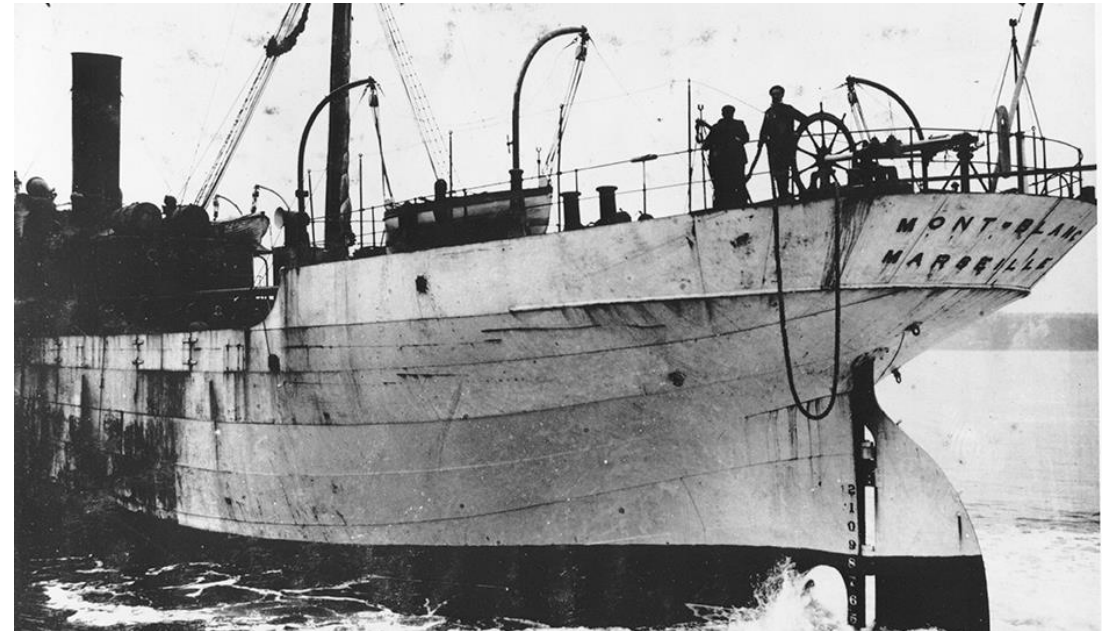
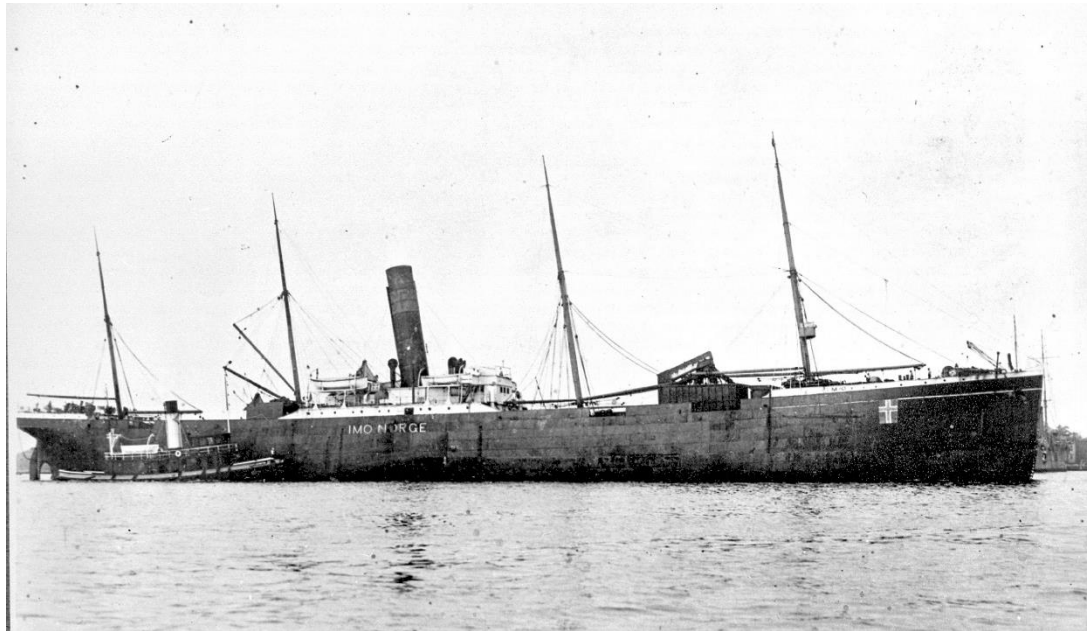


City's saviours:

THE Military response to the Halifax explosion



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DEVASTATION

- 1,600 killed instantly
- 400+ died soon after
- 2,500 perhaps total
- 9,000 injured
- Total destruction of buildings within 800 metres/1/2 mile) 1,630
- Severe damage to buildings within 1,600 metres/1 mile) structures
- Lesser damage to another 5,000 buildings
- 6,000 homeless
- 19,000 without adequate shelter
- \$35,000,000 property damage

The Army in Halifax, 6 Dec 1917

- 5,000 soldiers: 3,300 garrison; 1,700 in transit
- Garrison: 5 artillery units, 4 engineer, 3 infantry, misc support
- In Transit: CEF, BEF soldiers
- Fortress Halifax Locations:
- Inner Harbour: Fort Clarence, Fort Charlotte
- Point Pleasant Park: Cambridge Battery, Fort Ogilvie, Point Pleasant Battery
- Western Shore: York Redoubt, Sandwich Battery, Connaught Battery
- McNab's Island: Fort McNab, Fort Ives, Fort Hugonin
- East & west landward defences

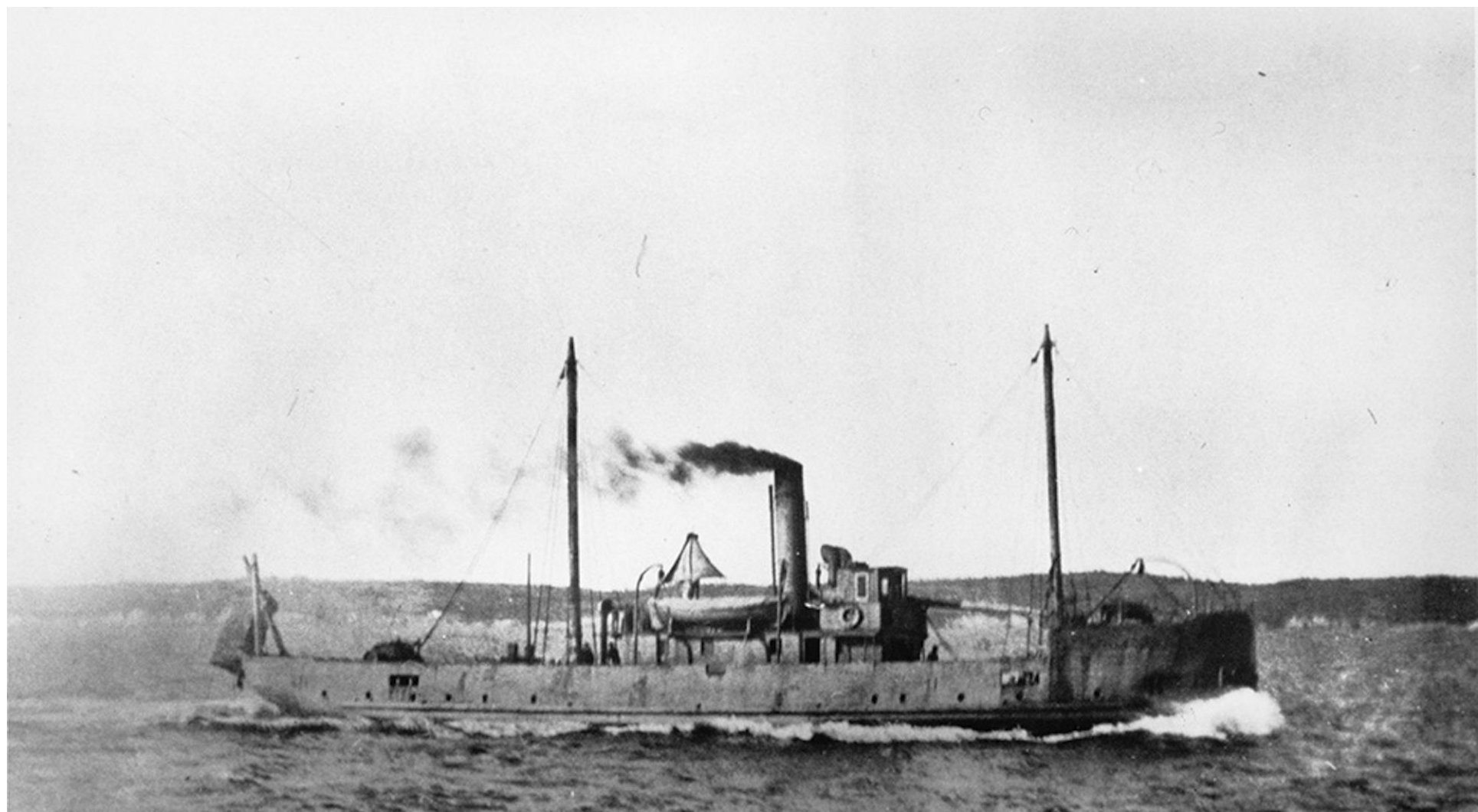


The RCN in Halifax, 6 Dec 1917

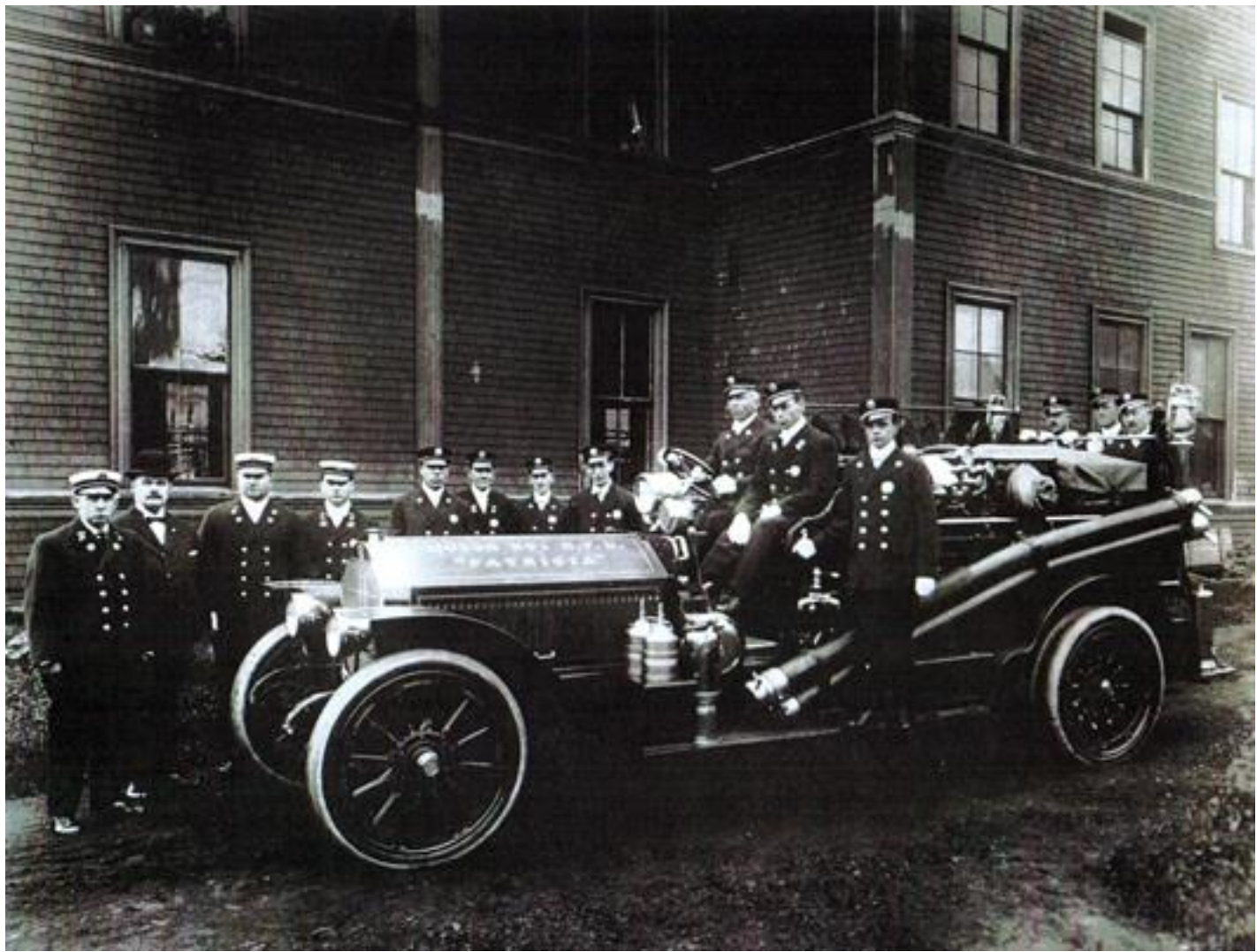
- HMCS *Niobe*
- 10 Minesweepers
- Gate Vessels
- HMCS *Grilse*
- 13 Auxiliary Patrol Vessels
- 3 Trawlers / 38 Drifters
- 2 Submarines + tender

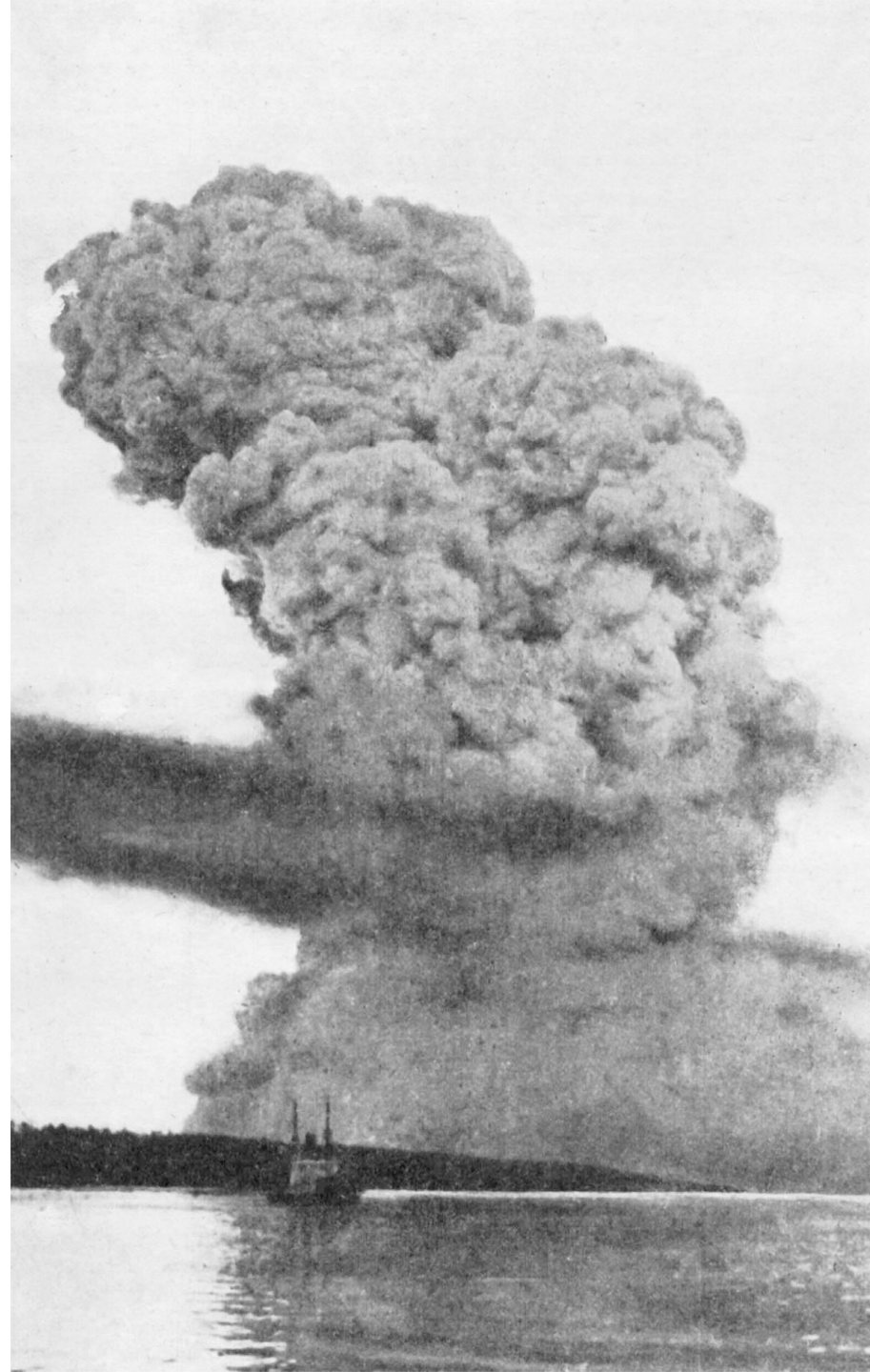
Military Medical Facilities

- Cogswell St Military Hospital
- Camp Hill Convalescent Hospital
- Pier 2 Casualty Clearing Station
- Quarantine Hospital Rockhead
- Admiralty House Hospital





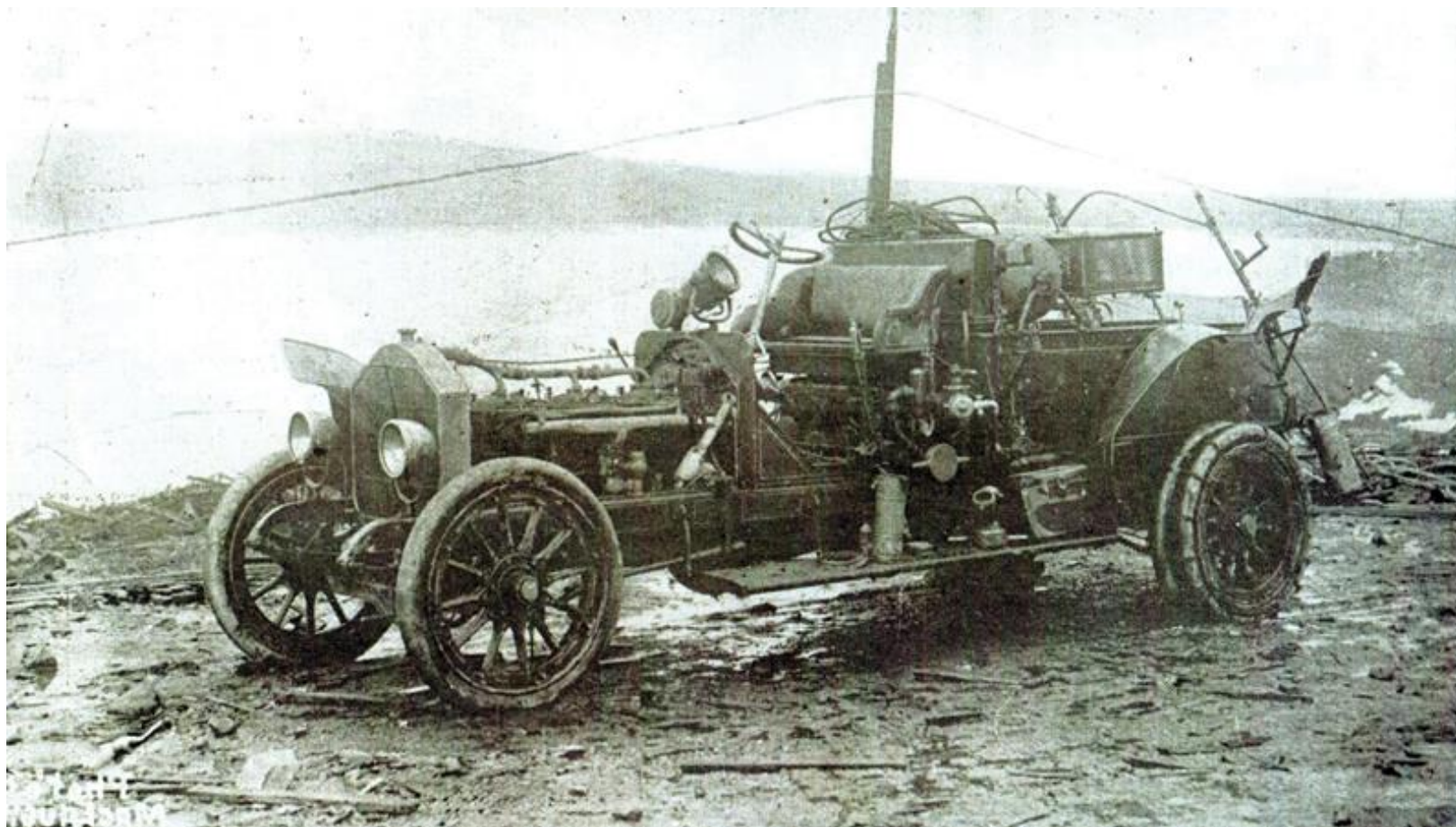






Albert Medal in Bronze - A/Bosun Mattison













Ruins at Richmond. - This picture was taken shortly after the explosion.





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Halifax Disaster, Dec. 6, 1917.

GOTTINGEN STREET A FEW HOURS AFTER EXPLOSION.





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DEAD AT MALIBU



"Urgent. Is there any possible way in which
Militia Council can assist?"

Telegram from Major-General Willoughby Gwatkin,
Chief of the General Staff, Ottawa

"Many thanks. Situation well in hand.
Full report later."

Telegram reply from Major-General Benson,
Commander Military District 6

MGen Bensen sitrep – evening 6 Dec

- Ship loaded with ammunitions accidentally blew up in Harbour at 9 o/c this morning destroying northern part of city.
- Twelve, possibly more, soldiers killed, others more or less injured seriously.
- Wellington and other barracks seriously wrecked.
- Many citizens killed and injured numbers not ascertainable.
- Have used all available soldiers for relief work and patrol duties day and night.
- Have assistance from British and American ships in harbour.
- All hospitals full to capacity. Have erected hospital and other tents on Common.
- Assisting city feeding and housing homeless and collecting wounded and dead
- Nearby towns rendering civil assistance.





Searching for human lives amid the debris in the devastated Richmond section.







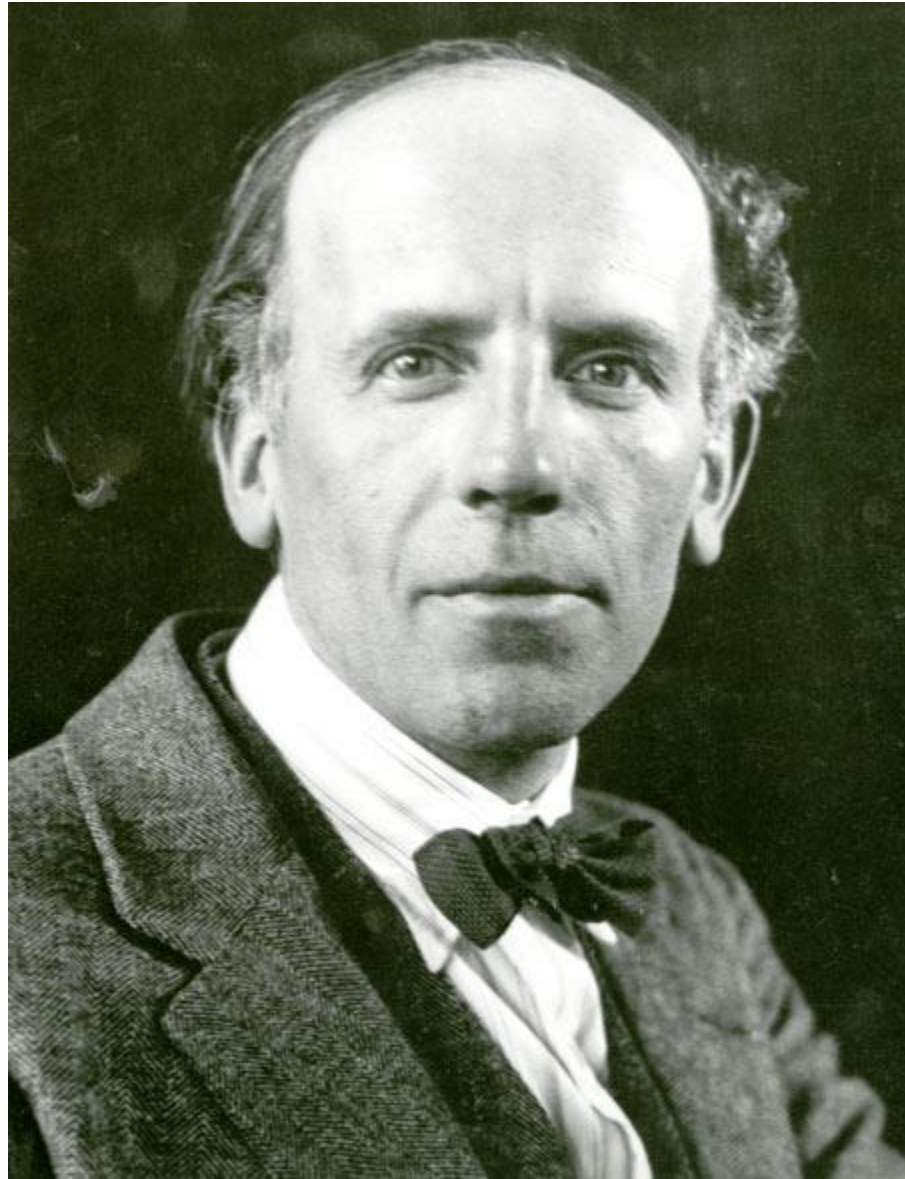
ROOSE STREET SCHOOL















The Hour of Horror in Devastated Richmond



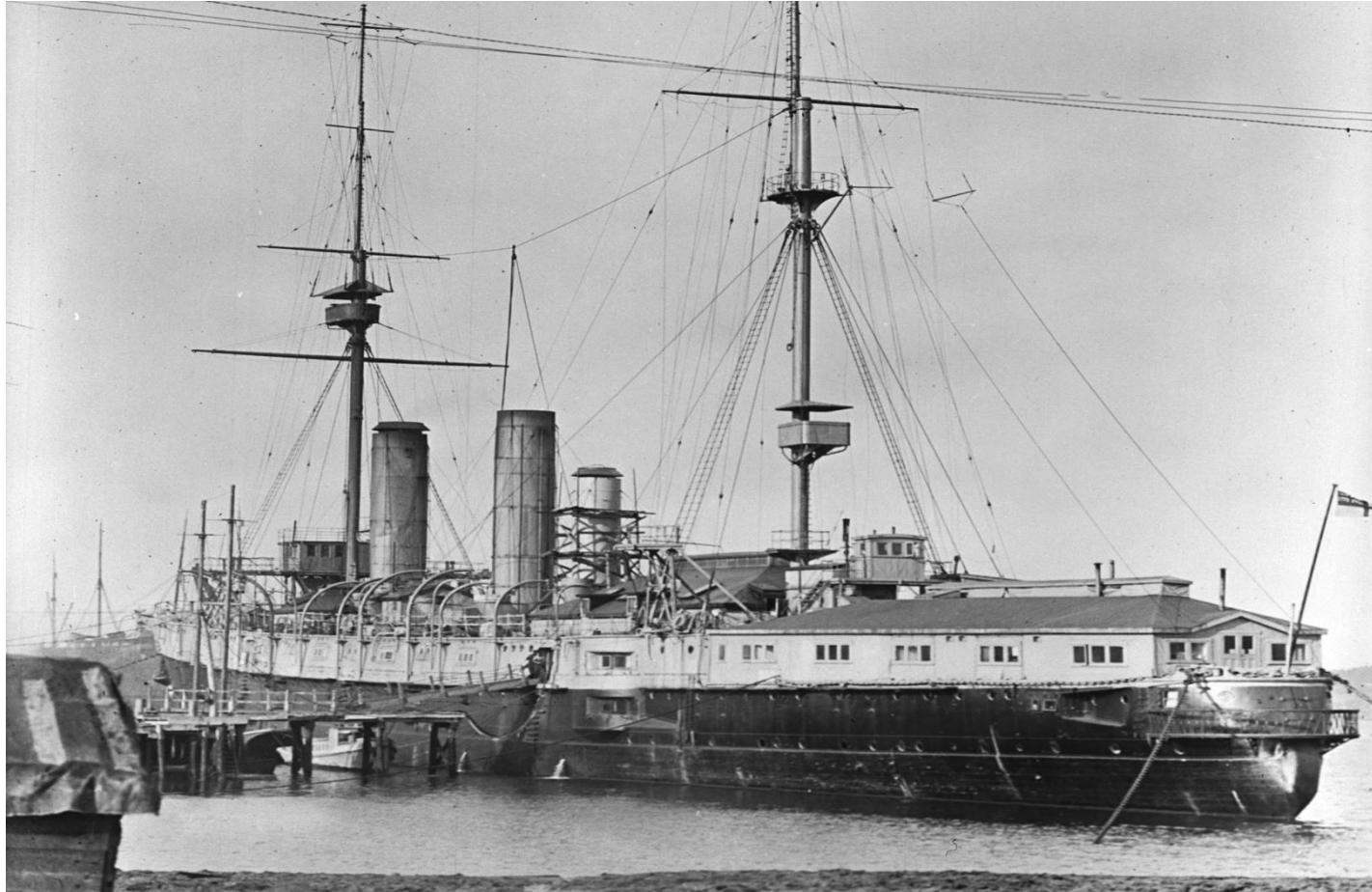






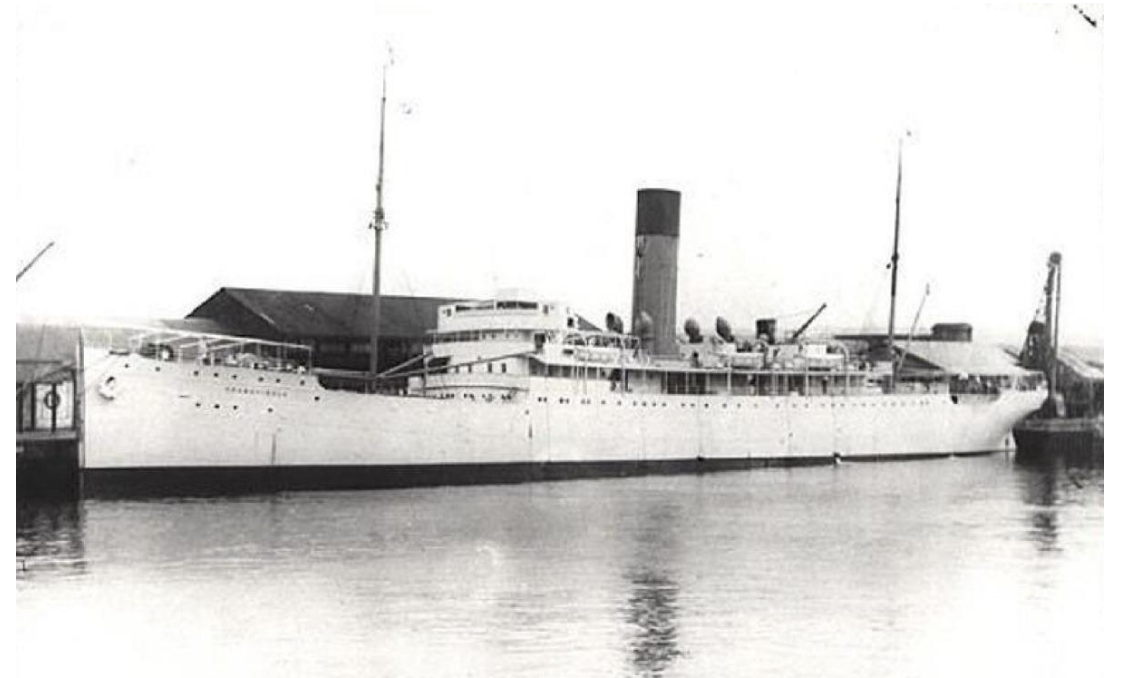
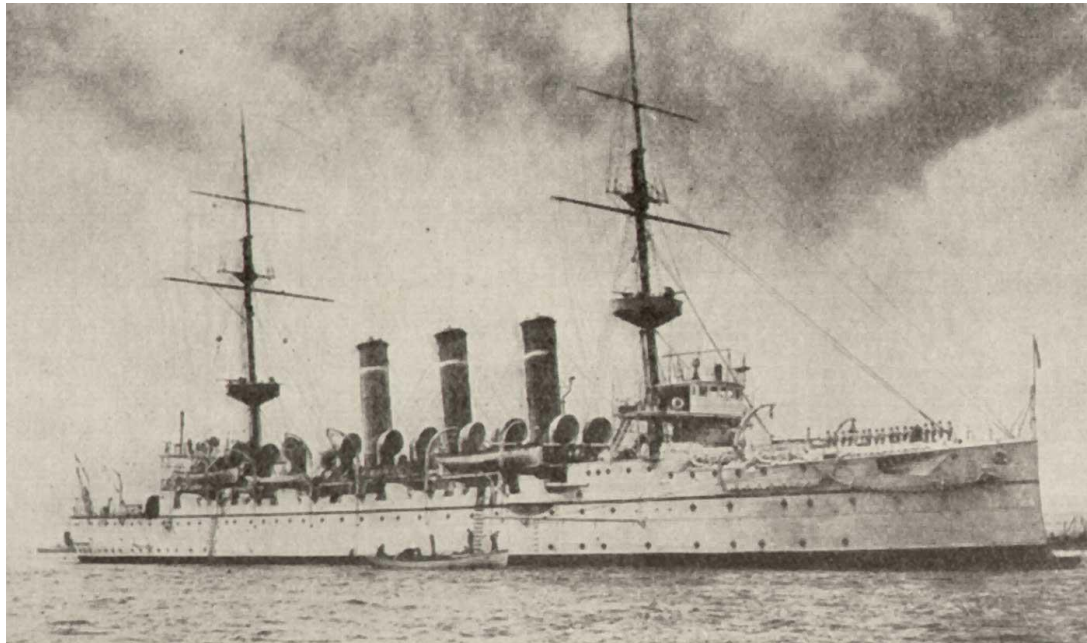
St. Joseph's Church

HMCS *Niobe*

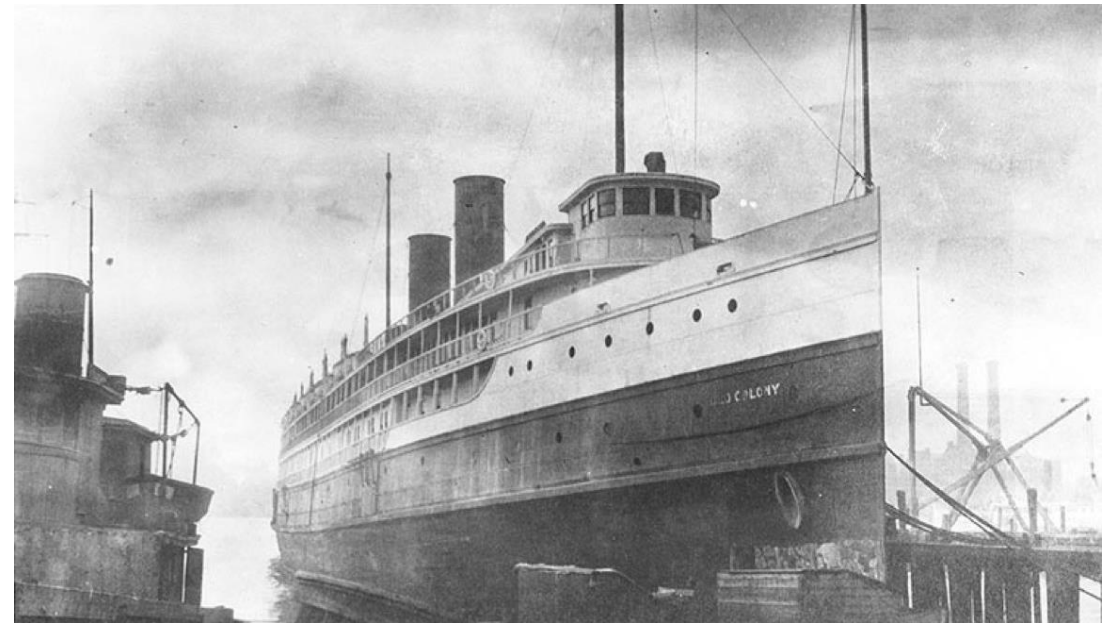




HMS *Highflyer* & HMS *Changuinola*



USCGC *Morrill* & USS *Old Colony*

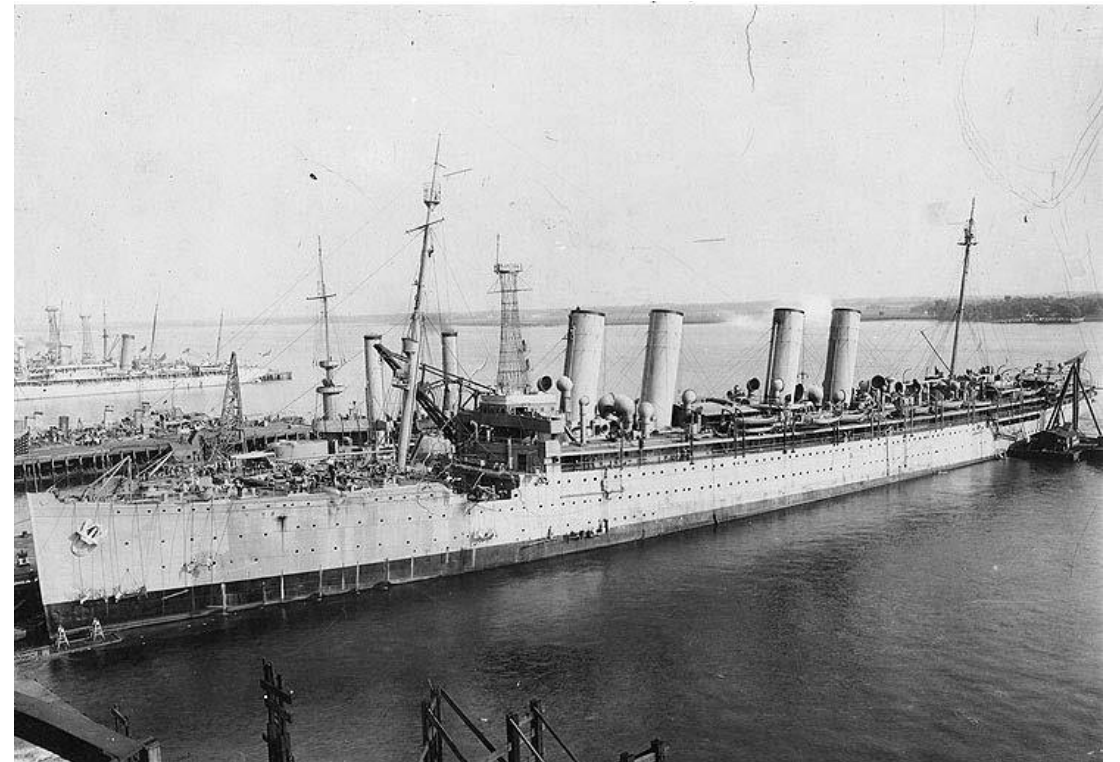




USS *Old Colony*



USS *Tacoma* & USS *Von Steuben*





City of Halifax

No. 11788

Pass for Devastated Area

Allow Bearer within Devastated District

NAME

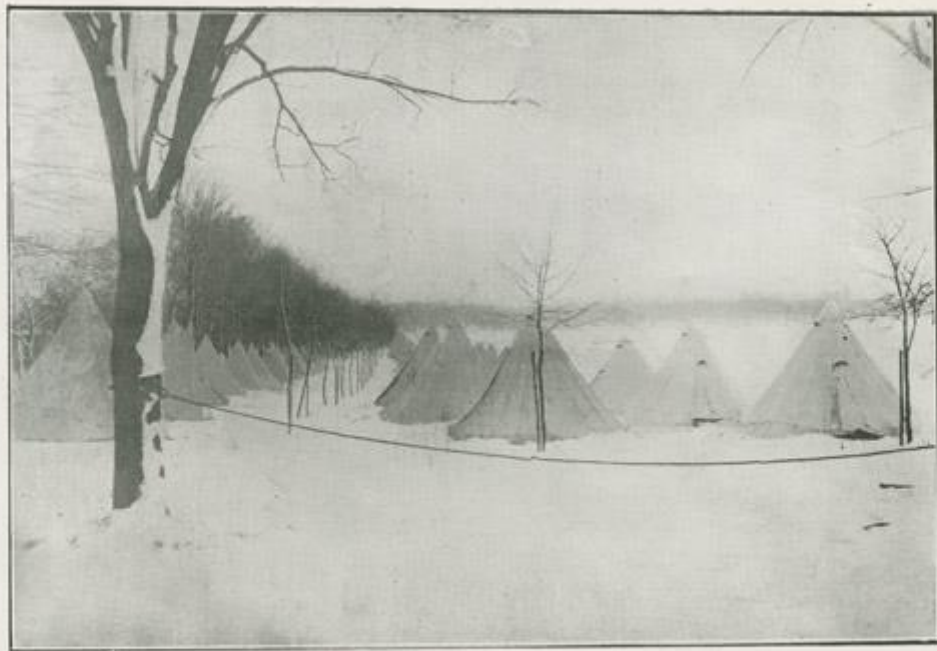
Miss E. Bond.

and party of one

FRANK HANRAHAN

Chief of Police





Amid the Blinding Blizzard of Friday many found shelter in rows of canvas tents.





Motor lorries conveying the wounded to the new Military Hospital on Camp Hill.











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Entrance No. 2 Pier.







Officers' Quarters, Wellington Barracks.





R.S. I. - Wellington Barracks & Married Quarters



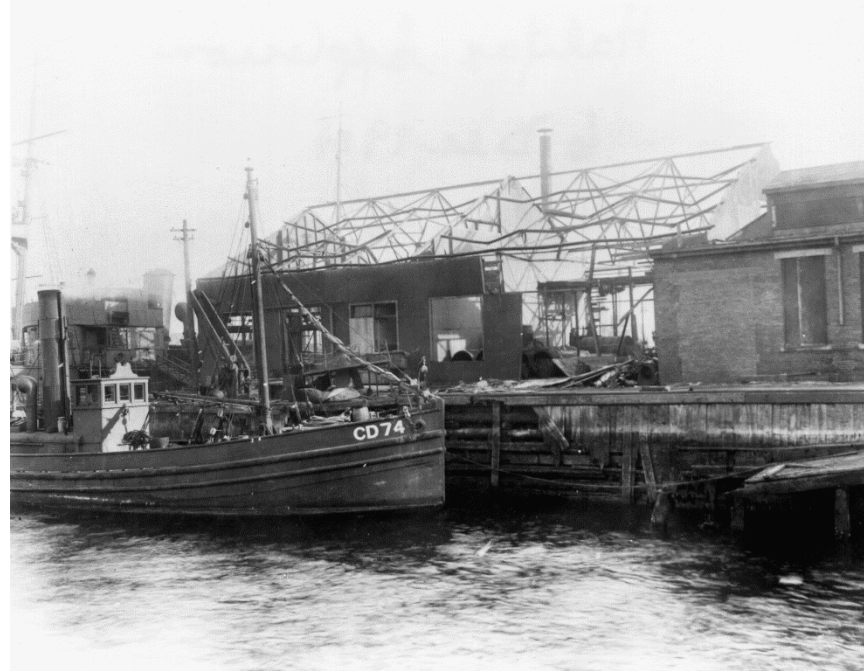
Married Quarters, Wellington Barracks





Naval Hospital & Barracks











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BODIES IN CHEBUCTO ROAD MORTUARY.



Crowds swarming into Chebueto Road School to identify the dead.





TO THE MEMORY OF
THE UNIDENTIFIED DEAD
VICTIMS OF THE GREAT DISASTER
DECEMBER 6, 1917.





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THE HALIFAX EXPLOSION

John Boileau

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