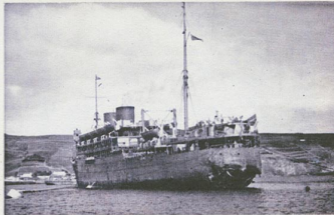


(In his *Union-Castle Chronicle*, Marischal Murray records that three days after the attack the Llangibby Castle limped into Horta Bay, having accomplished a 700-mile journey through submarine-infested seas, without stern, rudder or defensive gun—and with the Atlantic in no friendly mood. The Portuguese authorities allowed the Llangibby Castle to remain at Horta for fourteen days but little could be done to repair the vital damage, and on 2nd February the vessel put to sea again, headed this time for Gibraltar. Here she spent fifty-seven days but was unable to acquire a rudder so, after being strengthened and strapped up aft, the Llangibby Castle left for the United Kingdom on the last 1,445-mile stage of her fantastic voyage. The journey took just over six days and was accomplished without assistance, except for a few hours in the Straits of Gibraltar when the services of a tug were needed.

From the time of being torpedoed until her arrival back in Britain, the redoubtable Llangibby Castle travelled



*The redoubtable Llangibby Castle—without stern, rudder or defensive gun.*

3,400 miles minus rudder and minus stern, an achievement which must have few parallels.—Ed)