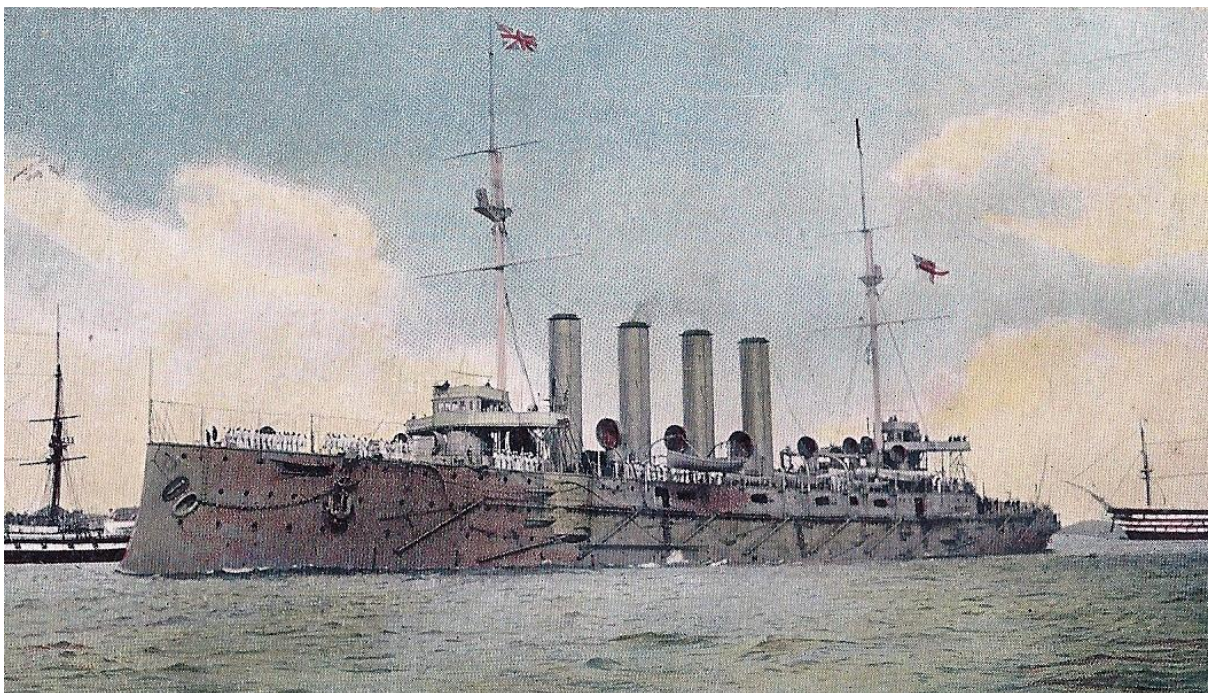


Port Weymss/Portnahaven War Memorial

More research needs to be done to uncover the full details on all of the men on the memorial. There are some possibilities that we have included. We would be pleased to receive any information or images about the men.

Archie Cameron (This could be 300432 Private Archibald Cameron, 1st/7th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, born at Kilchoan, Argyllshire, and a resident of Islay. He enlisted at Port Askaig, and was killed in action on 11 April 1918.)

Seaman Alexander Currie, Royal Naval Reserve, HMS *Europa*, died on 5 March 1917, age 35, buried in Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery. Husband of Mary Ferguson Currie, 4 Church Street, Portnahaven.



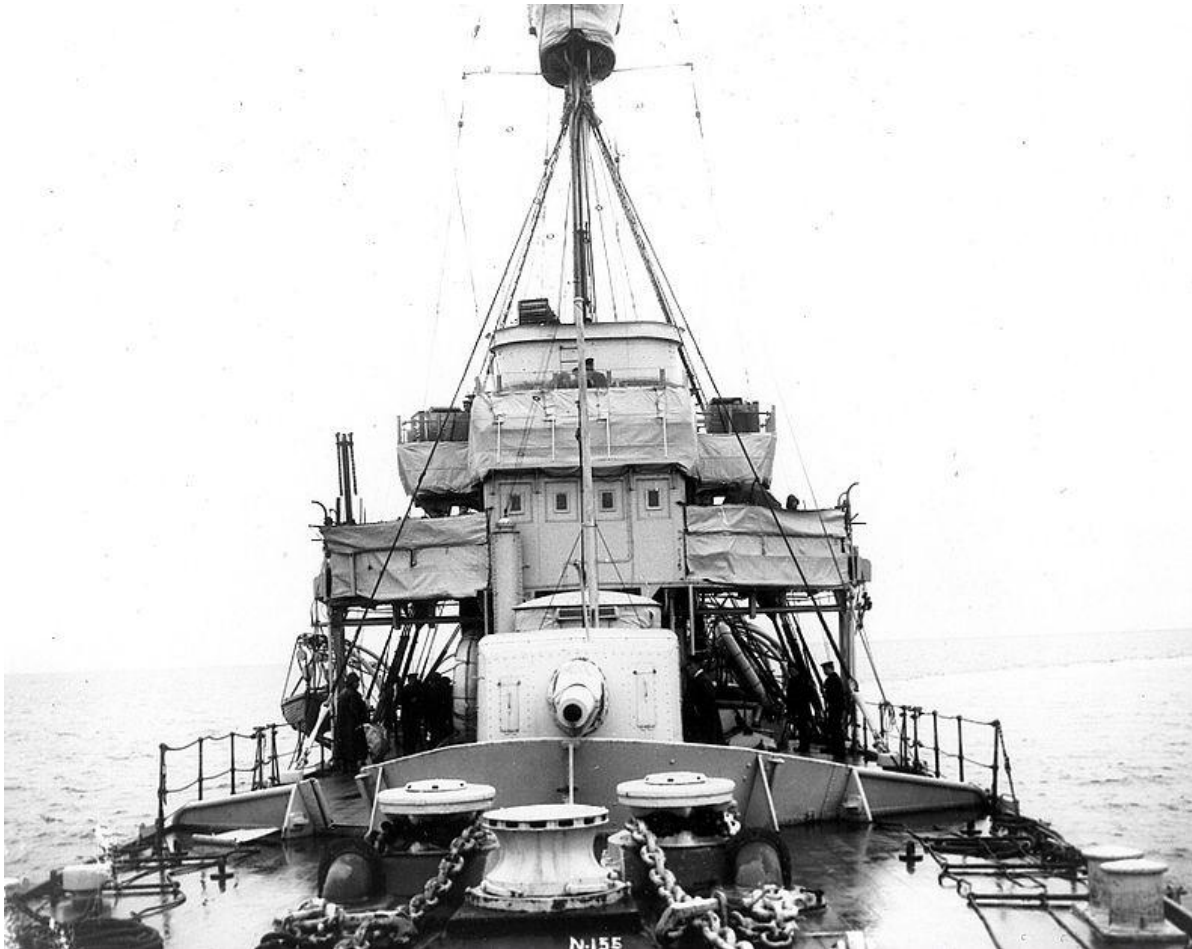
On the outbreak of the First World War HMS *Europa* was assigned to the 9th Cruiser Squadron operating in the Atlantic and was stationed off Cape Finisterre as flagship until June 1915. In 1915 she was operating off Moudros, participating in the Dardanelles Campaign, for which she received a battle honour. *Europa* was the flagship at Mudros July 1915-1919 and paid off at Malta in March 1920. Purchased by G F Bletto on 15 September 1920 for conversion to an emigrant carrier, the vessel sank in a gale off Corsica in January 1921. The wreck was later raised and broken up in Genoa.

Donald Ferguson

Donald Gillies (This could be S/18199 Private Donald Gillies, 1st Battalion Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), born Islay, Argyllshire, enlisted at Edinburgh, killed in action on 15 October 1915, commemorated on the Loos Memorial.)

Deck Hand John Holmes, Royal Naval Reserve, was the son of John Holmes, and Catherine Macaulay Holmes (later McArthur), of 16 Shore Street, Portnahaven, Islay. He served at HMS *Victory*, the Portsmouth Flagship and Barracks, died on 10 September 1918, age 18, and is buried at Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery.

Seaman Hector MacAllister, Royal Naval Reserve, was the son of Donald MacAllister, an Agricultural Labourer, and Ann MacAllister, of 18 King Street, Portnahaven. He served on HMS *Royalist*, died from disease on 22 May 1915, and is buried in Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery.



The view from the bow of HMS *Royalist*, which was launched on 14 January 1915 at William Beardmore and Company's shipyard. On being commissioned, she was assigned to the 4th Light Cruiser Squadron of the Grand Fleet. From 31 May to 1 June 1916 *Royalist* took part in the Battle of Jutland. She survived the battle and in February 1917 was reassigned to the 1st Light Cruiser Squadron of the Grand Fleet. She survived the First World War.

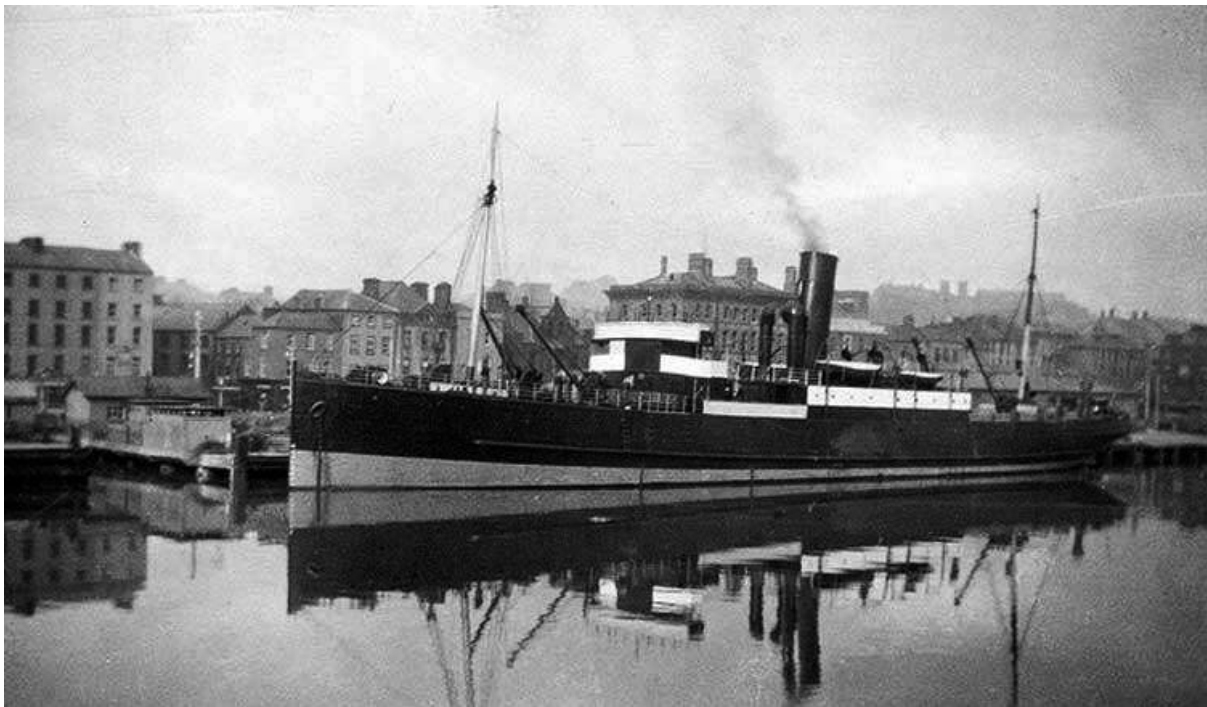
Private Neil McArthur, 8th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was the son of John McArthur, a Cattleman, and Ann McArthur, of Cladville, Portnahaven. He died on 27 July 1916, age 21, and is buried in Dernancourt Communal Cemetery.

Peter MacArthur

Alexander MacKellar (This could be 153524 Private Alexander MacKellar, Canadian Infantry, the son of Kate MacKellar, of 16 King Street, Portnahaven. He enlisted in the Canadian Forces on 26 June 1915 at Winnipeg, giving as his next of kin, his brother, Malcolm, c/o The Chief Constable, Winnipeg Police Force. He died on 6 March 1918 and is buried in Thellus Military Cemetery.)

Duncan Maclean

Able Seaman Neil Maclean, Mercantile Marine, born 12 August 1877, was the son of John Maclean, a Fisherman, and Barbara McLean, of 15 King Street, Portnahaven. He was married to Annie McLean (nee Bell) of 15 King Street, Portnahaven, and they had six children, Mary, Barbara, John, Margaret, Hector and Neil. He died at sea on 6 September 1917, age 39, when SS *Tuskar* (Glasgow), on a voyage from Glasgow to Limerick with general cargo, was sunk by a mine from the German submarine U-80, three miles West from Eagle Island. Ten persons were lost. He is commemorated on Tower Hill Memorial.



SS Tuskar

Deck Hand John MacNiven, Royal Naval Reserve, was the son of Archie MacNiven and Catherine Robertson MacNiven, Port Wemyss. He died at sea on 5 November 1916, age 27, when HM Trawler *Cantatrice* was mined and sunk in the North Sea with the crew of eighteen being lost. He is commemorated on Portsmouth Naval Memorial.

John MacTaggart (This could be 765 Lance Corporal John MacTaggart, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who was the son of Allan MacTaggart, a Plumber, and Flora MacKellar MacTaggart, of Workman's Cottages, Millhouse, Kilfinan. He died on 29 September 1918, age 29, and is buried in Kilbride Parish Churchyard.)