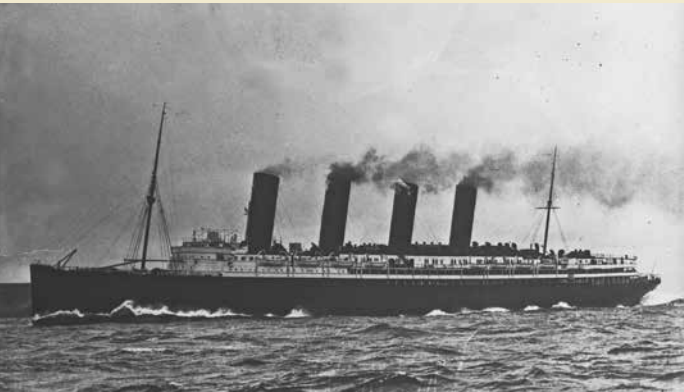


LUSITANIA



The Lusitania
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Lusitania life boats bringing rescued passengers to the shore in Cobh, Co. Cork
Báid tarrthála an Lusitania ag iompar paisinéirí tarrtháilte go Cóbh, Co. Chorcaí

German U-boats prowled the Irish Sea sinking merchant vessels. The torpedoing of the transatlantic liner *Lusitania* in May 1915 off Kinsale, Co. Cork, not only killed 1,200 civilians but also provided invaluable propaganda for the British, who wanted America to join the war.

There has been great debate over the sinking, with the German Navy justifying the attack – claiming the *Lusitania* carried armaments – and the British denying this.

Bhíodh U-bháid na nGearmánach ag locadóireacht i Muir Éireann i gcónaí, ag cur soithigh cheannaíochta go tóin poill. Ní amháin gur maraíodh 1,200 sibhialtach i mBealtaine 1915 nuair a cuireadh an Lusitania go tóin poill amach ó Chionn tSáile, Co. Chorcaí, ach mheall sé Meiriceá isteach sa chogadh.

Bhí cur agus cúiteamh ann mar gheall ar an *Lusitania*: chosain Cabhlach na Gearmáine an t-ionsaí – dúirt go raibh airm ar bord – ach shéan na Briotanaigh é sin i gcónaí.

Recruiting poster making use of Anti-German propaganda
Póstaer earcaíochta a úsáideann bolscaireacht frith-Ghearmánach

