

"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 *Loch Ard* 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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1840 *Isist coastal trader Patterson (sic).*

**Paterson.** Iron paddle steamer, 410/260 tons. ON 32292. Built by Scott & Co., Greenock, Scotland, 1854; reg. Sydney 75/1855, Wellington 1/1873, John Billings. Lbd 156.8 x 23.2 x 10.7 ft. On 6 June 1872, from Newcastle to Sydney, sprang a leak and beached 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 Seldon*, off Norah Head, NSW. [AS3,GB,LN,LR,RPS,SAN] *SAN lists as iron screw steamer. Loney LN lists as Patterson. Both SAN and LN indicate totally lost in 1872. Also listed: Paterson.* Steamer. Owned by the Hunter River Steam Navigation Company. Collided with the steamer *Williams*, also of the H.R.S.N.C., both considerably damaged, and being out of commission for several months, Raymond Terrance, NSW, possibly 1856. [DG]

**Paterson.** Wooden single screw steamer, 446/226 tons. ON 136469. Built by T.F. Morrison, Sinclair & Co, Balmain, Sydney, 1920. Lbd 148.8 x 32.7 x 12.4 ft. RTo RAN in 1941, as a mine sweeper. eg. Sydney, 25/1948. Harbour Services Pty Ltd, under charter to Newcastle & Hunter River Steam Navigation Co. From Sydney to Newcastle, lost at Norah Head, north of Cabbage Tree Bay, NSW, 11 June 1951. All saved except the ship's cat. History: In 1930s, whilst loading in Sydney, foremast snapped off and killed a film sound engineer working on the wharf. On 17 November 1947, aground in Cabbage Tree Bay, NSW. Wrecksite known. [AS4,AS5,BNN,PSD,RPS,SAN,WTS] *SAN lists as a paddle steamer.*

**Paterson Packet.** Wooden cutter, 41 tons. ON 32429. Built Paterson, 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 register closed*

**Pathan.** Iron screw steamer, 2709 tons. Built by Aitken & Mansel, Glasgow, 1883; for Gellatly, Hankey, Sewell & Co. In 1899, British India Steam Navigation Co.Ltd., London via Suez to Brisbane. In 1900, sold to K. Fujioka and renamed *Koum Maru*. Wrecked off Idzu, 5 September 1912. [JMS]

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

**Patience.** Wooden 2-mast schooner, 15/13 tons. ON 118999. Built by Murray & Howson, Fremantle, 1902; reg. Fremantle 101/1903, K.J.Gundersen of Geraldton. Lbd 36.7 x 12.3 x 4.7 ft. K.J.Gundersen of Geraldton, owner. Wrecked between Red Bluff and Cape Cuvier, WA, 13 July 1930. All saved. [AS4,LW,RPS] *Loney lists as steamer.*

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

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

**Patriarch.** Iron ship, 1339 tons. Built 1869. Aberdeen White Star Line (their first iron ship). Captains Pile, Plater, Allan, Mark Breach. An extremely reliable and 'dry' ship. Arrived Sydney on her maiden voyage 10 February 1870, 74 days out. A regular in the Sydney trade. last voyage 1897-98. Sold to Norwegians on 1 November 1893. For fourteen years 'washed about the seas, unkempt, bare of paint and forgotten'. On Christmas Day 1911, left Algoa Bay; on 23 February 1912, ashore, total loss, at Cape Corrientes, south of the River Plate, Argentina. [BLA,LMA,]

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

**Patricia.** Motor fishing vessel, L.F.B. TVH, 18 tons. Built circa 1956-1959 (probably at Port Welshpool, Victoria, 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', about half a mile from Cape Wickham, 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 Cam.** Auxiliary minesweeper, twin screw motor vessel, 301/202 tons. ON 172929. Built by G.Beattie, Empire Bay, Brisbane Water 1940 as a tuna fishing vessel. Northern Rivers Steam Ship Co., reg. Sydney. Requisitioned by the R.A.N. on 9 February 1942. Under command of Lt. A.C.Meldrum. Attacked by a Japanese float plane west of Wessel Island, NT, 22 January 1943. Sank after a direct hit amidships in the centre of the cargo hatch. The Japanese float plane 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 *Kuru*, 29 January 1943, and landed them in Darwin three days later. Five crew lost, three aboriginal passengers. [#INT,AS4,LAH,LP,LW,RPS]

**Patrician.** Wooden ship, 1254/1213 tons. ON (US) 150171. Built by B.D. Metcalf, Damariscotta, Maine, USA, 1879; reg. New York, E.R.Sterling. Lbd 192 x 36.4 x 24 ft. Left Sydney for Bluff, New Zealand, with coal; abandoned in a sinking condition in the south Tasman Sea about midway across, 28 August 1896. Crew taken off by *SS Fifeshire*. [AS3,RPS]

**Patrick Henry.** Wooden dandy, 24 tons. Built by John & George Barrett, on the Huon River, 1849; reg. Hobart 19/1849. Lbd 46.6 x 14.1 x 4.6 ft. Capsized and sank off Hope Island, Port Esperance, Tasmania, 28 November 1857. Loss of one life. [TS1,AS5,LWR,RPS] *Loney LWR lists as wrecked at Esperance. Esperance is in WA, Port Esperance in Tasmania.*

**Patriot.** Wooden 3-mast ship, 189 tons. Built St.Martins, New Brunswick, 1826. Lbd 80-1.75 x 23-1 x 13-4 ft. Reg. Hobart 33/1848, William Young, and Burns,White & Co. On a whaling cruise, wrecked at Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, in bad weather, end of June 1849. [RPS]