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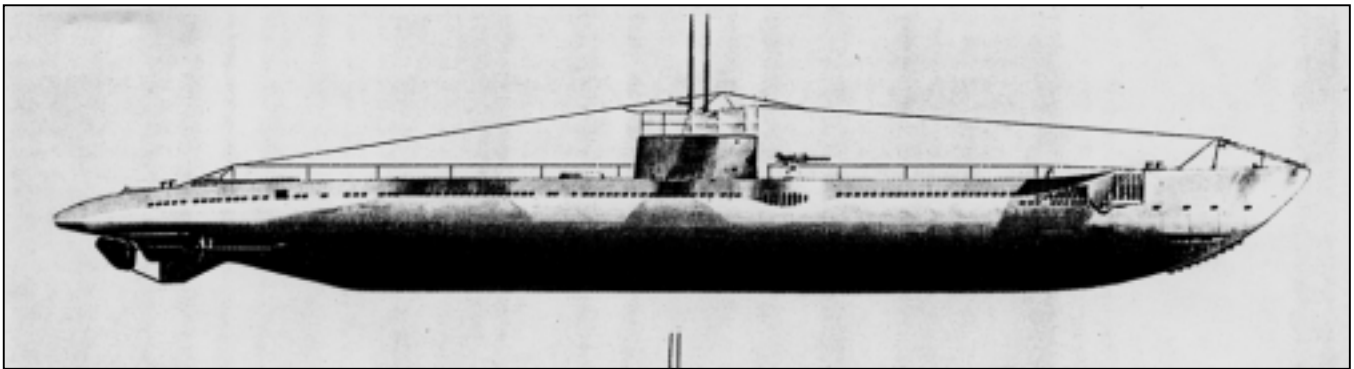
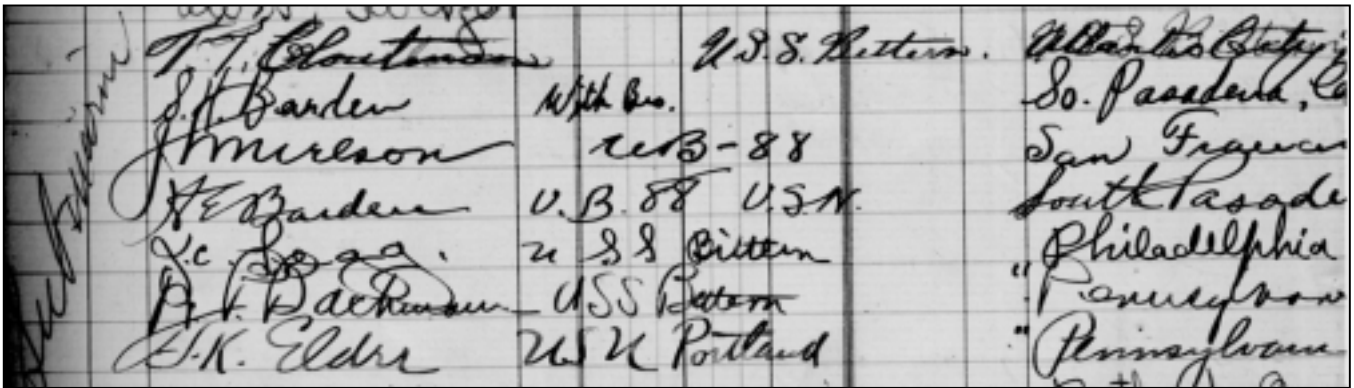
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GERMAN U-BOAT 88

H19-273

Signed Guestbook: October 2, 1919



CAPTURED U-BOAT IN PORTLAND

The UB-88 was surrendered by Kapitän-Lieutenant Von Robenau at Harwich, England on November 29, 1918. It belonged to the Flanders Flotilla operating out of Zeebrugge and Ostend, and was reported to have sunk 16 allied merchant ships. It was taken over by the US Navy on March 13, 1919 and in the company of the mine-sweeper US Bittern, was on a "recruiting" drive along the west coast of the U.S., stopping at major ports, where citizens were given the opportunity to inspect it. From Portland, it would sail to Seattle and then Mare Island, California, for a thorough inspection. After a trial dive, it would then be scrapped. By the time the UB-88 had reached Portland, it had traveled 13,000 miles from its capture point and received 330,000 visitors.

The U-Boat shown above is actually UB-80, the same size as UB-88 and possibly identical in all respects. The UB-88 was 185 feet long with (2) 500hp diesel engines. (The reported hp may understate the case.)