

HULL DAILY MAIL. 18th August, 1947.

11 MEN 45 MINUTES IN SEA AFTER COLLISION

ELEVEN of the 15 members of the all-Scottish crew of the Lady Anstruther, which sank 20 miles from the Humber after collision with the Keila, bound for Hull, were in the water for 45 minutes before being picked up. Their shouts guided to them two of the Keila's lifeboats.

The remaining four members of the crew were safely on board the Keila. They had jumped from the sinking vessel as the two ships collided in the fog.

The survivors were landed at Grimsby this weekend. The captain and the mate of the Lady Anstruther, Capt. C. Campbell and Alec K. McArthur, received hospital treatment, but the rest of the crew were none the worse.

One of them said: "There was no time to launch the boats as we were sinking fast by the stern."

Some were asleep at the time.

The second engineer, who was on duty, said: "Water began to pour into the engine room and I shut off the steam and rushed on deck. Within 15 minutes of the collision the Lady Anstruther disappeared."

The rescued men were brought into Grimsby by Spurn lifeboat which contacted the Keila some 18 miles from port.

The Keila has reported that

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the Lady Anstruther is not a likely menace to navigation. Damage to the Keila includes bent stem, port and starboard plates above water-line indented, and forepeak frames buckled.



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