3 Die when U-Boat Waylays Refugee Ship Bound Here

Nazis Seize 2 Americans, Threaten to Sink Craft, then let it Proceed

BABY KILLED IN TEMPORARY ABANDONING OF LINER

A German submarine overran a neutral Portuguese passenger ship laden with refugees on its way to America last Friday, took two American citizens prisoners and demanded that the vessel surrender her cargo. Officials finally permitted her to proceed after an infant and two men had lost their lives in abandoning ship.

The story of the incident, which occurred in mid-Atlantic, was revealed by the French Naval Control today with the arrival of the ship, the Serpa Pinto, to disembark the refugees at Port Richmond.

The American citizens taken prisoner were Virgilio Magina, of New Bedford, Mass., and Manuel Pinto, of Waterbury, Conn.

A 35-month-old baby, Rosalia Troginski, daughter of Polish refugees on their way to Canada, was one of those aboard who died. The exact manner was not announced.

The ship's cook was struck in the head and killed by a swinging lifeboat tackle. He was buried at sea the next day.

230 Passengers

The ship carried 230 passengers and 155 crewmen. The refugees, among them European bound for Canada, were traveling under auspices of the American Joint Committee for Refugees.

After abandoning ship they were approximately seven hours in open sea calm. After the lifeboats were launched, the Serpa Pinto continued to move toward the craft in the darkness. Its 160-foot length and 8,000-ton burden were used to rebuff the German submarine from what was believed to be about 28 years old and was a baby, and she was warned not to attempt to reach a lifeboat. The captain, Americo Dos Santos, was back in New York with more than 600 refugees in the United States and his passport listed United States as his birthplace.

The Serpa Pinto was stopped by gunfire and signals from the submarine at 12:05 A.M. The German officer, speaking English, ordered the crew and passengers to leave the ship and proceed to the lifeboats with their baggage. The refugees were told they would be taken to Berlin. The Serpa Pinto was ordered to proceed to New York, who reported that the ship had been ordered into Bermuda. The Serpa Pinto's largest refugee contingent was disembarked here in November 1943, bringing more than 50 refugees to Long Island, New York. The German commander had ordered the Serpa Pinto back in New York and its papers were returned.

In February, 1943, the Serpa Pinto was back in New York with more than 200 passengers, mostly English and British nationals. It was released and put aboard one of the lifeboats. The United States had been ordered to return to the ship. The Serpa Pinto left Lisbon May 31 and arrived last Monday at Queen Mary, 16 and touched at Oporto, Portugal, and at Pernil, Denmark, The Serpa Pinto left Lisbon May 31 and arrived last Monday at Queen Mary, 16 and touched at Oporto, Portugal, and at Pernil, Denmark.

Veteran of Refugee Service

The Serpa Pinto has been carrying European refugees from Lisbon to American ports since early in the war.

On her second trip here in 1941, she brought more than 50 refugees to Long Island, New York, who reported that the ship had been ordered into Bermuda. On her last trip in November 1943, she brought more than 600 refugees, mostly American-born Portuguese, to New York. The Serpa Pinto's largest refugee contingent was disembarked here in November 1943, bringing more than 50 refugees to Long Island, New York. The German commander had ordered the Serpa Pinto back in New York and its papers were returned.

On January 29, 1943, the German submarine sank 200 refugees to this city, and 36 of them repatriated Americans and 60 children among the remainder.

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