

This 1918 animation, by the famous cartoonist Winsor McCay (1867-1934), depicts the 1915 sinking of the *Lusitania*, a ship of the Cunard Line.

The ship sank (in eighteen minutes) after a second, massive explosion. It was believed, at the time, there had been a second torpedo, and that is reflected in this animation. The U-boat captain, however, denied it.

Later discovery of the wreck, by Dr. Robert Ballard, revealed that coal dust may have been responsible for the second, fatal explosion.

Credits:

1918 animation by Winsor McCay. Online, courtesy National Archives.

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