

DEAD OFFICER A HERO

**Commander Of Submarine A-7
Given Highest Praise.**

Washington, Oct. 15. — The official report of the investigation of the explosion on the submarine A-7 at Manila, last July, which resulted in the death of her commander, Lieut. Arnold Marcus, of San Francisco, and several men, praises the conduct of Lieut. Marcus in the highest terms. Secretary Daniels, in a letter transmitting the report to the dead officer's widow, concurs with the official board's report that Lieutenant Marcus, by his gallant conduct when he was dying, upheld "the best traditions of the service."

The official investigation disclosed that after the explosion caused by the ignition of gasoline vapor by an electric switch, Lieutenant Marcus sent all of his men out of the hold before leaving himself; went to the bridge while suffering from burns which killed him and personally took the helm with the idea of saving his ship by beaching her. When rescue ships took off the crew, Lieutenant Marcus refused to leave and asked that he be disregarded.

"It was shown from the evidence brought before the board," Secretary Daniels wrote, "that the conduct of your husband was that of a most gallant officer, who, although fatally injured, without regard to self, devoted every action and thought to the care of his vessel and men."