



Carried Soldiers to Fight—Passengers to Death

This historic picture shows the CPR steamer Princess Sophia leaving Victoria in August, 1914, with the first troops bound for overseas service in the First World War. The men were given a tremendous sendoff but many never returned and others were badly

wounded. On October 26, 1918, almost on the eve of the armistice, the Princess Sophia was southbound from Skagway, Alaska, for Victoria, when she struck a rock and sank, carrying 343 persons to their death. No one survived the disaster.