

HIT DEPTH BOMB ON CHASER

Explosion Quickly Sealed Her Fate
—Brooklyn Boys Among Missing.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Lieutenant Henry J. Bowes, commanding officer; Ensign G. H. Randolph, executive officer, and fourteen enlisted men are still missing from the submarine chaser 209, which was mistaken for an enemy submarine and sent to the bottom by the American steamer Felix Taussig off Fire Island on Aug. 27.

Lieutenant Bowes's home was at Merchantville, N. J. No address for Ensign Randolph is given in department records.

Following are the missing enlisted men:

CROWE, COLLINS A., machinist's mate, Valencia and 7th Sts., Los Angeles, Cal.

DENNEY, HARRY S., gunner's mate, 1,703 South 2d St., Philadelphia.

CROVES, GORDON J., seaman, 421 Queen St., Alexandria, Va.

GUNDERMAN, GEORGE C., Jr., hospital apprentice, 2,246 82d St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

HASINGER, RICHARD C., quartermaster, 810 Pine St., Wilmington, Del.

HASKETT, LEONARD A., boatswain's mate, 801 Allison St., Philadelphia.

HODGSON, EDWIN F., fireman, Brazoria, Texas.

HULLETTE, FRANK R., cook, Atlantic City, N. J.

KEIHN, FREDERICK W., machinist's mate, 2A Foxall St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

PATTERSON, FRANK M., Jr., machinist's mate, 257 75th St., Brooklyn.

SCHRODER, CASPER G., cook, Morton, Penn.

SHEEHAN, IRWIN J., oiler, 2,247 Pierce St., Philadelphia.

TREACY, TIMOTHY F., electrician, 419 Euclid Av., Indianapolis.

FEVERILL, HAROLD, machinist's mate, Waterloo, Iowa.

A report from the Captain of the Taussig reached the Navy Department today, showing that the little chaser went down ablaze three minutes after being hit by two of four shots from the merchantman's bow gun at a distance of 200 feet.

According to the account of the Taussig's Captain, the gun crew opened fire when an object resembling a submarine appeared and crossed the steamer's bow without showing lights. Apparently one of the shots exploded a depth bomb on board the chaser, quickly ending her career.

The Navy Department summary of the report of the Taussig's Captain follows:

"The Captain of the steamship Felix Taussig reported that at 2:30 A. M. the lookout reported an object resembling a submarine about 200 feet away off the port beam. Orders for general alarm were given by the Captain. The craft sighted had no lights showing and was headed in the same direction as the Taussig. As she passed the steamship and crossed her bows four shots were fired from the forward gun of the Taussig.

"It was only after the third shot that the vessel showed lights, the report stated. Apparently two shots struck the submarine chaser and it is believed that one shot exploded a depth charge. The Taussig stopped to render assistance to the submarine chaser, which was burning, and which sank in about three minutes."