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The Battle of the Atlantic (BBC)

The success of pack tactics against these convoys encouraged Admiral Dönitz to adopt the as his primary tactic. Early in the war, fighter aircraft such as the 'Hurricane' could be carried to the mid-Atlantic, and catapulted from the decks of specially adapted ships known as Catapult Aircraft Merchant ships, or CAMs , although these were 'one-shot weapons', the planes having to ditch in the sea afterwards.

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However the system also used up tremendous amounts of fuel, and any boat based on the design would either have to be absolutely huge, or have terribly limited range. The intention was to pass over the submarine, rolling depth charges from chutes at the stern at even intervals, while throwers fired further charges some 40 yd 37 m to either side. The situation changed constantly, with one side or the other gaining advantage, as participating countries surrendered, joined and even changed sides in the war, and as new weapons, tactics, counter-measures and equipment were developed by both sides.

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Britain, France, Italy, and the League of Nations condemned these violations of the Treaty, but did nothing to stop it.

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Germany returned to the offensive in the North Atlantic in September 1943 with initial success, with an attack on convoys. Though these were British inventions, the critical technologies were provided freely to the US, which then renamed and manufactured them. However, it also caused problems for the Germans, as it sometimes detected stray radar emissions from distant ships or planes, causing U-boats to submerge when they were not in actual danger, preventing them from recharging batteries or using their surfaced speed.

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After his withdrawal, Hitler insisted on keeping troops on the Baltic coastline, even after they had been cut off by advancing Soviet troops, in order to maintain possession of a testing ground for new types of U-boats.

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And it enters the war rooms of the German, British, and American navies, where code-breakers and strategists angled for any advantage in a race that spelled doom to its loser.

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Aircraft ranges were also improving all the time, but the Atlantic was far too large to be covered completely at the time. After he was deemed unfit for service, he returned to Munich. According to Kershaw, the corpses of Braun and Hitler were fully burned when the Red Army found them in 1945, and only a lower jaw with dental work could be identified as Hitler's remains.

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