

General research questions and actions

Plotting of all (allied) submarines movements in the North Sea during June 1940

1. Extensively mapping of sonar and Magnetic Anomaly Detection (MAD) in the minefields 16A and 16B (t.b.v. door zand bedekte wrakken)
2. Research on operation order O13 (dossier 207G-1940)
3. Further Research on documentation in the public Record Office in Kew and the National Archives (both UK) and other available (inter)national archives
4. Research on navigational accuracy and recorded positions around 1940
5. Further research on fishery maps
6. Further research on offshore survey maps
7.

Specific research questions

1. The original operation order of O13 concerning her second and final patrol in June 1940
2. 'Kriegstagebuchen' of the following German units; Fridrich Inn, Falke and Jaguar in June 1940;
3. 'War narratives' of the following submarines; HMS Severn, HMS Sunfish, HMS Truant, HMS Salmon, HMS Tribune, HMS Triad, HMS Porpoise, HMS Sturgeon, e.a.
Possibly these narratives can provide more information about the route of O13;
4. The original message from the German 'B-dienst' regarding the (partly corrupted) interception of a message which could at the time be attributed to O13 on June 21 1940.

The message was as follows: **O 13 war am 21.6 1700 Uhr auf der Fahrt ins Operationsgebiet. O 21, O 22 liefen in Begleitung vom ehemal. holl. Zerstörer Z 5 am 20.6 1700 Uhr aus Belfast nach Rosyth aus, wo sie am 21.6. 1230 Uhr erwartet wurden.**

Source: Original "B-berichte 1940 Band 1 & 2 (April 6 - June 30 1940) at that time present at the NARA (Washington) and/or on microfilm in Freiburg (GER)

The German 'B-dienst' intercepted in an earlier stage a message from O13 on June 4 (11:51 AM) with the following content: *Das Holl. U-Boot O 13 meldete 1151 Uhr, das es wegen Kompassstörung und Nebel die Verbindung mit.....verloren habe.....*

The O13 was at that time underway from Portland to Dundee, under escort of HMS White Bear. The message was not received by the British, but by the German B-dienst. In general the content of the message was in fact what happened with O13.

We are also searching for the original of this last message.