

DEFENDING DOVER



A Royal Navy anti-aircraft gun on the Prince of Wales Pier in 1915, showing the track to the original terminus of the Seafront Railway. A temporary station was erected here when Hamburg-America and Red Star Transatlantic liners called at Dover Harbour for a short period in the early 1900s.

Kent on the Front Line

- PRINCIPAL PORTS FOLKESTONE , DOVER & RICHBOROUGH. OVER 10 MILLION SUCCESSFULLY TRANSPORTED DURING WAR
- RN - CHATHAM, SHEERNESS & DOVER
- RNAS WESTGATE & EASTCHURCH MAIDSTONE, CANTERBURY , CHATHAM, DOVER & HYTHE – GARRISONS & RN DIVISION
- AIRFIELDS – LYMPNE, DYMCHURCH & JELLANDS FIELD
- DEFENCE OF REALM ACT 8 AUGUST INTRODUCING RESTRICTED ACCESS- KENT BECOMES A MILITARISED ZONE
- AIR RAIDS THROUGHOUT KENT

Mobilisation

- TERRITORIAL FORCE VAD TRAINING EXERCISES & AMALGAMATION WITH ST. JOHN'S & RED CROSS 8 AUGUST 1914
- TERRITORIALS MOBILISED FOR HOME SERVICE – AFFECTS INDUSTRY IN KENT
- QORWK RECEIVES 3,000 VOLUNTEERS BY END AUGUST
- 3 NEW ARMY SERVICE BATTALIONS RAISED BY THE BUFFS BY END SEPTEMBER 1914

Dover – the Fortress

- DOVER OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED A FORTRESS IN 1914
- GARRISON & DEFENCES OF 10,000 MEN
- DOVER CASTLE MILITARY HQ FOR AREA
- SIGNAL STATION IN CASTLE THE NERVE CENTRE FOR SHIPPING MOVEMENTS
- SIGNAL STATION ALSO FIRE COMMAND POST
- BODY OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER SPENDS NIGHT AT DOVER CASTLE BEFORE PROCEEDING TO LONDON

Fire Command Post



ENGLISH HERITAGE

Dover Patrol

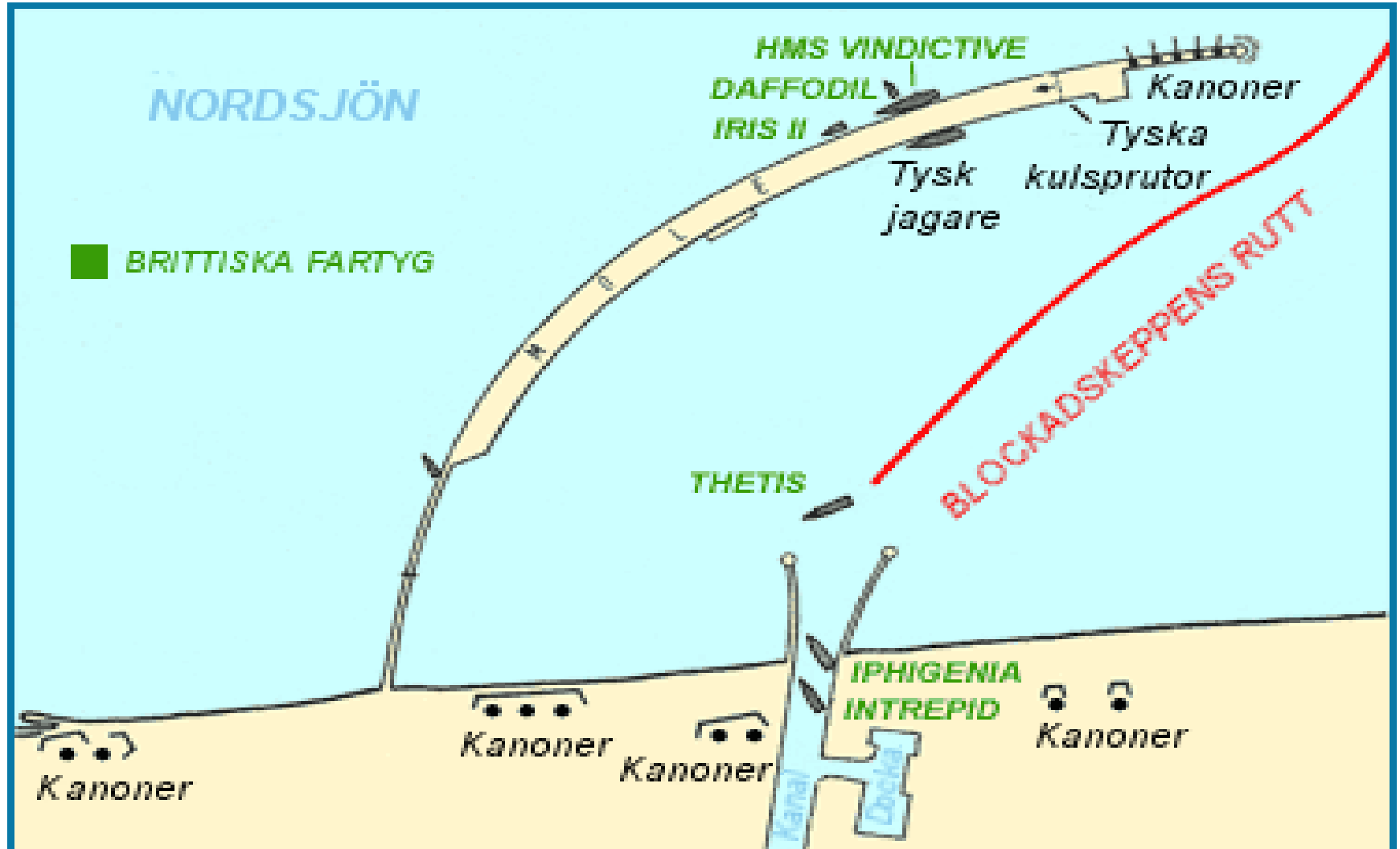


- JULY 1914 12 TRIBALS JOIN OBSOLESCENT MIXED FLEET OF SMALL SHIPS
- ANTI SUBMARINE PATROLS, ESCORTING MERCHANT VESSELS, HOSPITAL SHIPS & TROOPSHIPS
- MINE LAYING & SWEEPING
- BOMBARDING GERMAN POSITIONS ON BELGIAN COAST

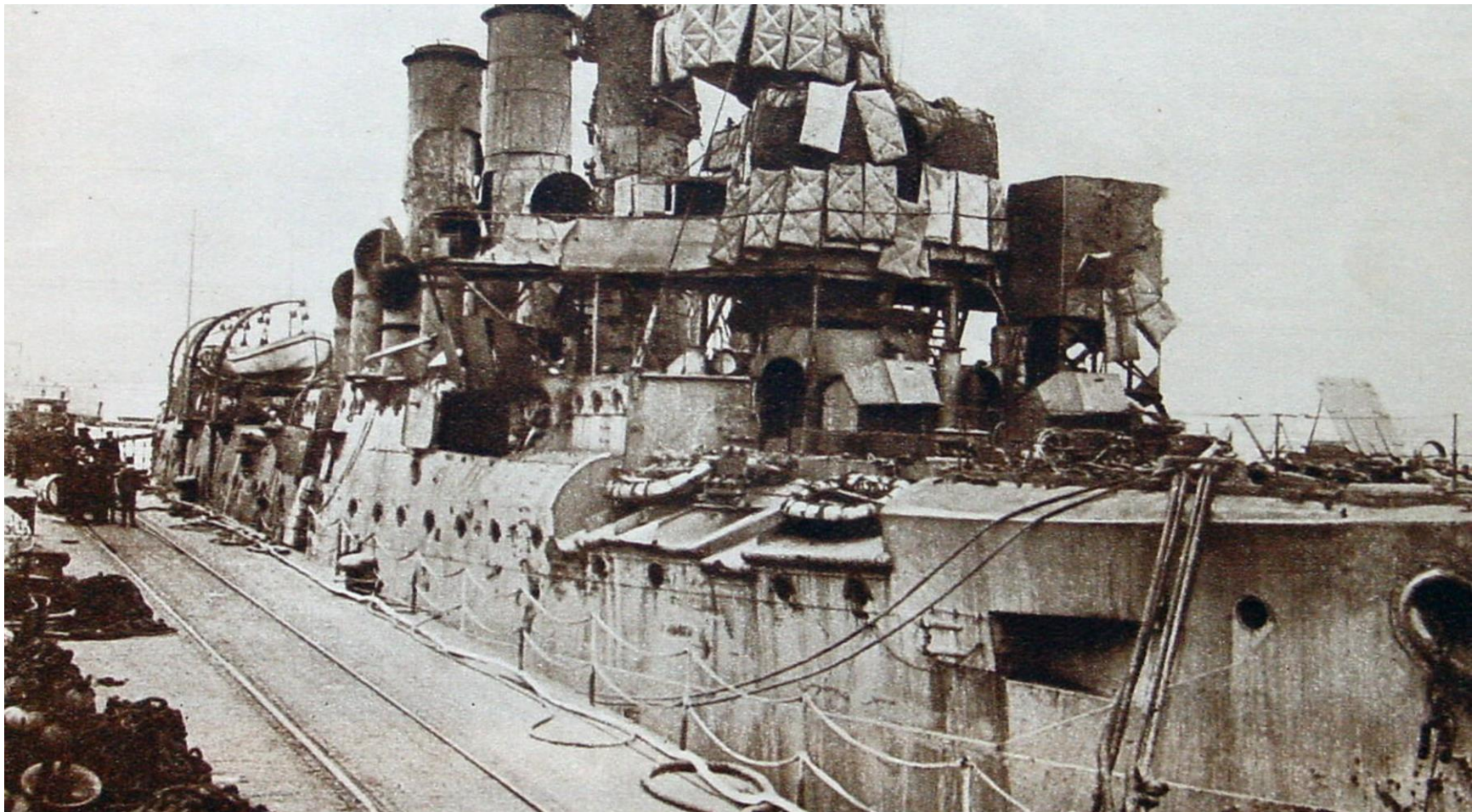
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- HMS FALCON - HIT 24 OCTOBER 1914 BY A SINGLE 8 INCH SHELL KILLING 25 OF CREW OF 60. REPAIRED AND THEN COMMANDED BY LT. LIGHTOLLER
- EVANS OF THE BROKE – 20 APRIL 1917 SANK 2 GERMAN DESTROYERS. AS TEDDY EVANS WAS SCOTT'S SECOND IN COMMAND IN 1912
- VICE ADM ROGER KEYES COMMANDS DOVER FROM DECEMBER 1917 & ASSUMES OFFENSIVE
- RAID ON ZEEBRUGGE & OSTEND 23 APRIL 1918
- DESIGNED TO STOP U-BOATS & SMALL CRAFT FROM OPERATING
- 200 MARINES LANDED TO BLOW UP CANAL TO BRUGES
- WIND CHANGED, SURPRISE LOST & BLOCKSHIPS IN WRONG PLACE
- 583 CASUALTIES - 8 VCS & A GREAT DEAL OF PROPAGANDA

Zeebrugge Raid



HMS Vindictive returns



Dover under Attack

- FIRST BOMB ON BRITAIN – DOVER 24 DECEMBER 1914 BY ST. JAMES CHURCH
- 23 SHELLS LATER LAND ON TOWN FROM GERMAN WARSHIPS
- A TOTAL OF 184 BOMBS LAND ON DOVER FROM ZEPPELINS & AIRCRAFT
- CIVILIANS USE LOCAL CAVES – OIL MILL CAVES FOR SHELTER
- ARMY & ROYAL NAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERIES
- SEARCHLIGHTS
- WHOLE TOWN & SURROUNDING AREA A RESTRICTED AREA UNDER DORA

WW1 AA Gun Fires again



Casualties

- 207 BOMBS & SHELLS LAND ON DOVER
- ABOUT 30 KILLED & 75 WOUNDED
- TOTAL DEATHS BY AIR RAID IN BRITAIN APPROX 1400
- WORST RAID 24 SEPTEMBER 1917 IN CRABBLE HILL AREA WITH 6 KILLED
- FIGURES INCLUDE SERVICE MEN STATIONED OR LIVING IN TOWN & TWO FISHERMEN WHOSE TRAWLER SUNK BY SPLINTERS IN HARBOUR

Taking Shelter under Phoenix Brewery



Whitfield Checkpoint



Military Homecoming



The Unknown Soldier

