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Evacuation from Dunkirk

And we got to the mole and it had been breached a few times I think and there'd been battens thrown over there. And one of the saddest things I saw then in my lifetime in France and Belgium was the lads that were dead on that mole. I can remember as we were marching along there you could see lads that had been killed and someone had put an overcoat over but you could see their feet and they were just lying on the mole. That was a sad sight. Of course you had to go along and you didn't just walk, you went along quick, and this particular time that I remember there was two boats, biggish boats too, and one was at the end of the mole and another one was part of the way down, and there was Navy men halfway down this mole where the ship was, the first one. And as we went along in twos those was on the left were told to get on that boat, the one halfway down, and the others went straight past so, in effect, they were filling two boats at the same time.