

## **La Titanesca**

**British ballerina Elizabeth Bedlington, was a spy who worked for the Germans, moving classified documents around Spain where she performed during WWI**



**Elizabeth performed across Spain, with the acronym; La Titanesca**

**She is said to have routinely delivered secret documents to German forces, having turned traitor**

**after being recruited by her Austro-Hungarian husband**

**She was identified by the Allies as a spy, but lived out her days in Spain**

**One of dozens of women who spied for the Germans during WWI**

**An extremely talented British ballerina who performed in neutral Spain during WWI was a spy, feeding highly classified intelligence to the Germans.**

**Elizabeth Bedlington delivered secret documents to German forces as she travelled across Spain performing under the name La Titanesca.**

**Bedlington turned traitor after being recruited by her Austro-Hungarian husband Gunter Hopf.**



**Elizabeth Bedlington was later identified as a 'mule' by allied forces, but managed to escape arrest, and remained in Spain until her death.**

**The Italian secret service identified her as a 'mule', and she was barred from travelling to the country.**

**Originally from London, UK, Bedlington has been described as a Mata Hari-type persona, referring to the Dutch courtesan who was executed by French troops for feeding information to the Germans.**

**Other female spies include Pilar Millán Astray, the sister of the founder of Spain's military Legion, who went on to become a famous Spanish novelist.**



**German troops in a trench in Marne, France**



**Mata Hari**

**She reportedly stole documents from the UK Ambassador to Spain before handing them over to the Germans, during 1917.**

**It's not a combination you would usually put together, but Elizabeth Bedlington, a British ballet dancer who performed in neutral Spain during WWI, really was also a spy for the Germans.**

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