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TUGS SAVE SINKING SHIP.

Crippled and sinking after collision in a dense Channel fog, the 6,200 ton Norwegian ship Hassel on her maiden voyage, is beached on the Kent coast with minutes to spare. Sixteen men and two women, who had to jump for their lives when the crash came, are brought ashore at Dover.

They tell how the Liberian tanker Andreas V of 21,000 tons, loomed up in the fog and crashed into the Hassel's side, ripping a 25-foot hole in her plates near the stern. The skipper and half his crew remained aboard, while tugs and lifeboats raced to their aid from Dover and Dungeness.

Thanks to the prompt action of the tugs Duncannon and Lady Brassy, the Hassel is beached in time - and lives to sail again.