

THE CASUALTY LIST

Ellerman Ship Sinks Following Collision

The Ellerman steamer *Patrician* (3,604 tons gross) sank in the Strait of Gibraltar four miles off Tarifa 15 minutes after she was in collision with the American steamer *Santa Emilia* (7,251 tons) during thick fog. The American vessel, with a large gash above her waterline, landed 34 survivors at Gibraltar, but the master, chief officer and radio officer of the British ship were found to be missing. An extensive search was being carried out for the missing officers. The *Patrician* was built by J. L. Thompson & Sons, Ltd., Sunderland, in 1947.

PATRICIAN.—Gibraltar, July 8.—Gibraltar Radio reports: Following received from steamer SANTA EMILIA, KYUO (New York for Bandar Shapur): Steamer Patrician (Constantza for Dublin, Liverpool and Glasgow) holed and sunk at 1 45 a.m., G.M.T., abeam Tarifa Light about four miles off beach; thick fog. Have assistance come and look for survivors.

Following received from SANTA EMILIA at 2 27 a.m., G.M.T.: Proceeding Gibraltar with survivors. We have big gash above waterline, so far not taking water.

—Gibraltar, July 8.— Salvage tug *Herkules* sailed at 4 10 a.m., July 8, and proceeded to assist in search for survivors of steamer Patrician.

—Gibraltar, July 8.— Steamer SANTA EMILIA arrived here at 7 15 a.m., July 8; on board 34 survivors ex steamer Patrician.

—London, July 8.— The following message has been received from the Port Captain, Gibraltar, dated July 8: Steamer Patrician reported sunk at 1 45 a.m., G.M.T., four miles off Tarifa as a result of collision with American steamer SANTA EMILIA. Survivors of Patrician brought to Gibraltar by SANTA EMILIA. Master, chief officer and radio officer missing. Rescue craft still in vicinity. SANTA EMILIA holed above waterline.

—Gibraltar, July 8.—Steamer Patrician: Now confirmed master, chief officer and radio officer missing; remainder of crew ashore at Gibraltar safe and sound.

—Gibraltar, July 8.—Thirty-four survivors from steamer Patrician were landed here to-day. R.A.F. rescue launches and a Norwegian salvage tug are searching for three officers reported missing. The Patrician sank in the Strait of Gibraltar after being in collision with steamer SANTA EMILIA in thick fog. The Patrician sank within 15 minutes of the collision.—*Reuters*.

—Gibraltar, July 8.—A spokesman for the owners of steamer Patrician said in Liverpool to-day that the vessel, which had called at Gibraltar to take on fuel oil, was carrying general cargo.—*Reuters*.

—Gibraltar, July 8.— Norwegian salvage tug *Herkules* returned to Gibraltar this afternoon after searching for survivors from steamer Patrician. No one was picked up. — British United Press.

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