

Lusitania: Who was to blame for the deaths of 1,201 people?

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Step 5: Was the captain negligent?: video transcript

Amy Lea Pearl

Under a life boat – they have ropes underneath you know for launching – and I suppose I may have got my hand into it or catch onto a rope because I had a mark of the rope around my wrist and this wrist has been bad ever since. I caught ahold of a piece of board and then I heard someone call out ‘Somebody save that woman’ and somebody from the upturned life boat, about 40 on her, put his hand out and pulled me aboard and there I remained, I heard afterwards not for some time, for about four hours I remained.

Alice Page

A terrible sensation of being sucked under the ship, but er, we did get away. And we sung hymns and there was no panic whatever. We were rowing, I say we, but I wasn’t rowing, I’d got the baby in my arms – we were rowing for quite a while. We saw a fishing smack and they called out to us would we give their names and report that they were helping us and then they could throw a tow to us. Word was given and then we were towed. And after that a British gun boat picked us up.