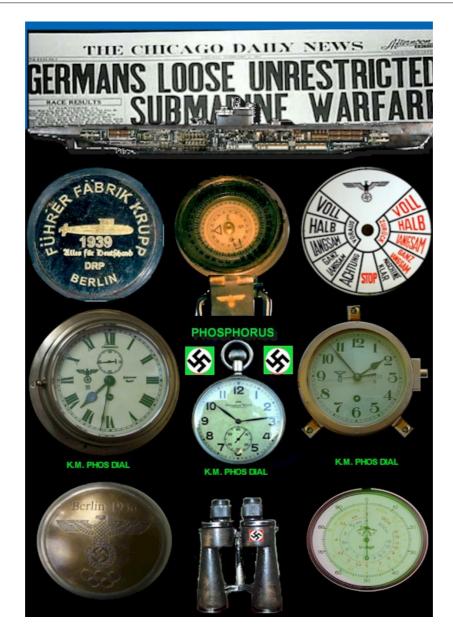


LACO K.M. U-557 PHOSPHORUS DIAL



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the top pics of wrist watches shows the radium dial on left and the phosphorous dial on right.

FACT IS, WHILE THERE WERE GERMAN WWII MILITARY WATCHES ILLUMINATED WITH RADIUM, ALL WATCHES AND TIMERS ISSUED FOR SUBMARINES WERE ILLUMINATED WITH A PHOSPHOROUS COMPOUND AND MOST HAD THE DIAL ILLUMINATED WITH BLACK NUMERALS.

RARE IS THE GERMAN WWII PHOSPHORUS DIALED WATCH AND/OR TIMER, MOST WENT DOWN WITH NEARLY ALL THE GERMAN SUBS.

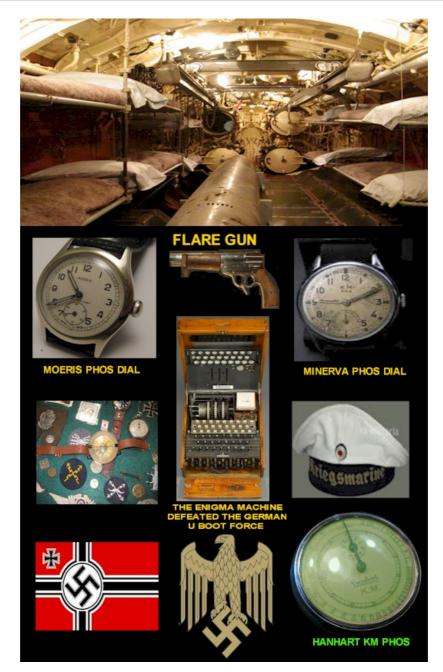
THE PHOSPHORUS COMPOUND USED BY THE GERMANS WAS 5 TIMES BETTER THAN MOST COMPOUNDS IN USE TODAY. WHILE THERE WERE WATCHES WITH RAISED PHOSPHORUS NUMBERS, THE FACT IS THE DIALS THEMSELVES WOULD BE ILLUMINATED AND OFFICERS AND SAILORS WOULD CHARGE THE PHOSPHORUS ILLUMINATED DIALS BY USING A PERMANENT FLUORESCENT CHARGING STATION

"AT MIDNIGHT GERLOFF RELIEVED ME FROM WATCH. I FELL THROUGH THE HATCH AND LOWERED MYSELF INTO THE BLACK HULL. THE CONNING TOWER WAS ILLUMINATED ONLY BY THE FEEBLE SHIMMER FROM THE PHOSPHORESCENT FACE OF THE COMPASS"

"THE SUDDEN SILENCE HURT OUR EARS. EVERYTHING SEEMED AMPLIFIED INTO POUNDING BLOWS: THE BEADS OF MOISTURE, DRIPPING ON THE DECK PLATES, THE DROPS SPLASHING IN THE BILGE, THE COUGHING OF HARD- BREATHING MEN, THE TICKING OF WATCHES...."

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