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Fire at sea - The Drama of the Empire Windrush

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^{aboard} Disaster ~~at sea~~ The "Empire Windrush"; the former German liner that became a British troopship. ~~Steaming through the Mediterranean~~ bound for Britain, with fifteen hundred aboard, including many women and children, fire broke out, at dawn, in the ^{MEDITERRANEAN} ~~engines~~. ^{Four of the engines were} ~~blown~~ ^{stuffed} ~~the vessel was~~ ^{lost their lives, &} ~~ablaze~~. Distress signals brought ^{other vessels} ~~ships~~ racing to help. The Captain ordered "Abandon ship!" ~~The women and children went first, in the lifeboats~~ ^{Along the perimeter} ~~Finally, with the decks now red-hot, the troops and crew followed.~~ Calm and discipline reigned. All were picked up and landed at Algiers. ^{UP THE} The Aircraft-carrier "Triumph" was despatched to Algiers to pick ~~them up~~ ^{and take them to Gibraltar.} Meanwhile, a huge airlift was being organised. On the left is Captain Wilson, skipper of the troopship, ^{AND} ~~last~~ to leave. ^{her} ~~1:30~~

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~~Before leaving Algiers,~~ The survivors were full of praise for the wonderful hospitality they had received ^{in Algiers} from their French hosts. ^{3 (UD)} ~~The crew of the Carrier, too, achieved wonders of improvisation.~~ And at Gibraltar, Countess Mountbatten and a Red Cross Team were waiting to receive the survivors - taking care of invalids ~~on board~~, and distributing clothing - flown out from Britain. ^{the} So came the final operation - a giant air-lift - ^{back to Britain} ~~that brought the survivors~~ ^{safe once more} ~~to Britain.~~ The "Empire Windrush" ~~finally~~ finally sank. But ^{after facing} it will be remembered for the epic courage of ordinary people - ~~faced by~~ that dreaded peril - "fire at sea!"

FIRE AT SEA - THE DRAMA OF "EMPIRE WINDRUSH"

Disaster aboard the "Empire Windrush," the former German liner that became a British troopship. Bound for Britain, with fifteen hundred aboard, including many women and children, fire broke out at dawn, in the Mediterranean. Four of the engine-room staff lost their lives, and distress signals brought other vessels racing to help. The Captain ordered "abandon ship!" Among the passengers, calm and discipline reigned. All were picked up and landed at Algiers. (BRING UP)

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So came the final operation - the giant air-lift, back to Britain.

The "Empire Windrush" finally sank. But her name will be remembered for epic courage of ordinary people - safe once more after facing that dreaded peril - "fire at sea". (BRING UP)

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Royal Tan won by a neck from Tudor Line...with Irish Lizard third.(BRING UP)

This Grand National gives victory to Ireland for the second year running. And for Royal Tan it's third time lucky. He was second in 1951. He fell at the last fence in 1952 and he's the winner at last in 1954. Makes you stop and think, don't it?. (BRING UP)

To round off the story. This was the kind of welcome they gave in Dublin to the Irish winner and the second successive year of victory for jockey Marshall, Trainer O'Brien and owner Joe Griffin. (BRING UP)