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Wilhelm Gustloff: Deadliest Shipwreck

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The surging mass of people attempted to storm the lifeboats, hardly anyone hearing the command: "women and children first."

Karl Hoffmann

Wilhelm Gustloff Survivor

The night was freezing cold as an estimated 10,582 people (perhaps more) were crammed into the <u>Wilhelm</u> Gustloff.

Most folks on the <u>overcrowded</u> ship, designed to carry 1,865 passengers, were German women and children. They thought they were <u>escaping</u> certain death at the hands of the <u>approaching</u> Soviet Army.

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Fleeing Refugees - Boarding the Wilhelm Gustloff

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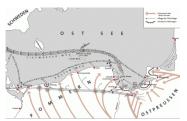


Wilhelm Gustloff - Passengers Overcrowding the Ship

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