

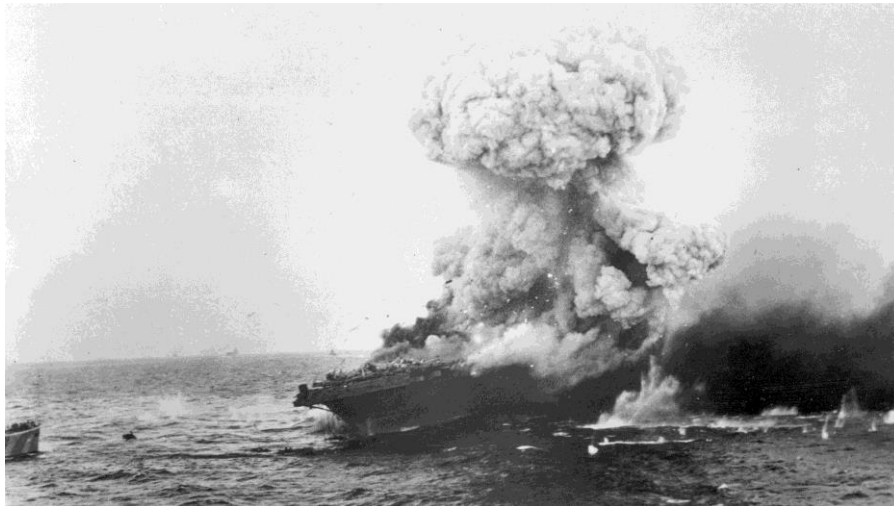
Information Data Sheet

Category Naval Battles

Description In addition to bombs jettisoned in the sea by Luftwaffe and Italian aircraft, or from battle-damaged Allied aircraft returning from the European theatre of war, naval battles and conflict zones surrounding convoys were frequently a source of localised shelling and bombing in the offshore environment around the UK.

More than 1,431No. merchant ships were lost in UK coastal waters during WWII, many during Luftwaffe aerial attacks on convoys. Additionally, conflicts between naval ships, E-boat attacks and shelling from both British and German naval vessels contributed to a wide variety of ordnance in the marine environment around battle zones.

Attacks on convoys often involved heavy and sustained bombing and gun fire.



Hazard The UXO hazard in the vicinity of a naval battle can include HE bombs, AA shells and large calibre naval shells, as well as depth charges and torpedoes.

