"If you get to land, tell my dear wife I died like a sailor."

These were the last words spoken by Captain Gibb to young Eva Carmichael just moments after the ship Look what struck the sheer cliffs of Mutton Bird Island on the treacherous western Victorian coast, 1 June 1878. She indeed made it to land, one of only two of a complement of fifty-one.

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1640 list coastal radar Patterson (sic).

**Patterson.** Iron paddle steamer, 410/260 tons. On 32292. Built by Scott & Co., Greenock, Scotland, 1854; reg. Sydney 75/1855, Wellington 1873, John Billings. Lbd 156.8 x 23.2 x 10.7 ft. On 6 June 1872, from Newcastle to Sydney, springing a leak and beaching at Stockton; refloated and repaired. On 13 July 1874, wrecked at the entrance to Waitara River, NZ. History: In 1861, picked up crew of lost schooner Elizabeth Selden, off Norah Head, NSW. [AS3, GHN, LNL, RPS, SAN] SAN lists as iron screw steamer. Loney LN lists as Patterson. Both SAN and LN indicate totally lost in 1872. Also listed: Patterson. Steamer. Owned by the N.S.W. State Navigation Company. Collided with the steamer William, also of the H.R.S. N.C., both considerably damaged, and being out of commission for several months, Raymond Terrance, NSW, possibly 1886. [DG]


**Patterson Packet.** Wooden cutter, 41 tons. On 32292. Built Patterson, NSW, 1847; reg. Sydney, 13/1847. Lbd 47.1 x 16 x 7.3 ft. Owned by Duncan McLennon from July 1858. Lost ashore Nobbys Head, Newcastle, 29 July 1859. [AS5, ASR, RPS, SAN] ASR lists as lost 1872, probably when registered closed.


**Pathfinder.** Wooden schooner, 44 tons. Lost near Barranjoey Heads, NSW, 9 April 1934. [AS5]


Loney lists as steamer.

**Patience.** Fishing boat. Destroyed by fire near the Abrolhos Islands, 1959. [LW, AS4]

**Patton.** Wooden 2-mast schooner, 15/13 tons. On 131621. Built by A.E. Brown, Fremantle 1911; reg. Fremantle 28/1911, Robson Norman Ltd. Lbd 38 x 12.1 x 5.1 ft. Lost in a cyclone off Lacepede Islands, WA, 27 March 1935. [RPS]


**Patricia.** Pearly lugger. Owned by D. McDaniell. Damaged, cyclone, Broome, WA, 26 March 1935. [HEP]

**Patricia.** Motor fishing vessel, L.F.B. TVH, 18 tons. Built circa 1950-1959 (probably at Port Waikato, Vaalgraaf, 1958); unregistered. Lbd 38.0 x 13.6 x 6.0 ft. Master-owner Keith William Todd. Overwhelmed by huge seas, capsized and sank at a spot known as Death Valley, King Island, 6 February 1974. Master drowned but son managed to swim ashore. [AS4, TS2]

**Patricia.** Tanker. Stranded off Williamstown, Port Phillip, 26 January 1957. [WPP]

**Patricia Can.** Auxiliary minesweeper, twin screw motor vessel, 301/202 tons. On 172929. Built by G.B. Beatty & Sons, Newcastle, NSW, 1915. As a motor vessel Northern Rivers Steam Ship Co., reg. Sydney. Requisitioned by the R.A.N. on 9 Februay 1942. Under command of Lt. A.C. Meldrum. Attacked by a Japanese flat-boat west of Wessel Island, NT, 22 January 1943. Sank after a direct hit amidships in the cargo hold. The Japanese flat-boat then circled to bomb and machine gun the survivors before landing nearby, captured and later executed Reverend L.N. Kentish from the Methodist Northern Australian Mission, clearly a civilian passenger who could not of course provide any military intelligence. The survivors drifted south on rafts and contact made with a coastwatcher, the captain having walked 25 miles in bare feet to summon help. Some of the crew died before being rescued by the naval tender Kurn, 29 January 1943, and landed them in Darwin three days later. Five crew lost, three aboriginal passengers.


**Patrick.** Wooden 3-mast ship, 189 tons. Built St. Martin, New Brunswick, 1826. Lbd 89.375 x 23.1 x 13-4 ft. Reg. Hobart 33/1849, William Young, and Burns White & Co. On a whaling cruise, wrecked at Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, in bad weather, end of June 1849. [RPS]