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## U-Boat submarine: the pride of the German Navy

The **German U-Boat submarines** were evaluated by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965) as one of the most horrifying hazards in the first and second world wars.

Only during World War I (1914-1918), the German Navy owned 360 U-Boat submarines. These "*ocean killers*" completely sank the enemy's nearly 400 aircraft carriers, submarines, battleships, destroyers and cruisers.



Artwork: Pinterest.

Not only intercepting enemy ships and submarines, the U-Boat of Germany could also hunt British and American cargo ships and supply ships. 5000 British and American transport ships and 20 million tons of cargo shipped to British islands were sunk and buried in the ocean floor.

With such a tremendous achievement, Germany's U-Boat submarine became the terror of many countries when traveling on the sea. Therefore, the disaster occurred with submarines called UB-65 causing a great shock to the German Navy.

## **UB-65: Submarines are "cursed"**

UB-65 submarine of type UB III U-Boat was produced by the German Navy in 1916 to serve for the First World War. Under the command of Captain Martin Schelle, the ship was launched on August 18, 1917.

During the production and operation, a series of strange events, the unexplainable casualties that happened on this ship made many believe that it was "haunted".

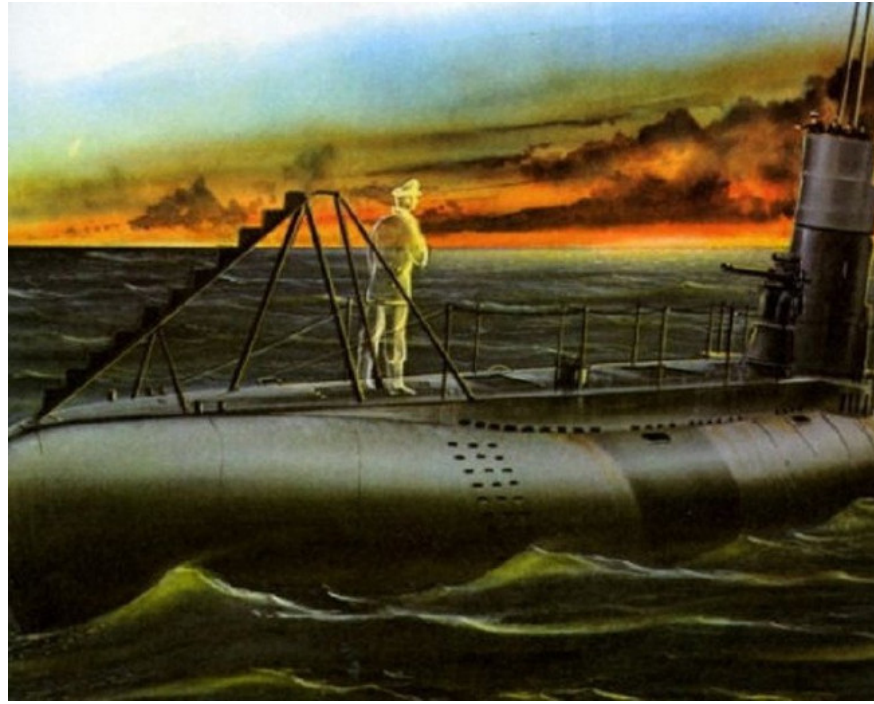


Many strange inexplicable phenomena happened on this ship.(Artwork: intertnet)

First, in the process of producing ships, a steel beam suddenly fell, causing some deaths. Just a few days before the ship was about to set sail for its first voyage, three ship engineers mysteriously died in the engineering room.

When making their first trip, UB-65 encountered a great storm that left a crew lost in the ocean. After a while, 2 crew members on the ship were also killed in a diving test.

In January 1918, UB-65 made a voyage to the Channel to find and destroy enemy ships. When the ship floated to the surface, the entire crew was surprised and frightened when they saw the shadow of the dead sailor in 1917 at the bow of the ship for a moment before merging into the fog.



The image of the sailor who died on the ship is now back.(Photo: Mysteriousuniverse.org.)

Since then, the mysterious and scary stories began to spread, many believed that the ship was "haunted". Too frightened, many sailors who used to serve on the ship would rather be disciplined by the German Navy than dare to board the ship.

In response to this situation, the German Navy decided to appoint a new captain and set out to ban sailors from the ship from repeating the "haunted" stories.

After that, no strange incident happened on board UB-65 until May 1918, images of those killed on the ship continued to "show up".



Although a lot of weird things happened on the UB-65 submarine, it still had a remarkable achievement in World War I: damaging 6 warships, sinking 6 enemy cargo ships.

## The most bizarre accident in world maritime history

On July 10, 1918, the UB-65 submarine suddenly clashed with an American submarine while on mission in the Irish coast. The captain of the American submarine after receiving reports that the heavily damaged UB-65 had decided to prepare the attack. But the American ship's torpedo had not been released yet, when the German submarine UB-65 suddenly burst into surprise at the surprise of American sailors. All 37 sailors were killed.



Artwork: [Mysteriousuniverse.org](http://Mysteriousuniverse.org).

The US confirmed that, when the explosion occurred, there were no nearby submarines, so the theory that the UB-65 was torpedoed was impossible. Many people believe that the weapons system on the UB-65 encountered a problem during the torpedo launch towards the US ship, causing the accident.

But it's all a hypothesis, the real cause of the explosion is still mysterious for nearly 100 years.

In 2004, the body of the UB-65 submarine was discovered on the ocean floor. After the test, the scientists confirmed that the weapon system incident was not the cause of the ship itself exploding in 1918. But what happened on the ship that day caused it to explode? found out.

Until now, this is still one of the biggest maritime mysteries in the history of the world.

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