

OSLO EXPLOSION

Devastation and death in Oslo Harbour. A huge mine and a fully loaded ammunition ship exploded killing a hundred and twenty people and injuring hundreds of others. Fifteen Norwegian soldiers were killed and British and American servicemen were among the injured.

The majority of the dead were German prisoners of war. Two thousand of them were waiting in the harbour to embark on repatriation ships. Others were loading German ammunition on to barges for dumping in deep water in Oslo Fjord. The tumult and the shouting have died away but even war's diminishing echo has the power to kill and destroy.