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## Globe-Times Reporter, Ensign In Navy, Sees Nazi U-Boat Surrender Off Cape May

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Ensign John Strohmeier, former Globe-Times reporter, today witnessed the formal surrender to the Fourth Naval District of a German submarine, 45 miles southeast of Cape May. Ensign Strohmeier, recently returned from Pacific convoy service, was aboard one of the vessels to which the submarine commander surrendered.

The submarine, the U-858, is a reputed destroyer of 16 Allied vessels during two and a half years of prowling the seas.

Captained by a 27-year-old officer, the U-boat was the first to give up in American coastal waters since V-E Day. She surrendered with 14 torpedoes intact. The surrender came as a relief to the skipper, who said the ship was last in port six weeks ago.

The enemy vessel, whose five officers and 52 enlisted men average 20 years of age, was escorted by blimps and planes roaring overhead and the guns of eight American naval craft trained on the submarine. It was brought into Fort Miles, Del., for internment. After the boat is stripped and turrets removed she will be taken to the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

The surrender was accepted on behalf of Rear Admiral Milo F. Braemel, commander of the Fourth Naval District, and by Commander B. P. Norfleet, U. S. N., (retired) of the Delaware group of the Eastern Sea Frontier.



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