

## ALBUM U-BOATS IN AMERICAN PUBLIC CONSCIOUSNESS IN WWI

### Album Description

This lesson is about the role u-boats played in shaping American public opinion during WWI. Or, rather, it's about how seriously American newspapers portrayed the threat posed by u-boats off the coast.

The newspaper headlines and stories form the core set of documents for this lesson; the images of the captured u-boat in New York are included to show students how small and fragile these early submarines were. Like the newspaper albums created earlier in the week, I think these newspapers are best used to show popular opinions. They also show how close the war was to America--not over there across the sea, but right off Nantucket.

The LOC's primary source analysis tool would be a good starting point for the submarine images and also for the newspapers--there more than just u-boats there. Students could usefully reflect on what else made the news in 1916 or other date. They could explore change over time--in Americans' perspective on the Germans and u-boats and much else. Discussion might then move on to the questions below.

Questions to explore include:

1. How do different newspapers, from the same date, cover the same or similar news?
2. How are the newspapers' accounts similar/different before American involvement in WWI compared to accounts published after the American declaration of war?
3. Are these newspaper trustworthy sources for their readers? For you the historian? Why or why not?
4. Do you discern any ulterior motive or editorial viewpoint in the newspapers' stories?
5. Why would or why wouldn't American have been drawn to read these newspaper stories?
6. Do the newspaper accounts line up with the images of u-boats at the end of the album?
7. How do these primary sources fit into the narrative of VUS 9b?

This album was inspired by my son, John, who is seven and really interested in submarines this week. 9 - 12 Social Studies/History

## NEW-YORK TRIBUNE (NEW YORK [N.Y.]), OCTOBER 9, 1916



## Teaching Notes:

October 9, 1916.

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Subject Headings: - New York (N.Y.)--Newspapers

- New York County (N.Y.)--Newspapers

- New York (State)--New York

- New York (State)--New York County

- United States--New York--New York--New York

Genre: Newspapers

Notes: - Daily, Dec. 7, 1879-1924

- Vol. 26, no. 7,802 (Apr. 10, 1866)-v. 83, no. 28,247 (Mar. 18, 1924).

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# THE WASHINGTON TIMES (WASHINGTON [D.C.]), OCTOBER 9, 1916, (HOME EDITION)



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- Washington (D.C.)

- United States--District of Columbia--Washington

Genre: Newspapers

Notes: - Daily (except Sunday), -Nov. 18, 1922; Apr. 16, 1923-Jan. 31, 1939

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## NEW-YORK TRIBUNE (NEW YORK [N.Y.], JUNE 4, 1918



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June 4, 1918.

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IS OF GRATITUDE

# New York Tribune

First to East—the Truth News Editorial Advertisements

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1918

WEATHER  
NEW YORK, JUNE 5, 1918  
TEMPERATURE  
HIGHS 70-75  
LOWS 55-60  
WINDS S.W. 10-15  
SEA B. S. 1-2

## Warship Routes U-Boat off Maryland; Americans Hurl Foe Across Marne

### Germans Gain Near Soissons At Cost of Enormous Losses

Crown Prince Strag-  
gles Line Almost Cha-  
otically Thru by Ad-  
vance of Mills

Supreme War Council Confident  
Of Final Victory for Allies

### Our Men Keep Repeated Blows

Better Treatment in Neu-  
sily World; Enemy  
Claims Capture  
of U. S. Tank

The German offensive against our army in the Marne region has been a series of repeated blows, each more severe than the last. The enemy's advance has been rapid and unexpected, and our troops have been forced to fight a series of desperate battles. The result has been a series of defeats for our army, and the enemy has gained a series of important positions. The situation is now very serious, and our troops are in a desperate struggle to hold their ground.

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### Crowder's Message to Men of '21

THE MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE MEN OF '21, AS DELIVERED BY THE PRESIDENT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, WAS ONE OF THE MOST INSPIRING AND UPLIFTING OF THE YEAR. IT WAS A MESSAGE OF COURAGE AND DETERMINATION, AND IT WAS A MESSAGE OF FAITH AND HOPE. IT WAS A MESSAGE THAT INSPIRED THE HEARTS OF ALL WHO HEARD IT, AND IT WAS A MESSAGE THAT WILL LIVE IN THE MINDS OF ALL WHO READ IT.

### Another Schooner Is Sunk; 16 Die in Carolina Lifeboat; City Darkened Against Raiders

Pacific Commissioner's  
Bus on Excess Light  
Observed in Town  
and at Resorts

2 Lifeboats at Least  
Reached Wilmington  
After Being Sunk

U. S. Destroyer Sinks  
French Vessel When  
It Is Attacked by  
Submarine

Signs Turned Off  
Along White Way

Steamer's Launch  
Captives in Storm

Girl, Using Rodine as  
Pretext, Remained  
After Hours in  
the Water

### C.W. Fairbanks U. S. Control Vice-President Of Wires Now 1905-09, Dead Seems Near

Representative Lums  
Shows Bill for Federal  
Operation of All Lines

### Storm Tosses Survivors of The Carolina

Two Boats Struggle  
High Seas at Night;  
16 Lives Lost

U. S. Destroyer Sinks  
French Vessel When  
It Is Attacked by  
Submarine

Girl, Using Rodine as  
Pretext, Remained  
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### Foch's Big Reserve Army Massed, Ready to Strike

By Wilbur Force  
The French army, under the command of General Foch, is now massed in a position to strike the German army. The French army is now in a position to strike the German army, and the German army is now in a position to strike the French army. The situation is now very serious, and our troops are in a desperate struggle to hold their ground.

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### Americans Plunge Into Thick of Fight Near Reilly Wood

The American army, under the command of General Pershing, is now in a position to strike the German army. The American army is now in a position to strike the German army, and the German army is now in a position to strike the American army. The situation is now very serious, and our troops are in a desperate struggle to hold their ground.

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### Shells Follow Simulations

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### Greater Struggle Expected on Foch's Reserves Come Up

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### Coiled in the Flag—Hears-a-t

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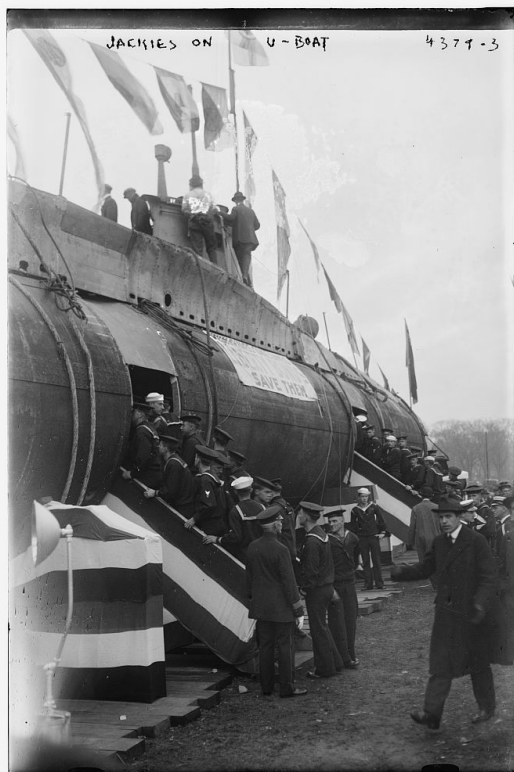
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## JACKIES ON U-BOAT



**Reference Link:** <http://www.loc.gov/item/2014705739/>

**Summary:** Photograph shows the SM UC-5, a German Type UC I minelayer submarine (U-boat) which was captured by the Allies, brought to New York City and renamed U-Buy-a-Bond. The submarine took part in the Liberty Loan Parade in New York City on October 25, 1917. (Source: Flickr Commons project, 2015)  
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## GERMAN U-BOAT



**Reference Link:** <http://www.loc.gov/item/2014705738/>

**Summary:** Photograph shows the SM UC-5, a German Type UC I minelayer submarine (U-boat) which was captured by the Allies, brought to New York City and renamed U-Buy-a-Bond. The submarine, shown in Central Park, took part in the Liberty Loan Parade in New York City on October 25, 1917. (Source: Flickr Commons project, 2015)

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Such rich questions to pose! I really like your questions number 2 and 4.

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Maybe you could add some maps if you find some.