

# CAPTAIN DIMITAR DOBREV – THE DEFEATER OF „HAMIDIE“

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**Abstract:** *The paper presents life and activities of Captain Dimitar Dobrev, a prominent officer in the Bulgarian Navy, closely related to its establishment and development. Captain Dobrev was a commander of best professional skills who was the commander-in-chief and participant in four wars and achieved the greatest and most glorious naval victory in our history - the torpedoing of “Hamidie” Turkish cruiser. Dimitar Dobrev was actively involved in public activities as Vice President of the Varna Archaeological Society, a Honorary President of the Union of Young Technicians, and a contributor to the periodical press, where he published articles on issues related to naval warfare and the history and development of the Bulgarian Navy.*

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