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NEW YORK AP - A U.S. Navy court of inquiry probing the capture of the intelligence ship USS Pueblo has found Cmdr. Lloyd M. Bucher innocent of violating any Navy regulations, the Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. said Monday.

Westinghouse said a high official on the inquiry panel had disclosed the Navy's decision.

In Honolulu, a spokesman for the Pacific Fleet said the case is still being reviewed. He said he had no idea when the report would be issued.

The broadcasting network said Bucher was found innocent of violating regulations because, according to the court, he did not have the power to resist capture. It said the court found Bucher's power to resist was limited by his orders not to risk an international incident and by the fact that he was insufficiently armed for defense.

The network also said, however, that Bucher will be given a letter of reprimand for failing to adequately safeguard confidential material.

The network report came from Andy Park, affiliated with WFWB, the Westinghouse station in Los Angeles.

Park said his informant reported several military decorations were recommended by the court, including one for Quartermaster 1.C. Charles Law, cited for bravery in the face of brutal treatment by the North Koreans.

The radio report also said the court ruled the confessions made by the Pueblo crewmen in captivity were forced. It said the Navy failed to train the men for survival in such circumstances and therefore they were ill-prepared for imprisonment.

The court's report is now in the hands of the secretary of the Navy, Westinghouse said. The network said the report contains more than 600 findings of fact, and a portion recommending the conduct of future spy missions. That portion, said the network, has been classified top secret.

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