

Titanic Disaster as Experienced from Cape Race

On April 14, 1912, **Walter Gray**, **Jack Goodwin** and **Robert Hunston** were serving at the Marconi Company wireless station at Cape Race, Newfoundland, 400 nautical miles (781 km) west of the site of *Titanic's* sinking.

After the first distress call, **Robert Hunston** started this message log.

Titanic's shipboard time was 1 hour and 50 minutes ahead of Eastern Standard Time which was used at Cape Race. *Titanic* first used the distress call CQD, later adding the new code, SOS.

Complete Transcript of Robert Hunston's Wireless Document: "The *Titanic* Disaster as Viewed from Cape Race"

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10:25 pm (EST) [12:15 am on *Titanic*]

J.C.R. Goodwin on watch hears *Titanic* calling C.Q.D. giving position 41.44 N 50.24 W about 380 miles SSE of Cape Race.

10:35 pm

Titanic gives corrected position as 41.46N 50.14W. A matter of 5 or six miles difference. He says "have struck iceberg".

10:40 pm

Titanic calls *Carpathia* and says "We require immediate assistance". Gray on duty.

10:43 pm

Titanic gives same information to *Californian*, giving *Titanic's* position.

10:45 pm

Caronia circulates same information broadcast to Baltic and all ships who can hear him RH on duty.

10:55 pm

Titanic tells German steamer "Have struck iceberg and sinking".

11:00 pm

Titanic continues calling for assistance and giving position.

11:25 pm

Establish communication with *Virginian* here and give him all information re: *Titanic*, telling him to inform captain immediately. OK.

11:36 pm

Olympic asks *Titanic* which way latter steering. *Titanic* replies "We are putting women off in boats".

11:55 pm

Virginian says he is now going to assistance *Titanic*. *Titanic* meanwhile continues circulating position calling for help. He says weather is calm and clear