



U60 Kriegstagebuch

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		<p data-bbox="633 315 1315 388" style="text-align: center;"><u>Geheime Kommandosache!</u></p> <p data-bbox="876 451 1063 493" style="text-align: center;">" U 6 0 "</p> <p data-bbox="828 525 1112 567" style="text-align: center;"><u>Kriegstagebuch</u></p> <p data-bbox="828 630 1112 672" style="text-align: center;">1st War Patrol</p> <p data-bbox="535 735 1218 892">Kommandant: Oblt.zS. Alfred Keitzer Angefangen : 7. Oktober 1939. Abgeschlossen: 16. Oktober 1939.</p> <p data-bbox="535 955 966 997">Alle Zeiten: Zulu-Zeit</p> <p data-bbox="535 1008 1274 1050">Alle Positionen: Kriegsmarine Quadrant</p> <p data-bbox="812 1081 1136 1155" 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 1396 1250 1680" style="text-align: center;"></div> <p data-bbox="535 1701 1104 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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7.10.39	2100	KIEL. WEAPONS AND STORES LOADED. ALL CREW PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR. READY TO GET UNDERWAY.
	2149	DEPARTING KIEL FOR ASSIGNED PATROL ZONE.
	2225	THROUGH THE KIEL SCHLOSS AND HEADED DOWN THE KEISER WILHWLM KANAL. IWO HAS THE BRIDGE. OPEN ORDERS - ASSIGNED TO QUADRANT AN47.
8.10.39	1228	THROUGH THE BRUNSBUETTEL SCHLOSS ON ROUTE TO ASSIGNED PZ. SIGNAL TRANSMITTED TO BDU. CSE 327 SPD 6 KTS. WX:CLR EXCELLENT VIS SEA 2.
9.10.39	1200	AN6355. TRANSMIT POSREP SIGNAL TO BDU. CSE 295 SPD 6 KTS. WX:CLR LT FOG SEA 2.
10.10.39	1200	AN4861. TRANSMIT POSREP SIGNAL TO BDU. CSE 278 SPD 6 KTS. WX:PRTL CLDS LT FOG SEA 3.
	1402	AN4858. SIGHTED FAST-MOVING AMERIKAN LINER SAILING WEST AT 10 KTS. NO TARGET.
	1836	AN4766. ENTERING ASSIGNED PATROL ZONE AND BEGINNING SEARH PATTERN. P94 F94 T6
11.10.39	0600	SIGNAL FROM BDU WITH BDINST REPORT: CONVOY AN2765, CSE 243, SPD 6 KTS. AUTHORIZED TO INTERCEPT AND ENGAGE.
	0630	SET CSE 064 SPD 10 KTS TO INTERCEPT CONVOY.
12.10.39	0207	AN4242. CONTACT! CONVOY SIGHTED IN LIGHT FOG.
	0240	AT LEAST SEVEN MERCHANTS AND FOUR ESCORTS IN CONVOY HDG 120 SPD 4.7 KTS.
	0254	TURN 200 TO CLOSE AND ENGAGE; DIVE TO PERISCOPE DEPTH WITHIN 3500M OF FLOWER DESTROYER. TRIBAL REMAINS AT BACK OF CONVOY.
	0318	ALL STOP; FINAL TARGET SELECTION ABD CALCULATIONS BEFORE WE ENGAGE.
	0320	FIRE TWO TII EELS AT TANKER TYPE 7 AT 3800M. FIRE ONE TII EEL AT TANKER TYPE 16 AT 3800M.

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	0323	TWO PREDETS HEARD! CONVOY IS TURNING SOUTH. REVERSE SLOW AND WE BREACH THE SURFACE; ALL HANDS SCRAMBLE TO GET THE BOAT BACK UNDER. ESCORTS SEARCHING BUT NO THREAT YET; DO NOT SEE US.
	0325	RUN PLUS ONE MINUTE ON THIRD TORPEDO WITH NO RESULT; ANOTHER DUD.
	0340	HDG 130 AT 3 KTS.
	0408	ESCORTS HAVE GIVEN UP THE SEARCH AND RETURNING TO CONVOY. SURFACE TO RECHARGE BATTERIES AND AIR. CSE 149 TO CHASE DOWN CONVOY.
	0418	SET CSE 151 TO CLOSE ON CONVOY. MUST BE CAREFUL AS ESCORTS WILL BE ON ALERT. TRIBAL HANGS AT REAR OF CONVOY. FLOWER MANEUVERS BETWEEN FRONT AND MIDDLE OF CONVOY; WILL MAKE FOR A TIGHT SQUEEZE TO GET BETWEEN THEM. MAY FORCE US TO ENGAGE AT MAXIMUM RANGE.
	0423	TURN 190 TO CLOSE AND ENGAGE; DIVE TO PERISCOPE DEPTH WITHIN 3800M OF FLOWER DESTROYER, WHICH IS NOW MANEUVERING TOWARD LEFT CENTER OF CONVOY.
	0432	CONVOY STILL HDG 120 AT 4.7 KTS.
	0441	ALL STOP. FIRE TWO TII EELS AT TANKER TYPE 16 AT 4000M.
	0442	FIRE ONE TII EEL AT TANKER TYPE 56 AT 4000M. BACKING AWAY FROM CONVOY AT SLOW.
	0447	RUN PLUS ONE MINUTE. ALL TORPEDOES ARE EITHER A MISS OR A DUD. HEAVY DISAPPOINTMENT THROUGHOUT THE BOAT. HEADING AWAY FROM CONVOY AT HALF SPD.
	0456	SURFACE AT FULL SPD ON CSE 030.
	0512	WILL TURN TO CSE 090 SHORTLY AND PREPARE MESSAGE TO BDU.
	0610	TRANSMIT ENGAGEMENT STATUS SIGNAL TO BDU.

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	1200	AN4263. SIGNAL FROM BDU - RETURN TO BASE. SETTING CSE 137 SPD 6.
13.10.39	1200	AN3472, DEAD RECKONING. TRANSMIT POSREP SIGNAL TO BDU. CSE 137 SPD 6 KTS. WX:OCST HVY FOG SEA 4.
14.10.39	1200	AN9177. TRANSMIT POSREP SIGNAL TO BDU. CSE 150 SPD 6 KTS INBOUND.
	2335	AN9565. WEST OF HELGOLAND. TRANSMIT SIGNAL TO BDU REQUEST FOR ESCORT. TURNING TO CSE 114 SPD 6 KTS INBOUND BRUNSBUETTEL SCHLOSS.
15.10.39	1230	ENTERING THE BRUNSBUETTEL SCHLOSS. TRANSMIT SIGNAL TO BDU. P86 F85 TO
16.10.39	1430	EXIT KIEL SCHLOSS. MOORED LARGE OCEAN LINER BLOCKING HALF THE SCHLOSS EXIT IS A HAZARD TO NAVIGATION. WILL REPORT TO HAFENMEISTER ONCE DOCKSIDE.
	1452	PASS ALONGSIDE KM GRAF ZEPPELIN ANCHORED IN KIEL HARBOR - SO MASSIVE COMPARED TO OUR TYPE II U-BOAT.
	1515	MOORED DOCKSIDE AT KIEL AFTER 9 DAYS AT SEA.
		NO ENEMY SHIPS SUNK. 2 PREDET; 4 MISS/DUD TORPEDOES
		 <p><i>Alfred Keitzer</i> Oberleutnant zur See U60 Kommandant</p>

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