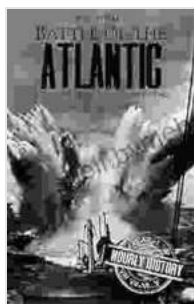


# Battle of the Atlantic: The Longest and Bloodiest Campaign of World War II

The Battle of the Atlantic was the longest and bloodiest campaign of World War II, lasting from September 1939 to May 1945. It was a naval campaign fought between the Allies and the Axis powers over control of the Atlantic Ocean. The Allies, led by the United Kingdom, the United States, and Canada, sought to protect their shipping lanes from German U-boats and surface raiders, while the Axis powers, led by Germany, sought to disrupt Allied shipping and starve Britain into submission.



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to control the Atlantic Ocean and use it to launch a full-scale invasion of the United Kingdom.

The Battle of the Atlantic began on September 3, 1939, when the German U-boat U-30 sank the British passenger liner SS Athenia. The Athenia was the first ship to be sunk in the Battle of the Atlantic, and its sinking caused a major panic in Britain. In the months that followed, German U-boats and surface raiders sank dozens more Allied ships, causing widespread disruption to Allied shipping.

In response to the German attacks, the Allies began to develop new anti-submarine warfare (ASW) techniques. These techniques included the use of sonar, radar, and depth charges. The Allies also developed new tactics for escorting convoys of ships, and they began to build more ASW ships.

As the war progressed, the Allies gradually gained the upper hand in the Battle of the Atlantic. The Allies developed new technologies and tactics to combat the German U-boats, and they began to build more ASW ships. The Allies also received help from the United States, which entered the war in December 1941.

By the end of the war, the Allies had won the Battle of the Atlantic. The Allies had sunk over 700 German U-boats and destroyed hundreds of Axis surface raiders. The Allies had also developed new ASW techniques and tactics that would be used in future naval wars.

The Battle of the Atlantic was a long and bloody campaign, but it was ultimately a victory for the Allies. The Allies' victory in the Battle of the Atlantic helped to ensure the survival of Britain and the eventual defeat of the Axis powers.

## The Impact of the Battle of the Atlantic on the Course of World War II

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The Allies' victory in the Battle of the Atlantic was a major turning point in the war. It gave the Allies the confidence to launch their own offensives against the Axis powers, and it helped to ensure the eventual defeat of the Axis powers.

The Battle of the Atlantic is often overlooked when discussing World War II, but it was one of the most important battles of the war. The Allies' victory in the Battle of the Atlantic was a major factor in the Allied victory in World War II.



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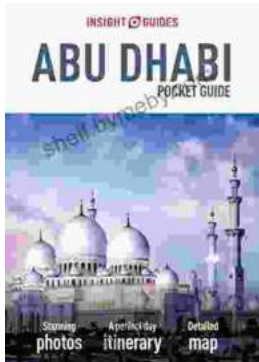
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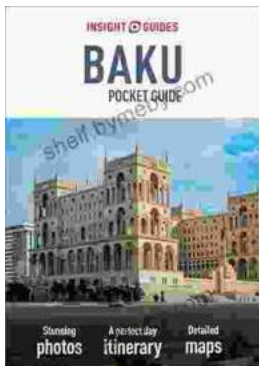
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