



Seaside News



World War Two off the Outer Banks

Few people know that a World War Two battle came close to the Outer Banks. The Germans started Operation Drumbeat by attacking ships along the East Coast. They traveled in submarines called U-boats. If they spotted a ship, they would sink it using torpedoes or mines they set in the water.

The Outer Banks people could see the fiery explosions of ships. Oil from the exploding ships covered their beautiful beaches. At night, they had to keep their windows covered so the Germans couldn't see light from their homes. Eighty six Allied vessels were sunk by the Germans. Allied means people on the side of America. Four U-boats were sunk by our Allies. Many people in the United States didn't know that the war came so close to American waters and land. The American government kept quiet about the U-boat action because they didn't want to frighten the American people. America won the war.

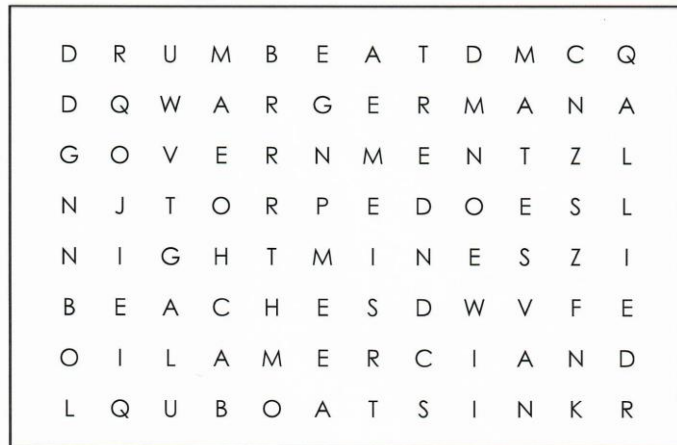
1. What was the name of the battle the Germans started?
2. What is the name of German submarines?
3. How did the Germans sink ships?
4. How many ships were sunk in total?

1. Operation Drumbeat
2. U-boats
3. Using torpedoes and mines
4. 90

Word Search

Name: _____

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

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| ALLIED | MINES | UBOATS |
| AMERICAN | NIGHT | WAR. GERMAN |
| BEACHES | OIL | |
| DRUMBEAT | SINK | |
| GOVERNMENT | TORPEDOES | |

Joke of the Month

What do snowmen do at the beach?

Chill out!