

THE PROMENADE - Port St Mary



This 1941 painting by one of the male internees in the Married Camp, Alex Rummelsburg, shows the Victorian boarding houses on Port St Mary Promenade, with the Ballaqueeney Hotel in the distance.

The Promenade was the main part of the internment camp from the very beginning in 1940 and continued as the focus for the Married Camp from 1941 to 1943.

After the Married Camp was moved to Port Erin, holidaymakers were able to start visiting the boarding houses on the Promenade again, while the Ballaqueeney Hotel became the local headquarters of the OCTU - the Royal Army Pay Corps Officer Cadets Training Unit.



Returning internees would be able to recognise the Promenade as it still looks much the same as it did in 1940, although a number of the former boarding houses are now apartments.

However, the Ballaqueeney Hotel (pictured right) is currently (2020) awaiting redevelopment.



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