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## (Second World War - North Sea Warfare Gameboard) Mit "Prien" gegen England

**Stock#:** 80831  
**Map Maker:** Bock  
**Date:** 1941  
**Place:** n.p. (Germany)  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** Good  
**Size:** 15 x 21.25 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *Play to Win the Battle of the Atlantic*

Uncommon and very interesting German board game, published in 1941 under the Nazi regime, showing the theatre of war in the North Sea. With battles raging throughout, this map highlights the desire of German forces to control this body of water and invade the United Kingdom, as well as the use of board games as propaganda for the youth in the Nazi empire.

The game centers on a map of the North Sea, showing Germany, the Low Countries, the United Kingdom, and part of Scandinavia. Throughout, planes fly, ships are sunk, minefields float, and more. Naturally, given where the map was printed, much of the fighting occurs far from German shores and Britain seems like it is on the brink of invasion.



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The artwork for the game was drawn by noted naval artist Adolf Bock. As noted by *Gameboard Geek* (who mis-identifies the artist as Adolf Zeck), the game is:

*Based on the exploits of Gunther Prien, a German U-boat commander who entered Scapa Flow in 1939 and sank the British Battleship Royal Oak.*

*The game has 6 metal submarines that follow points on a track around the North Sea based on the roll of the die. Players must follow the instructions of special spots they enter. . . .*

**Detailed Condition:**

Boardgame folding with hinge strengthened using tape. No damage to board. In original box, with instructions appended to inside of top cover. Some damage to sides of box.