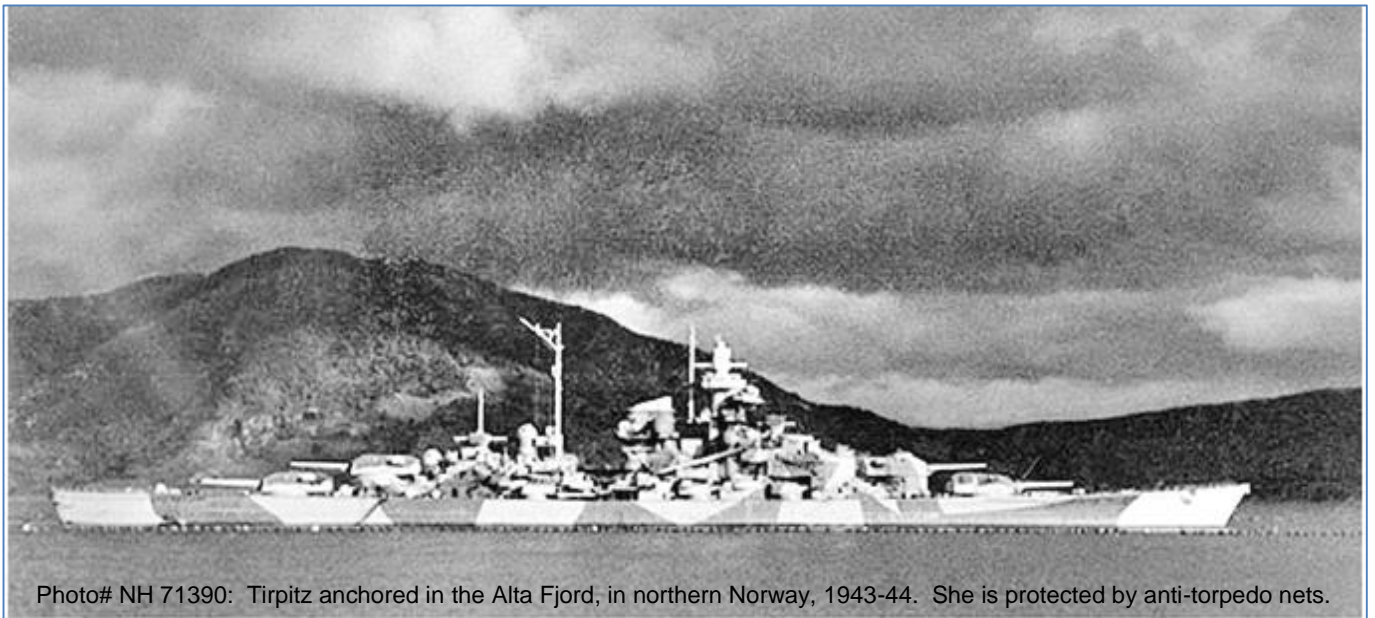




The awesome Tirpitz at sea. Source: <http://www.warfaremagazine.co.uk/articles/operation-source-70-years-on/125>



Photo# NH 71390: Tirpitz anchored in the Alta Fjord, in northern Norway, 1943-44. She is protected by anti-torpedo nets.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_battleship_Tirpitz



Tirpitz in Kaafjord, Norway, March 1943 (Maritime Quest) Source: <http://www.naval-history.net/Cr03-57-00Tirpitz.htm>

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Career ([Nazi Germany](#))



Namesake:	Alfred von Tirpitz
Builder:	Kriegsmarinewerft Wilhelmshaven
Laid down:	2 November 1936
Launched:	1 April 1939
Commissioned:	25 February 1941
Fate:	Sunk by Royal Air Force bombers on 12 November 1944

General characteristics

Class & type:	<i>Bismarck-class battleship</i>
Displacement:	42,900 t (42,200 long tons; 47,300 short tons) standard 52,600 t (51,800 long tons; 58,000 short tons) full load
Length:	241.6 m (792 ft 8 in) waterline ^[1] 251 m (823 ft 6 in) overall
Beam:	36 m (118 ft 1 in)
Draft:	9.3 m (30 ft 6 in) standard ^[a]
Installed power:	163,026 shp (121,568 kW)
Propulsion:	12 Wagner superheated boilers; 3 geared steam turbines ; 3 three-blade propellers ^[1]
Speed:	30 knots (56 km/h; 35 mph) ^[1]
Range:	8,870 nmi (16,430 km; 10,210 mi) at 19 knots (35 km/h; 22 mph) ^[1]
Complement:	103 officers 1,962 enlisted men ^[b]
Sensors and processing systems:	FuMO 23
Armament:	<i>As built:</i> 8 × 38 cm (15 in) SK C/34 (4 × 2) 12 × 15 cm (5.9 in) (6 × 2) 16 × 10.5 cm (4.1 in) SK C/33 (8 × 2) 16 × 3.7 cm (1.5 in) SK C/30 (8 × 2) 12 × 2 cm (0.79 in) FlaK 30 (12 × 1) <i>Modifications:</i> 58 × 2 cm FlaK 30 8 × 53.3 cm (21.0 in) torpedo tubes
Armour:	Belt: 320 mm (13 in) Turrets: 360 mm (14 in) Main deck: 100 to 120 mm (3.9 to 4.7 in) Upper deck: 50 mm (2.0 in)

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Aircraft carried: 4 × [Arado Ar 196 floatplanes^{\[1\]}](#)

Aviation facilities: 1 double-ended [catapult^{\[1\]}](#)

Service record

Awards: 3 references in the [Wehrmachtbericht](#)

SOURCE (including side view photo of Tirpitz above): http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_battleship_Tirpitz

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