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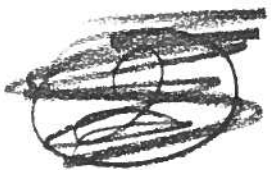
SYDNEY, N.S., Oct. <sup>16</sup>...-(CP)-Torpedoed in darkness,  
the Newfoundland-Nova Scotia ferry steamship Caribou  
was sunk in Cabot Strait Oct. 14 with the loss of ~~137~~ 137  
lives in the greatest announced Marine disaster of this  
war in the coastal waters fringing on Canada.

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Canadian naval craft saved 101 passengers and crewmen after the 2,200-ton vessel, owned by the Newfoundland government, had been sent to the bottom by a submarine that ~~surfaced~~ surfaced after the kill and watched the finish of the Caribou and the struggles of her survivors in the pre-dawn gloom.

Struck as she neared the end of her overnight run from North Sydney, N.S., to Port aux Basques, Nfld., the vessel sank within a few minutes. Servicemen and civilians--men, women and children--from Canada, Newfoundland and the United States perished as the shattered Caribou carried down scores of persons who were asleep in their staterooms when the explosion tore the ship apart.

~~Sixty-eight~~ <sup>EIGHTEEN</sup> ~~Canadians~~ <sup>-EIGHT</sup> --49 of them servicemen--were lost. ~~Eighteen~~ were civilian passengers; one was a member of the crew; twenty were members of the royal Canadian navy, 18 were in the royal Canadian air force, and the remaining 11 were army men.

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Out of the crew of 46--mostly newfoundlanders--31 went down. Another eight of the victims consisted of united states service personnel, and there were <sup>FIVE</sup> U.S. civilians. The remaining <sup>26</sup> victims were Newfoundland civilians on the passenger list.

Captain Benjamin Taverner of Channel, Nfld., master of the 16-year-old one-time sealing vessel, went down with his ship. And with him were lost two of his sons, both officers of the vessel.

The survivors, who were landed here the day of the sinking, told how Capt. Taverner steered his settling craft at the boldly-surfaced submarine after the hit, apparently in an effort to ~~sink~~ ram the attacker. But the Caribou slid under before she could get her icebreaker's prow against the hull of the U-boat.

~~Racing Canadian naval ships and R.C.A.F. planes quickly forced the merchant ship to the surface and sank it.~~

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~~Later, after the sub had slipped under the surface, she was attacked heavily by ships of the royal canadian navy that raced up to the scene. With the area lit by flares, the survivors watched from their lifeboats and from the water as the warcraft tossed a bombardment of depth charges after the sub. These rescuers said about 20 depth charges were loosed. There was NO word from the navy on the results of the attack.~~

Apart from the death loosed by her torpedo, the submarine herself was believed to have contributed to the loss of life. Some survivors said that as she broke surface the hull of the U-boat capsized one ~~or two~~ or two rafts and smashed a lifeboats, and they believed some of those on the rafts and boat were lost.

The capsizing of another lifeboat apparently sent around 40 persons to death. George Smothers of Toledo, O., a U.S. navy cook, said the boat originally carried about 50 persons but only six aboard it were left after it had rolled over several times.

One woman in it managed to cling to her baby throughout the hours of ordeal.

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It was between three and five hours before all the survivors were picked up, because of the darkness and the fact the arriving naval craft were busy tracking down the submarine. The survivors, some of them with only bits of flotsam to cling to, waited in water that chilled to the bone.

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**NITE LEAD CARIBOU (NEWISH)**

St. JOHN'S, Nfld., Oct. 20 - (CP Cable) - Of the 137

persons who perished in the torpedo sinking of the steamship Caribou sinking last week, ~~only~~ <sup>37</sup> bodies had been recovered tonight and of these ~~21~~ <sup>30</sup> had been identified, definitely or tentatively.

**FIVE** of the bodies were found off Newfoundland and brought to this country, and of these ~~29~~ <sup>29</sup> were identified, two of the identifications being tentative. Two bodies were brought to Sydney, N.S., the day of the sinking and one identified there.

**CIVILIAN PASSENGERS** Identity of ~~two~~ <sup>three</sup> was established here today. They were those of Mrs. (Rev.) Gordon Allan, 26, St. John's, formerly of Bathurst, N.B.; ~~and~~ William A. Girth of ~~Albany~~ Albany, ~~N.Y.~~ N.Y., and Adam W. Sime, Toronto. (The missing list as issued at Sydney contained the name of William H. Gerth, Camden, N.J. Apparently ~~he~~ this is the same man.)

**ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY** tentative identifications made today were those of Mrs. Richard Skinner of Halifax and her five-year-old son Basil.

Authorities said that from pictures in a Halifax newspaper it was "highly probable" their bodies were at the morgue here. A daughter Nancy, 2, also is missing. (more)