

HMCS ANNAN

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Radio interview on board ANNAN re her sinking
 by gunfire of U-1006 Oct. 1944 off the Fa
 LOCH ACHANALT and OUTREMONT of EG-6 in
 company.

CROSS REFERENCE: U-BOATS 1650 1943-44
U-1006

This is Lieutenant Joseph Schull, speaking for the navy from the wardroom of our Canadian frigate, Annan - in port after sinking a German submarine. Around the table with me are the Captain, Lieutenant-Commander C.P. Balfry, RCNVR of St. John's Quebec, and several of the officers and men who took part in the action. Lieut. Commander Balfry, can you give us an idea of how the action began?

CAPTAIN Well, we were on ^{patrol} ~~a sweep with some other Canadian ships~~ and we got a submarine contact. Petty Officer Westbrook was the operator on duty. He can tell you about that.

WESTBROOK Well, we got this echo. I wasn't too sure about it, but it looked a bit suspicious. I reported it - the Captain altered course toward it. It looked like a possible submarine all right, so the Captain gave the order for a pattern of depth-charges and we fired them.

SCHULL Anything happen after that, sir?

CAPTAIN No. Nothing to show we'd even given them a headache. We moved on after a while, but we kept a particularly careful watch. ~~(About an hour)~~ later we discovered something on the surface astern of us.

SCHULL Did you have a suspicion of what it was?

CAPTAIN I had a hunch. I ordered hard a-port, full speed ahead and sent the crew to action stations. We came down on the object pretty fast and I gave the order to illuminate. There she was, all right, a surfaced U-boat - zig-zagging away from us as fast as she could go. We were overtaking her fast and I gave the order to open fire with the forward gun and Oerlikons.

SCHULL Petty Officer Barker, you were at the forward gun, officer of the quarters weren't you?

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Roder Schull MONT and LOCH ACHANALT who rescued survivors
Annan sinks & from U-Boat sunk by ANNAN.

CROSS REFERENCE: HMCS OUTREMONT 8000
HMCS LOCH ACHANALT 8000

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This is Lieutenant Joseph Schull, reporting for the navy from a Northern Irish Port. Our Canadian frigate, Annan, has recently arrived here after sinking a German U-boat in a very hot action. Alongside her are two other Canadian frigates who were with her at the time of the battle and afterward helped to fish out a number of very damp supermen. It falls to the lot of the First Lieutenant to command the seaboard when rescuing survivors and I have with me now the First Lieutenant of the Outremont, Lieutenant J.R.K. Stewart of Cowichan Bay, B.C., and the First Lieutenant of the Loch Achanalt, Lieutenant D.D. Anderson of Halifax. They're going to tell you something about the prisoners. I think you got twenty-one ratings and three officers didn't you, Ross?

STEWART Yes

SCHULL And you got twenty, Don?

ANDERSON Yes

SCHULL That seems a lot of survivors. It must have taken pretty good seamanship to get that number.

STEWART We both had good crews and they worked hard.

ANDERSON They certainly did

STEWART The Jerries were wearing leather coats and trousers and they were soaked in oil. This made it pretty tough to get hold of them.

ANDERSON A lot of them were on little rubber floats - two or three to a float. We got hold of them with a boathook and towed them to the ship's side.

STEWART Then the ones we got into the boat we had to heave on board the ship. It was like handling a catch of mackerel.

SCHULL How did they behave?

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INTERVIEW ABOARD SHIP
LT SCHULL & COMMANDER BRIGGS

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This is the Navy reporting from aboard of one of our Canadian frigates. This ship is one of the group which was with our frigate Annan when she recently sunk a German submarine. With me now is the Senior officer of this group of ships. When you hear his voice you may recognise it as he was a well known figure in Canadian radio. He has been a bit too busy for radio during the past 5 years which he has spent mainly on the North Atlantic, but he has agreed to come before a mike for a moment today. He is Commander W.E.S. Briggs, D.S.C. R.C.N.R. and the Annan's recent kill is by no means the first U-Boat he has seen go down.

Sir as Senior officer of these all Canadian group, what is your reaction to this recent sinking.

BRIGGS: Well, I think we were all absolutely delighted of course to see and witness the Annan dispatch in short order another of these horrid monsters and speaking for the group, I know that our feeling is that we don't give a tuppenny damn who sinks them as long as some ship in the group does it. Naturally it would be nicer from our angle if we had done it but there are still a few left and next time we have made up our minds that we shall grab one.

SCHULL: Next time you will have one all to yourself sir. Now sir, can you describe the action as it appeared from the bridge of your ship.

BRIGGS: Yes, It was fairly early in the evening, dark and we had a fairly good idea that there were submarines in the vicinity. In fact that's the reason we were there and our appreciation at the time was that it looked like a very good night for finding a submarine. A matter of about an hour before Annan had detected something which they thought might possibly be a submarine and attacked it, that is submerged. After some few moments they lost contact with whatever this was and the group as a whole searched around the immediate vicinity, the area, but with no success, but about an hour after that we were proceeding along searching when another ship in the group detected -