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Deep Wreck Mysteries (Series 2)

5 x 60'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Death of a Battleship

The British dreadnought, pride of the Royal Navy, HMS Audacious, sank in the early days of the First World War. Today she lies 23km out to sea, in 64 metres of water. A new expedition's divers have found evidence of a mysterious catastrophic explosion, strewn wreckage across the seabed. They reveal how one of the world's most advanced ships was brought down by a single unexpected blow, a chance event that began a new chapter in naval warfare and changed the course of history.

2. The Stealth Sub

In August 1944, four Allied ships were mysteriously sunk without warning off the South coast of England. Sixty years later, the seabed has revealed a World War II U-boat unlike any found before. Using revolutionary techniques, a team of divers uncover a story of invention and heroism, to reveal a secret stealth technology.

3. Search for the Bone Wreck

In 1915, the SS Armenian headed into the Bristol Channel. The unarmed steamship was carrying over 1400 mules for the battlefields of Europe. A German U-boat sank her, killing 29 Americans and all of the mules. For nearly a century, the location of the ship remained a mystery. A 20 year search had no success. Now a technical dive team with the latest survey equipment dives deep to find the SS Armenian.

4. The Leopoldville Disaster

Christmas Eve, 1944. The troopship SS Leopoldville steams towards France from England with over 2000 Allied soldiers on board. A torpedo rips into the side of the ship. There is no quick rescue. The ship sinks and men are left to jump into the winter seas.

Now divers brave some of the English Channel's most treacherous and dangerous waters to reach the wreck of the Leopoldville, 56m down. They uncover clues to help answer the question: why did nearly 800 young men have to die?

5. Collision Course

In 1942, the most famous liner in the world, Queen Mary, was carrying 10,000 American troops to Britain. She met her escort, the World War II cruiser HMS Curacoa. In a botched U-Boat evasion, she rammed the smaller vessel, slicing her in two, and killing 338 of the crew. The story was suppressed. Now an expedition has located the two halves of the cruiser, providing for the very first time an opportunity to solve the mystery.