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Swedes on the *Lusitania*?

The *R.M.S. Lusitania* was a British passenger liner, owned by the Cunard Line, carrying a number of Americans, which was torpedoed off the Irish coast by the German submarine *U-20* on 7 May 1915 during World War I.

It sank in just 18 minutes and of the 1959 persons onboard, both passengers and crew, 1198 died and 761 survived.

The sinking, and the subsequent deaths of several civilians, is cited by many to be one of the first modern examples of "total war." The nature of the explosions that sank the ship and the politics surrounding her demise have never been satisfactorily explained and to this day remain shrouded in mystery.

The following are possible Swedes onboard the *Lusitania* when she sank, either listed as Swedish, or tentatively identified by their names.

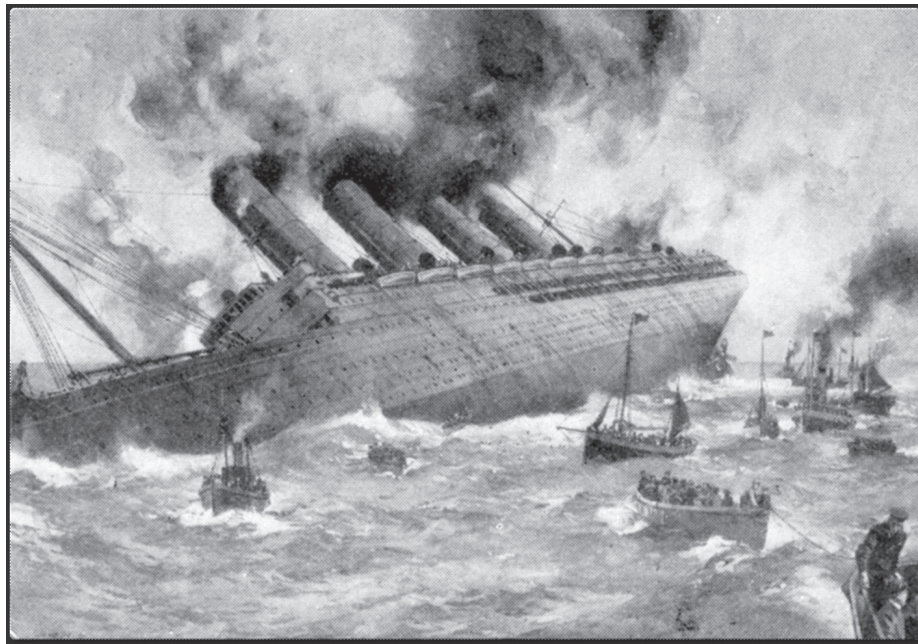
ANDERSDOTTER, J. B. Probably the same as

ANDERSDOTTER, Mrs. Carolina B. 54 Swedish, Walden, U.S.A. Passenger: steerage.

ANDERSON, L., Swedish. Passenger: steerage.

DEARBERGH, Robert E., New York. Passenger: first class. Body recovered and identified as of Friday, May 14. Dearbergh was the vice-president (retired) of Earp-Thomas Farmogerm Co. at 29 West 42nd Street, N.Y. Home address: 117 West 58th Street, N.Y.

JACOBÆUS, Mr. Sigurd Anton. He is listed as being Swedish, and had represented Sweden in the Panama Pacific Exposition. Knowledge of him comes from the list of interments at Cobh (Queenstown, Ireland) on which he was body #84, age 55 years, 1st Class passenger, Common grave C. (Not found in the 1900 Swedish Census).



The sinking of the Lusitania.

JOHANSON, Sven. Listed as Swedish from Chicago. Passenger: steerage.

LUND, Charles Henry. Listed as an American from Wisconsin.

LUND, Mrs. Charles H. Her name was Sarah Jane Mounsey from Chicago. She and Charles Lund had married in 1914. Passengers: second cabin. He died; she survived. A body that was presumed to be his was identified as of May 19, 1915. They were traveling with William Mounsey, her father, to investigate a rumor that her mother, who had been on the *R.M.S. Titanic*, was alive and living in a mental institution in England. When Mrs. Lund, the only survivor of their group, came to England she found out that it was somebody else.

NYBLOM, Gustav Adolph, Canada. Passenger: first class. His body was not recovered.

PEDERSON, Adolph. Crew Interpreter. His nationality is not listed.

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