

ARANDORA STAR VICTIMS

613 GERMANS & ITALIANS

It was disclosed in London last night that Kapitan-Lieutenant Prien, the U-boat commander who penetrated Scapa Flow last October and sank the battleship Royal Oak, is also the man who torpedoed the Arandora Star and sent 143 German and 470 Italian internees to their deaths.

The sinking of the Royal Oak was described by Mr. Churchill when First Lord of the Admiralty as "a remarkable exploit of professional skill and daring." But Prien appears in the intervening months to have yielded to the demands of the German High Command that merchant ships are to be sunk regardless of the dictates of international law or humanity.

" Short Display Of Fireworks "

In his report on his last cruise, broadcast from Zeesen in Hungarian on Sunday, Prien said: "We got best results from firing at cargo boats. . . . We were returning when we met one more enemy vessel of 15,000 tons. . . . We had the pleasure of assisting at a short display of fireworks, and then old England became poorer by 15,000 tons." That ship was the Arandora Star.

A number of well known figures in the London West End hotel and restaurant world who were among the 1,500 German and Italian internees on the Arandora Star are unofficially reported missing. They have so far been unaccounted for among those known to be saved. Those who are reported missing include: Italo Zangiacomi, general manager of the Piccadilly Hotel, who had been thirty years there; Cesare Maggi, restaurant manager of the Ritz Hotel; Joseph Benini, manager of Hungaria Restaurant; John (Giovanni) Sovrani, manager of the Normandie Hotel; Cesare Borg, manager of the Café Anglais; Hector (Ettore) Zavattoni, banqueting manager of the Savoy Hotel; and Primo Pozzo, chef at the Monseigneur Restaurant.

The list of rescued includes: Andre Gualdi and Nario Cazzani, partners in the Monseigneur Restaurant, who used to run the Embassy Club; Luigi Vergano, late chef at Quaglino's; and Cesare Bianchi, head chef of the Café Royal. Other well-known names in the list of saved are Dr. Ricardo Vicchi-Borghesi, the gynsecologist, and Signor A. Ripamonti, a chief official of the Italian Tourist Bureau in London.