

“OPERATION URSULA The adventure of the C-3. Submarine warfare in 1936”

Feature documentary film.
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Synopsis:

For decades, a sunken submarine has been jealously keeping all its secrets under the bay of Malaga (Spain). Only at the late 90s Antonio Checa, a local lawyer, discovered some oily bubbles coming from the bottom of the sea and found out its source: the wreck of the C-3, a Spanish Republican submarine, was lying in the seabed near the Costa del Sol beaches since the beginning of the Spanish Civil War (1936).

In the meantime, Willard Frank, an American historian acknowledged as the main expert in naval operations of such event, had been researching in archives world-wide following the track of a mission successfully kept in total secrecy by the Kriegsmarine, the German Nazi Navy, since 1936: the Operation Ursula.

Witnesses, historians, veterans of the Spanish and German navies, support the research of Frank and Checa to reveal the truth of this submerged story: the first combat mission of Hitler's Navy, a rehearsal in Spanish waters of the u-boots that would soon become famous in World War II. And, above all of them, with their untouched memories, the relatives of those 37 crewmembers who “disappeared” on December 12th 1936 and whose story was never talked again... till now.

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