



MV Elusa (+1941)

Details

general

nationality: [dutch](#)
 purpose: transport
 type: [tanker](#)
 propulsion: [motor vessel](#)
 date built: 1936

details

weight (tons): 6235 grt
 dimensions: 136 x 16,6 x 9,21 m
 engine: 6cyl MAN diesel engine
 power: 2800 h.p.
 speed: 11.5 knots

about the loss

cause lost: [torpedo](#)
 date lost: [21/05/1941](#) [dd/mm/yyyy]
 casualties:

about people

builder:  [Wilton Feijenoord N. V., Rotterdam](#)
 owner:  [Petroleum Maatschappij La Corona N. V., 'S Gravenhage](#)
 captain:

about the wreck

depth:
 orientation:
 protected:
 protected:
 war grave:


updates

entered by: [Allen Tony](#)
 entered: 04/03/2008
 last update: [Vleggeert Nico](#)
 last update: 15/09/2009

Position

[Allen Tony](#) 04/03/2008

latitude: 59°00'0X" N
 longitude: 038°05'0X" W
 division: 1'=60"
 remarks: Position is PA.
 ref. used: [www.uboot.net](#)

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show neighbour. wrecks: [members only](#)

[check AIS](#)

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The Wreck today

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Pictures



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History

[Lockett Graham](#) 18/03/2010

An interesting consequence of the sinking of the *Elusa* is related by Lt. Pat Jackson RN in "Lost Voices of the RN". Lt. Jackson was flying a Swordfish aircraft from *HMS Victorious* on the 25th May 1941, searching for the *Bismark* battle group. On completion of their search, they were unable to find *Victorious*, with their fuel gauge reading empty they were resigned to a cold death in the north Atlantic when they spotted below them an empty, waterlogged, lifeboat.

At this, they decided to ditch their aircraft next to the lifeboat, before the fuel ran out. The three of them clambered aboard and bailed it out with their flying boots before noticing that it came from the *Elusa*. As well as having furlled sails it also contained ships biscuits, 50 waterlogged cigarettes and a bottle of 1890 Napoleon brandy! They spent the next 9 days at the mercy of the wind & waves before being rescued by an Icelandic ship which landed them at Reykjavik. I guess the Gods were smiling upon them.

ref. [1][Lockett Graham](#)
 used: [2][Max Arthur, Lost Voices Of The Royal Navy](#)

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Elusa MV was a British Motor Tanker of 6,235 tons built in 1936. On the 21st May 1941 when on route from Curaçao (27 Apr) - Halifax (10 May) - Clyde in Convoy HX-126 and carrying a cargo of a full load of gasoline when she was torpedoed by German submarine U-93 and sunk.

About Owner(s)



[Petroleum Maatschappij La Corona N. V., 'S Gravenhage](#)

Founded in Dec 1912, Petroleum Maatschappij La Corona N.V. was a subsidiary of the Dutch Shell Company. La Corona was based in s' Gravenhage.



LAT: 64°50,2XXN LON: 21°11,4XXW

