

U-9

KRIEGSTAGBUCH
zum 1939

Oberleutnant z. See R. Phillips

DATE/TIME	POSITION/WEATHER	OCCURENCES
01/08/39	Kiel	Boat vacated pending final engine calibration and testing prior to shakedown cruise.
1200		Transfers IN, Bootsmann BLAUDOW, JORG M.Gefreiter SCHENDEL, HERBERT M.Gefreiter FALKE, GOTTFRIED M.Gefreiter CLAUSEN, MAX
1330	Minden	Telephone call - U-9 to be made ready as soon as possible to complete shakedown cruise. Engine overhaul must have been completed, surely. Informed senior officers by telephone of new orders. Crew recalled to boat: Senior Officers: Oblt. z. See WILLNAT, FRIEDRICH (LE) Obf. z. See KORTER, HELMUT (NO) Lt. z. See ZEISIG, MEINRAD (WP) Lt. z. See KOWALZICK, WILLI (LWO) Stabs. Mann PETERS, KLAUS (Machinist) Bts. Mann SPURK, ALFRED (Boatswain) Other sailors informed by telephone to report for duty immediately. Travelled via car from Minden to Kiel.
2100	Kiel	Now onboard: Oblt. z. See. PHILLIPS, RICHARD (CO) (full manifest attached)

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<i>1/8/1939 2300</i>	<i>Kiel</i>	<i>Patrol Orders: AN26 Patrol Area does not necessitate usage of the K/W Canal, therefore, will sail U-9 North and through the Skaggerak. Beginning diesel startup sequence now. Diesel engines started without incident. Course plotted north. Observed the Graf Spee at dock, quite a specimen, exchanged messages via light to the Vorpoostenboot escorting us out.</i>