyed at the U.S. Naval Advanced Base, Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands.

2. Transmission by registered guard mail or U.S. registered mail is authorized in accordance with Article 76 (15)(e) and (f), U.S. Navy Regulations.

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By direction of the Chief of Bureau

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To: SecNav (Office of the Judge Advocate General)

- Via:
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1. Forwarded

2. The Commandant, USCG, is of the opinion that the CG personnel injured in this case sustained their injuries not as a result of their own misconduct.

3. The Commandant, USCG, is also of the opinion that the CG personnel who died as a result of this explosion met their deaths on 29 January, 1945, not as a result of their own misconduct.

4. Subject to the above remarks and to the remarks of the Chief of Bureau of Ordnance, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Judge Advocate General and the convening authority, the proceedings, findings, opinion and recommendation in the attached case and the action of the convening authority thereon, are recommended for approval.

L. T. CHALKER  
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