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U-Boats in Derry

We hope you have enjoyed the comic about the surrender of the U Boats in Derry ~ Londonderry. Here are some activities to help you find out more about this important event during the Second World War.

- 1) When did the United States start to set up their base in Derry? Why is this important and why did they choose Derry as a base?
- 2) The comic tells us that the protection of the Atlantic shipping convoys was important. Can you find out why?
- 3) Which type of vessel do you think the German U-Boats tried to target? What were their aims?
- 4) The comic refers to Britain's war time Allies. Did any of their Allies use Derry as a port during the war?
- 5) The comic refers to Operation Deadlight. Find out more about this?
- 6) Describe what happened at Lisahally on 14th May 1945? Who accepted the surrender of the U boats?
- 7) How important was the Battle of the Atlantic to winning the War? What was Derry's role in this particular battle?
- 8) Make a list of other ways the Second World War had an impact on the city. Was Derry affected by rationing or bombing?
- 9) Imagine you are a US soldier on duty in Derry during the war. Write a letter back to your family telling them about your time in the city.
- 10) Is Derry's maritime heritage visible today? Find out more about the role of Ebrington during the war.