

Cabin 4 S.S. Scotia

The S.S. Scotia was built by William Denny and Brothers Ltd in Dumbarton, launched in 1921 she was 3441 tons. She was owned by the London & North Western Railway (L. & N.W.R.) and operated as a ferry between Holyhead and Dublin with a crew predominantly from Anglesey.

The Scotia was commandeered by the Admiralty during World War Two (WWII) as a transport ship (with the crew remaining the same, but with the addition of some men from the Royal Navy) and was known as H.M.S. Scotia

When, in 1940, the Germans sprang a surprise attack on allied troops in France, there was an urgent need to evacuate large numbers of troops to England, and so, the call for help went out, and vessels of all sizes and descriptions made their way to the French coast to help. The operation was called Operation Dynamo.

On the morning of the 1st of June 1940, H.M.S. Scotia was attacked by enemy aircraft. Of at least four bombs that hit the Scotia, one went down the funnel before exploding, and soon the ship was listing astern and the order was soon given to abandon ship.

It was estimated that up to 330 onboard the Scotia had lost their lives, 28 of them being crew of the Scotia.



L.& N.W.S.S. SCOTIA LEAVING HOLYHEAD FOR DUBLIN (NORTH WALL)