

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

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Step 3: Was the sinking justified?: video transcript

One of the divers has found part of the wreck and is attempting to tie in the guide line. The signal with the torch brings John Light's camera across to investigate. A section of steel decking which appears to have been cut with oxyacetylene – all around the metal is free from corrosion or growth – has someone been here before them? The 1935 expedition did no work on the wreck. The torch reveals another riddle. A heavy steel door bent like cardboard – sheered from its fastenings and laid beside the opening. Everything suggests an explosion on the side away from the torpedo. But the timetable allows only 10 minutes at full depth – the slow carefully measured journey to the surface begins.