



U60 Kriegstagebuch

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		<p data-bbox="633 315 1307 388" style="text-align: center;"><u>Geheime Kommandosache!</u></p> <p data-bbox="885 462 1055 493" style="text-align: center;">" U 6 0 "</p> <p data-bbox="836 535 1104 567" style="text-align: center;"><u>Kriegstagebuch</u></p> <p data-bbox="836 640 1104 672" style="text-align: center;">1st War Patrol</p> <p data-bbox="535 745 1209 892">Kommandant: Obln.zS. Alfred Keitzer Angefangen : 20. Oktober 1939. Abgeschlossen: 5. November 1939.</p> <p data-bbox="535 955 958 987">Alle Zeiten: Zulu-Zeit</p> <p data-bbox="535 1008 1266 1039">Alle Positionen: Kriegsmarine Quadrant</p> <p data-bbox="820 1092 1128 1144" style="text-align: center;"><i>Alfred Keitzer</i></p> <div data-bbox="682 1228 1088 1428" style="text-align: center;"></div> <div data-bbox="982 1407 1250 1680" style="text-align: center;"></div> <p data-bbox="535 1711 1096 1858">Copies to: 2 x O.K.M. 1 x B.d.U. 1 x 1.A.d.Uboote 1 x 1.U.-Flottille</p>


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20.10.39	0800	KIEL. WEAPONS AND STORES LOADED. ALL CREW PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR. READY TO GET UNDERWAY.
	0849	DEPARTING KIEL FOR ASSIGNED PATROL ZONE.
	0925	THROUGH THE KIEL SCHLOSS AND HEADED DOWN THE KEISER WILHWLM KANAL. IWO HAS THE BRIDGE. OPEN ORDERS - ASSIGNED TO QUADRANT AN63.
21.10.39	1128	THROUGH THE BRUNSBUETTEL SCHLOSS ON ROUTE TO ASSIGNED PZ. SIGNAL TRANSMITTED TO BDU. CSE 322 SPD 6 KTS. WX:CLR UNLIMITED VIS SEA 2.
22.10.39	1200	AN6346, DEAD RECKONING. SIGNAL BDU; ON STATION ASSIGNED PATROL AREA. WX:OCST HVY FOG SEA 2.
23.10.39	1200	AN6368, DEAD RECKONING. NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY; CONTINUE PATROLING ASSIGNED AREA. WX:OCST FOG SEA 3.
24.10.39	1200	AN6355, DEAD RECKONING. NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY; CONTINUE PATROLING ASSIGNED AREA. WX:OCST FOG SEA 2.
25.10.39	1200	AN6349. SIGHT NEUTRAL COASTAL VESSAL; NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY; CONTINUE PATROLING ASSIGNED AREA. WX:CLR SEA 2.
26.10.39	1200	AN6371. NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY; CONTINUE PATROLING ASSIGNED AREA. WX:CLR SEA 2.
27.10.39	1200	AN6398, DEAD RECKONING. NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY; CONTINUE PATROLING ASSIGNED AREA. WX:CLR SEA 2.
28.10.39	0500	SIGNAL FROM BDU. B-DIENST REPORTS ENEMY CONVOY OFF NORWIEGEN COAST CSE 230 SPD 6 KTS. U-60 ORDERED TO AN23 TO SEARCH AND ATTEMPT CONTACT. SET CSE 340 SPD 6 KTS.
29.10.39	0700	AN3177. POCEEDING TO NEWLY ASSIGNED QUADRANT TO SEARCH FOR CONVOY. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY. CSE 340 SPD 6 KTS. WX:PRTL CLDS SEA 4.

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30.10.39	1030	AN2388. SIGNAL BDU HAVE ARRIVED ASSIGNED AREA AND COMMENCING SEARCH. WX:PRTL CLDS SEA 2.
31.10.39	0905	<p>AN2371, HYDROPHONE CONTACT LARGE CONVOY! CLOSE TO INTERCEPT. CONVOY SITS IN A FOG BANK UNDER A LARGE CLOUD COVER REACHING TO 10.000 METERS. NOT THE BEST SITUATION; WE ARE DOWN-SUN WHICH WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR THEM TO SEE US THAN US TO SEE THEM. CONVOY IS HEADING 230 AT 6 KTS.</p> <p>WE APPROACH BETWEEN TWO ESCORTS ON THE RIGHT SIDE. WE SWITCH TO BATTERIES AND PREPARE TO DIVE. JUST THEN THE ESCORT TO OUR RIGHT SIGHTS US AND OPENS FIRE. WE DECIDE TO ENGAGE THREE TARGETS ANYWAY NOT THINKING THE CONVOY WILL PROBABLY TURN AWAY; BAD DECISION ON MY PART. FIRE ONE TORPEDO EACH AT A HEAVY TANKER 23, HEAVY TANKER 16, AND LIGHT MERCHANT 8 AND THEN IMMEDIATELY DIVE.</p> <p>PASSING 50 METERS, AN ESCORT DROPS FOUR WASSERBOMBEN; ONE SHAKES THE BOAT, BUT WE SUSTAIN NO DAMAGE. WE TURN 180 AWAY FROM THE CONVOY AS WE CONTINUE TO 140 METERS. THE ESCORT LOSES US.</p> <p>⊗ EEL 1: T2 2,5M CT FZ AT 4000M HT-23 MISS ⊗ EEL 2: T2 2,5M CT FZ AT 4000M HT-16 MISS ⊗ EEL 3: T2 2,5M CT FZ AT 4000M LM-8 MISS</p>
	1053	WE SURFACE AND CONTINUE TO TRACK THE CONVOY. DECIDE WE WILL SHADOW HER AT A SAFE DISTANCE UNTIL NIGHTFALL AND ATTACK AGAIN.
	1130	SEND STATUS SIGNAL TO BDU. OUR LAST THREE TORPEDOES LOADED, WE DECIDE TO SWITCH TO THE LEFT SIDE AND ENGAGE FROM THE FRONT.
	1432	AN2761. NIGHTFALL COMES EARLY. NOW RUNNING TO GET AHEAD OF THE CONVOY AND TURN IN AHEAD OF THE THREE LEAD ESCORTS. THE LEFTMOST LEAD ESCORT COMES WITHIN 1200 METERS OF US SUBMERGED, BUT DOES NOT KNOW WE ARE THERE. WE WILL BE ENTERING THE CONVOY BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND LEFTMOST COLUMNS.

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		<p>WE SET OUR SIGHTS ON TWO TARGETS; A HEAVY TANKER 11 AT 2500 METERS AND HEAVY TANKER 26 AT 1500 METERS. WE FIRE ONE EEL AT EACH. THE HT-11 TAKES A DIRECT HIT AMIDSHIPS WHILE THE HT-26 EEL IS A DUD. WE FIRE OUR LAST EEL AGAIN AT THE HT-26 AND BEGIN A SLOW DIVE TO 120 METERS. OUR LAST EEL IS ALSO A DUD.</p> <p>⊗ EEL 4: T2 2M CT FZ AT 2500M HT-11 HIT ⊗ EEL 5: T2 2M CT FZ AT 1500M HT-26 DUD ⊗ EEL 6: T2 2M CT FZ AT 2000M HT-26 DUD</p>
	1558	WE SLIP OUT THE BACK OF THE CONVOY WITHOUT BEING DETECTED AND SURFACE THE BOAT.
	1630	SEND STATUS SIGNAL TO BDU REQUESTING ORDERS.
	1800	BDU SIGNAL RECEIVED - RETURN TO BASE. SET CSE 150 SPD 6 KTS
01.11.39	1800	AN3441. NO ACTIVITY. WX:CLR UNLIMITED SEA 2.
02.11.39	1800	AN6368. NO ACTIVITY. WX:CLR UNLIMITED SEA 1.
03.11.39	1232	AN9565. WEST OF HELGOLAND. TRANSMIT SIGNAL TO BDU REQUEST FOR ESCORT. TURNING TO CSE 114 SPD 6 KTS INBOUND BRUNSBUETTEL SCHLOSS.
04.11.39	2006	ENTERING THE BRUNSBUETTEL SCHLOSS. TRANSMIT SIGNAL TO BDU. ANTICIPATE DOCKSIDE IN 27 HRS.
05.11.39	2158	EXIT KIEL SCHLOSS INBOUND.
	2250	<p>MOORED DOCKSIDE AT KIEL AFTER 16 DAYS AT SEA.</p> <p>SANK 1 ENEMY TANKER FOR 13.957 GRT. TORPEDOES: 1 HIT; 2 DUDS; 3 MISSES</p>
		 <p><i>Alfred Keitzer</i> Oberleutnant zur See U60 Kommandant</p>