

# Oberkommando der Kriegsmarine



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## ORDERS

1. You will depart from Lorient and sail west on or after 01 September 1942 and return to Lorient no later than 31 January 1943.
2. You may not attack any traffic enroute except lone merchants. Save your torpedoes for your patrol zone. Radio in the location of any enemy convoys you encounter so the 1,st or 7,th U-Boats can find and deal with them.
3. Report you departure, then maintain radio silence till you reach your patrol zone, unless the situation demands that you break silence, such as an emergency or item 2 above.
4. Operational assignment to Patrol Zones (PZ) is as follows. See the chart on the last page of these orders for specific areas.

-PZ 1 :: U-103  
-PZ 2 :: U-129  
-PZ 3 :: U-502  
-PZ 4 :: U-65  
-PZ 5 :: U-107  
-PZ 6 :: U-156  
-PZ 7 :: U-66  
-PZ 8 :: U-504  
-PZ 9 :: U-106  
-PZ 10 :: U-122  
-PZ 11 :: U-123  
-PZ 12 :: U-124

5. Confirm your assigned Patrol Zone when you report departure. You will patrol this selected Patrol Zone for at least 2 weeks. Thereafter, you are free to move between Patrol Zones. Report when you move between Patrol Zones to BdU.

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## STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

Do not attack any warships for the duration of this patrol. Avoid contact with patrols at all costs. Likewise, do not engage in any but last-resort action against enemy aircraft.

Take extreme caution if operating in shallow waters. You are recommended to avoid them entirely in daytime, in particular when surfaced. In many areas the waters are barely deep enough to submerge. If there proves to be significant traffic in such areas, you are recommended to attack it on the surface by night.

Do not enter enemy harbors. Since a great deal of traffic is expected in the areas outside of them, this is an unjustified risk. On the other hand, it may force the enemy to improve harbor defenses, which would be detrimental if we do eventually decide to commence a special operation against an enemy port.

## RE-SUPPLY AND LIMITS

Milchkuh U-463 in BD35 will support U-Boats operating in zones 1-6.  
Milchkuh U-460 in EH53 will support U-Boats operating in zones 7-12.

Report inbound to U-Tankers at 500 km. Report outbound from U-Tankers at 500 km with status. Maintain radio silence inside 500 km of a U-Tanker so as not to reveal its location to direction finding listeners.

Re-supply is limited. Be sure that you have a significant need for re-supply before requesting it - the U-Tankers are not nearly of the same capacity as our previous surface supply ships.

For the same reasons, available rearmament will be limited to a maximum of 8 torpedoes per each boat. Each U-Boat is only allowed to use a maximum of 30 torpedoes during the entire 5-month length of the patrol. You should include the number of expended and remaining torpedoes to your radio messages!

SH3 Commander automatically recognizes when you are docked at a U-Tanker or other friendly base and will automatically adjust the number of days spent in base to 1 without you needing to manually change via the SH3 Options screen. \*Note that extra days will be added if damage needs to be repaired, this is a limitation imposed by Silent Hunter III.

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You must not use any more torpedoes than you are assigned. Once you are assigned more torpedoes than this, simply do not use them.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Report in at least once every 7 days once you reach your assigned PZ. Include Fuel Remaining, torpedoes expended and torpedoes remaining in all status messages.

Use at least three (preferably four) digits of accuracy in your position reports (for example, C0531 or C05312).

## INTELLIGENCE

The enemy is using Radar to their advantage and this poses a large threat to us. The size of a surfaced IX boat makes it vulnerable since the diving time is long and if in shallow waters you can really end up in trouble. The radar equipped escorts are also getting better over time and evasion is going to become crucial for survival. To cope with this threat all boats of the Saltzwedel will be equipped with a new radar detection device called FuMB-1 or "Metox", affectionately referred to as the "Biscay Cross". The wooden cross can easily be manufactured onboard and the apparatus itself is small and can be easily stowed in the radio room.

The Biscay Cross



Convoys are also sighted more often and it seems they have strengthened the security immensely. This means we have to engage these large units as well putting yourself in larger danger than before. To make evasion more likely

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to success you must now have the following device installed before leaving port. It is called BOLD-1 and is ejected through a new small diameter launch tube mounted in the aft compartment. The chemicals inside the canister react with sea water producing a bubble mass of hydrogen. Hopefully this will give the ASDIC operators a false echo buying you ample time to move away.

On the offensive side we now have enough kits to equip all boats with radar. The FuMO-29 has a 10-15 degrees arc forward giving you possibility to detect surface vessels even in thick fog, something not unusual in the waters you prowl. Preliminary reports are very favorable.

Finally we have what the scientists call "Specialgerät für aktiv Schallortung" or S-Gerät. It is in practice your own ASDIC that you can use for taking precision distance measurements just before firing. This device shows much hope when attacking in bad visibility. A small dome is lowered below keel and is trained at the target by the SO. We have enough of them for all boats to be equipped with it. Remember, this is an active tool giving your position away to any listening escort. Use it wisely!

## UPGRADES

### A. Mandatory Upgrades:

New batteries have to be installed before departure if not already installed. 124 cells 44 MAL 740 (11300 Ah) will improve your submerged range.

All U-Boats will be equipped with the FuMB-1 Metox radar detection device.

All U-Boats will be equipped with the BOLD-1 decoy device.

### B. Optional Upgrades:

A sonar dampening material called "Albereich" is in stock in sufficient quantity for all.

FuMO-29 radar units are available. Contact the Hafenmeister if you want one installed on your boat.



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## TORPEDOES

We now have a small but adequate supply of the new T3 electric torpedoes with improved pistols. Each U-Boat may take any combination of available torpedoes up to a full internal load of the new T3; however, only T1 torpedoes are authorized for the external stores.

Post any questions you have here before departure.

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD HUNTING

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## CHARTS

