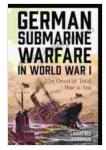
# The U-Boat War: A Comprehensive Look at German Submarine Warfare in World War II

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The Allies responded to the U-boat threat by developing new antisubmarine weapons and tactics. The Allies also began to use codebreaking to decipher German Enigma messages, which gave them a major advantage in the Battle of the Atlantic. By 1943, the Allies had gained the upper hand in the Battle of the Atlantic, and the U-boats were no longer a major threat to Allied shipping.

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### The U-boat Tactics

The U-boats used a variety of tactics to attack Allied shipping. One common tactic was the wolfpack attack. In a wolfpack attack, a group of U-boats would work together to attack a single convoy of Allied ships. The U-boats would spread out and attack the convoy from all sides, making it difficult for the Allies to defend themselves.

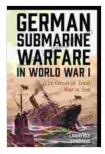
Another common tactic was the night attack. The U-boats would often attack Allied ships at night, when it was more difficult for the Allies to spot them. The U-boats would also use their Enigma machines to send coded messages, which made it difficult for the Allies to track them.

### The Impact of the U-boats

The U-boats had a major impact on the course of World War II. The Uboats sank millions of tons of supplies and equipment, and they also killed thousands of Allied seamen. The Battle of the Atlantic was a close-run thing, and the Allies were only able to win thanks to a combination of factors, including the breaking of the Enigma code and the development of new anti-submarine weapons.

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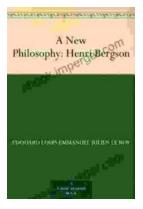
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