SEA WARFARE 1939-1945

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Introduction

Early in World War II, Germany's vast navy, bolstered by the deadly U-boat 'wolf-packs', was strangling vital shipping lanes between Britain and her allies. In those blackest days the tragic losses in men and ships was tremendously crippling to the British war effort. A proud nation, with a powerful navy that once ruled the waves, was seemingly being brought to her knees. But courageous determination and well-proven traditional naval skills enabled Britain and the Allies gradually to wrest the initiative from the enemy and eventually to overwhelm German naval power. The incredible struggle for supremacy in European seaways, graphically described here in **Sea Warfare 1939–45**, crucially affected the outcome of the war.

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