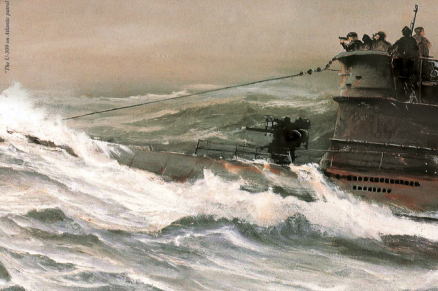


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# GERMANY'S WAR AT SEA

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# 'DAS BOOT!'

**KM001**  
Flag Signaller

**KM006**  
Seaman on Guard



**KM002**

**D**URING THE SECOND WORLD WAR, Hitler's Kriegsmarine (the German Navy) although small by Allied standards was a fierce opponent.

From the beginning of the war until 1943 its *Ubootwaffe* (submarine arm) in particular had played a major offensive role against British and American shipping. For the first few years Hitler's U boats had grabbed a tight stranglehold on Allied convoys sailing across the Atlantic, in the Mediterranean, up to Russia and even off the coast of America itself.

By 1944 and 1945 the hunters had become the hunted and Hitler and his admirals were

desperately considering all kinds of alternative offensive ideas for their naval forces... *Midget submarines were one such solution.*



**KM003**

## BRITISH INSPIRED?

Britain's Royal Navy had already developed and operated smaller submarines, the "X Craft" to attack the mighty German battleship "TIRPITZ" in a distant Norwegian fjord.

Mussolini's Navy had also

successfully used midget submarines to cripple two British battleships in Alexandria Harbour in 1941.

Now the Germans produced theirs...

**KM010 (SL)** Type 127 "SEEHUND", the K&C version of this submarine is camouflaged in a typical, late-war "Leopard-pattern" of light sea gray and mid sea green colours.

It comes complete with its own transport trolley and towing hook. *Just 750 of this special limited edition model are being produced.*

## SUBMARINE PERSONALITIES

Among the German naval figures being released at the same time as the "SEEHUND" are three very important



**KM005**



**KM004**

Many collectors like to see how utilizing just a few different K&C figures, vehicles and display items can combine to make a dramatic and colourful diorama...

Among the items used here are two of our recent pierjetties (SP029), a connecting footbridge (SP030), a German Guard Box (WS130) an Opel Blitz truck, a selection of Kriegsmarine figures and, of course, two "Sechunds".

For the recent OM Toy Soldier Show in Chicago, one of our master painters repainted this Opel Blitz (WS090) in Kriegsmarine "feldgrau"



Kriegsmarine officers...

**KM012 "Admiral Karl Donitz".**

A highly decorated and very capable commander of the German U Boat

forces he was eventually given command of the entire Kriegsmarine in 1943. During



the final days of the Third Reich Hitler named Donitz as his successor.

**KM002 "Korvettenkapitan Gunther Prien"**

Gunther Prien was one of the outstanding U boat aces of the early part of WW2. He was the first to win the coveted "Knight's Cross" for the sinking of the British battleship "HMS Royal Oak" at anchor in the Home Fleet's base at Scapa Flow in the Orkney Islands.

His U47 sank 30 Allied vessels totaling over 200,000 tons before being sunk, with all hands, in March 1941.



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Recovery Vehicle

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**KM010(SL)**  
"Seehund"

*Each Seehund comes complete with its own towing trolley.*

## **KM013** Korvettenkapitan Otto Kretschmer

From September 1939 until March 1941, U boats under the command of Otto Kretschmer sank a total of 47 ships with a gross tonnage of almost 300,000 tons. Captured in March 1941 when his boat was forced to the surface, Kretschmer spent 7 years in P.O.W. camps in Britain and Canada.

In 1955 he rejoined the re-formed German Navy (the Bundesmarine) and retired, in 1970, as a Flotilla Admiral.

## **OTHER KRIEGSMARINE FIGURES**

In addition to our three famous "personalities", K&C is introducing a collection of other German naval figures...

### **KM001 "Flag Signaller"**

... All naval signallers have to know the very basics of semaphore... signalling with flags.

**KM003 "Lookout"**... Binos trained on the horizon for any low-flying aircraft.

**KM004 "Naval Field Police"**...

the Kriegsmarine equivalent of the Wehrmacht's "Chain of Dogs"...

**KM005 "Petty Officer with Whistle"**

**KM006 "Seaman on Guard"**

**KM007 "Patrolling Guard"**

**KM008 "Radioman"**... Wearing a portable chest radio this seaman is awaiting instructions.

**KM009 "Sentry Duty"**... Unlike the other sailors this man is wearing his "parade-dress" uniform.

**KM014 "Kapitanleutnant Shouting"**... Perhaps getting ready to board his "SEEHUND" this young officer is issuing orders.

**KM015 "Submariner"**... Wearing his emergency breathing apparatus this submariner carries a wrench and tool kit.



**KM014**

## **KM016 "Kriegsmarine BMW 327"**

Sitting in his fashionable BMW Sports Car this officer is either returning to duty or, maybe, about to go on leave.

## **KM017 "Sd.Kfz. 9 FAMO Recovery Vehicle"**

These large, heavy half tracks mounted a powerful crane and were mostly used by artillery and armoured units for battlefield recovery.

A fair number, however, were also employed by the Kriegsmarine for "towing duties" of these midsize U boats and helped to launch and recover them into the harbour and onto the docksides.

**KM009**



**KM016**  
Kriegsmarine BMW 327



**W5130**  
German Guard Box

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