

DOENITZ NEW HEAD OF GERMAN NAVY

Former Commander of U-Boat
Fleet Promoted to Rank
of Grand Admiral

RAEDER TO BE RETAINED

New Chief Said to Have Told
His Crews That 'Humanity
Means Weakness'

By Telephone to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 30—Admiral Karl Doenitz, Commander in Chief of the German submarine fleet, has been appointed Commander in Chief of the German Naval Forces. He succeeds Grand Admiral Erich Raeder, who has been created Admiral Inspector of the German War Fleet.

Admiral Raeder, it is announced, requested to be relieved of his post but will be retained in a special capacity and as personal adviser to Reichsfuehrer Hitler on naval-political problems.

Admiral Doenitz was born in Berlin-Gruenau, Sept. 16, 1891. He commanded a submarine in the First World War, was appointed staff officer at the Wilhelmshaven Naval School in 1930 and made a Rear Admiral in 1942. His new rank will be that of a Grand Admiral.

He is generally credited with the sensational success of the German submarine campaign and is reported to have devised the new tactics now employed in mass attacks on convoys. He is also believed to have designed tanker submarines now used as supply ships operating long distances from home bases.



Admiral Karl Doenitz
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