

Thursday 12 October 2017, 12.30-2 pm

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Queen Mary University of London, Mile End



The Mendi, launched in 1905 for the British & African Steam Navigation Co., chartered by the Admiralty in 1916 as a troopship, sank in the English Channel on 21 February 1917 after colliding with a cargo steamer, with the loss of over 600 black South African lives.

The Multiple Meanings of the Mendi

a roundtable seminar discussion of the centenary of the sinking of the SS Mendi and its cultural legacies

Lucy Graham (University of the Western Cape),
Michèle Barrett (QMUL), Santanu Das (KCL)
Chair: Andrew van der Vlies / Respondent: Nadia Atia



Men of the South African Native Labour Contingent who were sent to the Western Front.