

Memories of the Andrea Doria

25–26 July 1956

Andrew J. Hanson

ANDREA DORIA SINKS

Over half a century ago, on 26 July 1956, the **Andrea Doria** sank in the Atlantic Ocean 6 hours short of New York Harbor:





The cabin porthole over my bunk bed was 90 feet aft of where the Stockholm struck the starboard side of the Andrea Doria at 11:22pm, 25 July 1956, killing 48 people instantly.

The Andrea Doria was traveling at 21.8 knots, or 37 feet per second, when the Stockholm hit.

If the Stockholm had been 2.7 seconds later, I would not be here writing this note...

**... and 10 hours, 47 minutes later ...
... down she went...with everything we were
bringing back home to the US from the
family's sabbatical year in Torino, Italy...**



...and here are the newspaper clippings to prove it!



RESCUED

Mrs. Alfred O. Hanson, 707 W. Iowa St., poses with her daughter, 7-year-old Ardith, both rescued from the ill-fated Italian liner Andrea Doria, which sunk off the coast of Newfoundland last week. Mrs. Hanson's other two children, Andrew, 12, and Donald, 10, also were rescued. They are expected to arrive in Urbana Wednesday with their father, a University of Illinois nuclear physicist.

Rescued Woman Says:

Lifeboat Drill Was 'Farcical'

...William G... consisted of "all the passen...



...T SAVED HIS LIFE. Donald Hanson, 10-year-old son of Prof. and Mrs. Alfred Hanson, 707 W. Iowa, Urbana, shows the life preserver which he wore when the Italian luxury liner Andrea Doria crashed with the Swedish liner Stockholm, to his father and older brother, Andy. Mrs. Hanson, the two boys and daughter, Ardith, were forced to jump off the sinking ship. Prof. Hanson was in New York waiting to meet his family when the accident occurred.

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