

Script After Dunkirk Premiere

Voice over: “1940 and allied soldiers are surrounded by the advancing German army: the movie Dunkirk tells the story of the evacuation of allied troops from the French city of Dunkirk. Thrilling entertainment for most viewers but for just a handful of people in the world, images that brought back memories of surviving the battle.”

Ken Sturdy: “I never thought I would see that again. It's just like I was there again.”

Voice over: “Ken Sturdy just watched the Premiere of Dunkirk in Calgary. He was only 20 years old, a signal man with the Royal Navy helping evacuating soldiers reach waiting boats from the chaos on the beach.”

Ken Sturdy: “I was in those little bit boats picking them out of the water... I had the privilege to see that film tonight but I understand, but, because what happened on that beach...”

Voice over: “Over 68,000 British soldiers were captured or killed during the battle or retreat. Over 300,000 were rescued over 9 days. So many sunken boats with little room for desperate survivors. Their heroic scenes took Sturdy back in times when he was on those small boats. He says the beach was filled with terrified soldiers.”

Ken Sturdy: “I was 20 when that happens but I think it brought my..., I could see my old friends again and a lot of them died later in the war.”