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### Submarine Log Book | U.S.S. "U111 | Lt Comdr- F A Daubin", U.S.N.

**Stock#:** Submarine  
**Map Maker:** Bureau of Navigation  
**Date:** 1917 (but 1919)  
**Place:** Washington, D.C.?  
**Color:** (See Description)  
**Condition:** VG-  
**Size:**  
**Price:** Not Available



#### Description:

#### ***Fascinating Logbook For a German U-Boat That Was Turned Over to the United States After World War I.***

The logbook documents U-111's journey from Plymouth, England to New York, and from there to New London, Connecticut. The logbook covers the day-to-day tasks on board the submarine.

The [Wikipedia entry for U-111](#) says of her post-World War I career:

*U-111* surrendered at Harwich, England 20 November 1918, after the Armistice. On 7 April 1919, under the command of Lieutenant Commander Freeland A. Daubin, she sailed for the United States after 12 days of preparations and testing. On her mast the United States flag flew above the Reich War Flag. She arrived first at Portland, Maine on 18 April 1919, and then in New York City, New York on 19 April 1919 where *U-111* docked at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The *U-111*, along with four other captured German submarines that were brought to the United States, were used to promote the sale of the Victory Liberty Loan. The *U-111* can be seen in a short newsreel film after her arrival on YouTube.

Originally the *U-164* was supposed to come to the United States, but it was found in such atrocious shape that the *U-111* was substituted. The other ships that were brought over to the United States were *U-117*, *U-140*, *UB-88*, *UB-148*, and *UC-97*. All sailed to America under their own power except *U-140* which was towed. These submarines were listed in U.S. Navy records as the Ex-German Submarine Expeditionary Force.

By early September of 1919 the *U-111* had completed a head-to-head comparison test against the



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American submarine USS S-3 (SS-107). it was found that, "The American boat is speedier, has a greater radius of action and is much more habitable than the German boats. Naval officers are of the opinion that the American submarine is the more seaworthy."

**German U-Boats After the First World War**

During World War I, submarines were widely seen as piratical terror weapons. The German U-boat fleet sunk around 2,600 Allied vessels during the course of the war, and it experienced colossal attrition throughout the war; of the 375 submarines that set sail from German ports in World War One, 202 were lost in action.

The Armistice required the German submarine fleet to be turned over to the British *en bloc*. After the conclusion of the treaty, all remaining U-boats were sailed to the British submarine base at Harwich. There they were studied and either scrapped or turned over to other Allied navies.

**Detailed Condition:**

Oblong small folio. Publisher's cloth binding. Several hundred unnumbered pages [complete]. Printed fields and labels with manuscript completions.