

TOMORROW NEVER CAME

THE SINKING OF THE S.S. ATHENIA

By MAX CAULFIELD

Though the world was nominally still at peace, the threat of war was in the air when, on September 1, 1939, the S. S. Athenia put to sea, The last passenger ship out of Europe before war began, the Athenia left Glasgow headed for Montreal and Quebec, with intermediate stops at Belfast and Liverpool to pick up more passengers.

Two days later, with 1102 passengers aboard, the *Athenia* was at sea 250 miles from the nearest land.

On that day, September 3, war was declared; and having received the signal from the German War Office, Oberleutnant Fritz-Julius Lemp in command of U-Boat 30 struck the first blow of the war. He directed a torpedo into the Athenia amidships, and the ship went to the bottom with the loss of 112 lives, sixty-nine women and sixteen children among them.

Tomorrow Never Came is a detailed report of this dreadful tragedy. It is an hour-by-hour account of the events which occurred between sundown, when the torpedo struck, and the following dawn, when rescue ships appeared on the scene. Full of fascinating human detail, this book is based almost entirely on first-hand reports by many of the survivors, including the U-boat commander. It is a vivid, thrilling story compounded of heroism, pathos, and tragedy.

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