U-Boats in Derry

We hope you have enjoyed the comic about the surrender of the U Boats in Derry ~ Londonderry. Here are some activities to help you find out more about this important event during the Second World War.

1) When did the United States start to set up their base in Derry? Why is this important and why did they choose Derry as a base?

2) The comic tells us that the protection of the Atlantic shipping convoys was important. Can you find out why?

3) Which type of vessel do you think the German U-Boats tried to target? What were their aims?

4) The comic refers to Britain’s war time Allies. Did any of their Allies use Derry as a port during the war?

5) The comic refers to Operation Deadlight. Find out more about this?

6) Describe what happened at Lisahally on 14th May 1945? Who accepted the surrender of the U boats?

7) How important was the Battle of the Atlantic to winning the War? What was Derry’s role in this particular battle?

8) Make a list of other ways the Second World War had an impact on the city. Was Derry affected by rationing or bombing?

9) Imagine you are a US soldier on duty in Derry during the war. Write a letter back to your family telling them about your time in the city.

10) Is Derry’s maritime heritage visible today? Find out more about the role of Ebrington during the war.