### The Untold Mystery of HM Submarine Affray: Subsmash and its Mysterious Disappearance

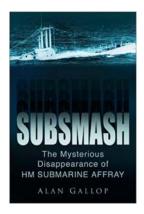
On the fateful day of April 16, 1951, HM Submarine Affray set sail on a routine training mission, only to vanish into thin air. The disappearance of this prestigious submarine, along with its 75 crew members, perplexed the world and left behind a trail of unanswered questions. Subsmash: The Mysterious Disappearance of HM Submarine Affray unravels this enigma and explores the theories, conspiracies, and investigations surrounding this ghastly incident.

#### The Vanishing Act

HM Submarine Affray, an Amphion-class submarine, was commissioned by the Royal Navy on February 8, 1946. The submarine was notorious for its series of accidents and unfortunate incidents during its relatively short-lived service, prior to its final mission. On April 16, 1951, the submarine departed from Portland, England, for a routine training exercise in the English Channel, carrying a crew of 75 men. However, the submarine never returned, triggering a massive search and rescue operation.

#### **The Search Efforts**

The Royal Navy initiated an extensive search operation involving surface vessels, aircraft, and submarines to locate the missing submarine. Despite their best efforts, the search mission resulted in zero sightings or clues about the whereabouts of HM Submarine Affray. The search continued for weeks until finally, on May 14, 1951, wreckage of the submarine was discovered on the seabed, approximately 23 miles southeast of the Isle of Wight.



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#### **Conspiracy Theories and Speculations**

The mysterious disappearance of HM Submarine Affray fueled numerous conspiracy theories and speculations, giving birth to a plethora of explanations, ranging from tragic incidents to extraterrestrial involvement. One prevailing theory suggests that a collision with another vessel or an unknown seafloor obstacle caused the submarine to sink. Some even claim that an unidentified object from the deep waters pulled the submarine down into an abyss.

Another popular theory suggests that the submarine might have experienced a catastrophic mechanical failure, leading to its swift demise. However, no conclusive evidence was ever found to support this theory, leaving it open to interpretation and speculation.

#### Inquiries and Investigations

In the aftermath of the HM Submarine Affray incident, several official inquiries and investigations were conducted to determine the cause of the submarine's disappearance. The most notable among them was the Court of Inquiry, which

examined various aspects of the incident, including the submarine's design, construction, and crew training.

The Court of Inquiry revealed significant shortcomings in the maintenance and material state of the submarine, along with crew training deficiencies. However, no definitive could be drawn about the cause of the disappearance. The lack of conclusive evidence led to the ambiguous determination of "profound confusion" as the cause of the tragedy, leaving the case open to speculation and mystery.

#### **Legacy and Honoring the Crew**

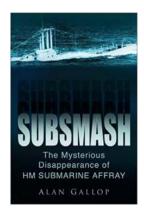
The tragedy of HM Submarine Affray left a lasting impact on the Royal Navy and the submariner community. The incident prompted a series of reforms in the Royal Navy, including improvements in submarine design, crew training, and emergency procedures.

To honor the memory of the crew, memorials and plaques were erected in various locations, paying tribute to the brave submariners who lost their lives in the enigmatic depths of the sea. The legacy of HM Submarine Affray serves as a constant reminder of the risks and sacrifices associated with naval service.

#### **Unanswered Questions and Speculation**

Despite numerous inquiries and investigations, the mystery surrounding the disappearance of HM Submarine Affray remains unresolved. The lack of concrete evidence, along with the sheer perplexity of the incident, continues to evoke curiosity, leading to continuous speculation and hypothesis.

Subsmash: The Mysterious Disappearance of HM Submarine Affray delves into the haunting tale of a submarine that vanished without a trace, leaving behind a void in the hearts of their loved ones and a puzzling historical enigma. Until concrete evidence emerges, the disappearance of HM Submarine Affray will remain a subject of fascination, reminding us of the uncharted depths and mysteries that lie beneath the vast, expansive ocean.



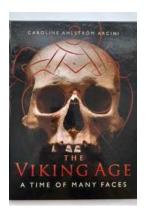
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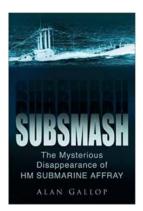
In April 1951, the disappearance of HM submarine Affray knocked news of the Korean War and Festival of Britain from the front pages of national newspapers. Affray had gone to sea on a routine peacetime simulated war patrol in the English Channel. She radioed her last position at 21.15 hours on April 16th, 30 miles south of the Isle of Wight—and preparing to dive. This was the last signal ever received from the submarine. When divers eventually discovered Affray, they found her resting upright on the sea bottom with no obvious signs of damage to her hull. Hatches were closed tight and emergency buoys were still in their casings. It was obvious that whatever had caused Affray to sink and end the lives of all on board had occurred quickly. Fifty-six years later, in this compelling maritime investigation, Alan Gallop uses previously top secret documents, interviews with experts, and contemporary news sources to explore how and why Affray became the last British submarine lost at sea—and possibly the greatest

maritime mystery since the Marie Celeste. This is a fascinating recreation of the last mission of this doomed submarine, the effect it had on the families of those who perished, and on British public opinion at the time.



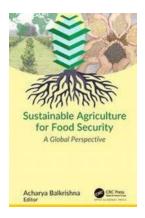
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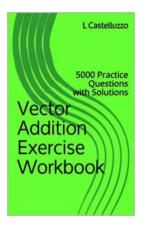
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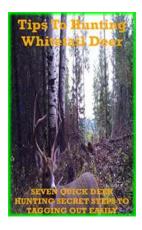
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