

Harwich

DUKE OF YORK IN PORT AFTER COLLISION

40 miles off Harwich the British Railways ~~Channel~~ steamer Duke of York lay rolling helplessly, her bows sheared off just forward of the bridge. Bound for Harwich from the Hook of Holland the 4,000-ton vessel collided with the

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American freighter Haiti Victory. The crash occurred at 17-minutes-past-four in the morning. There were 437 passengers and a crew of 72.

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Still on board when Paramount cameramen flew over ~~board~~ were two women, one man, all three since found to be dead.

Remarkably little damaged was the 7,600-ton American freighter. When the collision occurred there was fog and it was still dark. The ship stood by and fortunately the sea was calm enough to enable her to take off the survivors. The passengers had been awakened

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by the collision. Water poured into the bunks of many nearest the bows. It was almost miraculous that there was not the biggest calamity at sea since the war. Near Harwich, after the survivors had been dried, fed and some of them clothed on ~~board~~ ^{board} the freighter, they were transferred to tenders to be landed at Parkstone Quay. Many people had escaped in nightwear.

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A forlorn figure in a blanket was David Stokes, 16.

It was his first trip. (A steward) He escaped through a porthole on to the severed ~~forepart~~ ^{bow} of the ship and jumped a few seconds before it sank.

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and the stricken Duke of York herself was being towed stern first into Harwich

Lifeboats with other survivors were towed in. Another U.S. steamer, the ~~United States~~, landed 90 survivors at Dover, but as we go to Press the deathroll is 14. Seven people are in hospital. When the ~~survivors~~ recovered from their shock they counted themselves fortunate indeed to be alive.

American

passengers