

Sexpionage

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- World War I: The Birth of the Modern Sex Spy
 - “All were equally careless in their intercourse with women and at the height of their passion would whisper into the ear of their companion-in-lust, secrets that were never meant to be thus used. The army did much more to prevent soldiers from becoming infected with venereal disease than to protect them against the grave evil of espionage” — Magnus Hirschfield, *Sexual History of the World War* (1930)
- The Civil War
 - Rose Greenhow’s southern hospitality to Union soldiers was used to obtain information for Confederate generals
- Mata Hari
 - Dutch exotic dancer, came from humble beginnings
 - Became a fantasy figure
 - Suspected of being the German spy H21
 - Still, Georges Ladoux, who was head of espionage in the French Intelligence agency, enlists her to spy for France
 - Hari is promised millions for key information about the Germans
 - Hari’s mission sent her to Holland to gain information from a past military lover setting sail from Madrid; her boat was boarded by the British, who took her into custody, as they believed she was a German agent by the name of Clara Benedix
 - Hari improvises the mission and befriends a Military Major by the name of Kalle
 - Hari got key information from this new lover
 1. Where the German aviators were dropping their spies behind enemy lines
 2. The Germans knew that the French had broken their radio code and were regularly spreading disinformation

- Hari was incriminated by the Germans, when a message from Madrid to Berlin was intercepted, in which Kalle states that agent H21 was to receive payment at Hari's servant's address
- Evidence is questionable because Germans know their code was broken, could be disinformation
- Still, Hari is arrested and imprisoned