

U-BOATS IN THE BAHAMAS AND BERMUDA TRIANGLE

Naval, Merchant, Aviation, and Civilian Vessel Movements in the Region During The Second World War, 1939 to 1945

A CHRONOLOGY

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It is the author's intent to provide the following:

Narrative of events

Summary of all (or as much as possible) of the following which occurred "north of the Greater Antilles, East of Florida and Georgia, and South of Bermuda", or in the area bounded by lines between Havana, Cuba and Key West Florida, Savannah Georgia and Bermuda, and Saint Martin, Dutch West Indies, and St. Martin to Havana (including the Windward, Anegada, and Mona Passages, the Straits of Florida, the Old Bahama Channell, all channels leading through the Bahamas, and the Saint Nicholas and Santarem Channels.

British assets, both Royal Navy (RN) and Royal Air Force (RAF)

United States assets, including US Navy vessels, aircraft, and naval blimps

Bahamian vessel and aircraft traffic, including sailing and motor merchant ships, mail boats, passenger ships, yachts, etc.

Activities of various military air bases, Naval Air Stations (NAS), and naval bases throughout Bahamas, Antilles, US, etc.

Convoys: as many escort vessels and merchants ships (of many nationalities) as passed through the region during the war

Axis (mostly German and Italian) and neutral merchant and quasi-military vessels transiting the area (mostly during 1939)

The crew of all merchant ships, particularly those struck by German and Italian submarines, and their fates as survivors

Activities of rescue vessels, aircraft, and personnel ashore - many of them volunteers - in tending to and repatriating victims

All Axis (German and Italian) submarine and surface warfare activities in the region, whether they involved actual attacks or not

The hope is to tie together research of both Allied and Axis and neutral parties into one time-line to a degree never done before, to enable solution to several unsolved questions, such as

Where did U-84 actually sink, and was it in the region? Plus the locations of U-176 and others. Whether any U-Boats were lost actually "in" the Bahamas or not.

How and by whom were the following sampling of Allied vessels sunk or lost: LIBERTAD, SANDE, CHERRY BLOSSOM,

STANGARTH, OREGON, a US Submarine, etc.

Did anyone in Allied territories provide material support - whether by signals and intelligence from shore, supply of fuel, food,

medicine, etc. to Axis submarines during the war?

Did Axis submarines plan or expect to receive support from any parties on shore or afloat in the region on a voluntary basis during the conflict?

Finally the author will attempt to list all personnel sunk, stranded, cast adrift, killed, survived and repatriated through the region during the war. A special narrative will focus on the human stories of over 400 landed in the Bahamas or Turks & Caicos; the stories of locals who assisted and guided them and

An analysis, with hands-on research and photographs, of where and how victims were buried on the islands (for example 3 dead from

ATHELQUEEN and 1 from O. A. KNUDSEN in Abaco).

A sub-plot includes diplomatic intrigue and international overtures with regards to the HRH Duke of Windsor (former King Edward VII) and his wife Wallis Simpson, responsible for survivors in Nassau.

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