

QUEEN MOTHER UNVEILS NAVAL MEMORIAL

16,000 relatives, including orphaned children, saw the Queen Mother unveil the extension of the Royal Navy Memorial at Portsmouth, which adds the names of nearly

15,000 to those already commemorated.

58 bronze panels bear the new names, joining those of
Navy men killed in the First World War. ^{who *remained here*} All ~~lost~~ their
~~lives~~ served in the Portsmouth Command.

The wives, mothers and other relatives ~~the~~ of the men looked with deep emotion upon the panels which perpetuate their names.

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I am proud to be here today to unveil this memorial, and I am specially proud to come ^{to my greatly loved} as the wife of one ~~of great renown~~, the Royal Navy and all it stands for ~~(it)~~. This is the second of the great memorials set up by the Imperial War Graves Commission in the home ports of England. It is fitting that it should stand here in Portsmouth where naval traditions are truly second to none. For generations the name Portsmouth has conjured up all that is meant by home to countless thousands of our sailors. So I am glad indeed to have the privilege here in the home port of paying my tribute to this gallant company.

On the panels of this memorial are recorded not only the names of the Officers and men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, but with them also as of right are the names of the men and women from all the other fighting and auxiliary services whose duty lay beyond the oceans of the world, and who have no other grave but the sea.

It has been truly said that the sea has proved a constant shield to this realm, but a shield needs a strong arm to bear it up and a stout heart to carry it where danger threatens. This was the task of those who went down to the sea in ships through those long, dark years. By their steadfast devotion to duty our shield withstood every shock. Through their unwavering resolve we gather here today free men and women. By no less a stand can our duty to them be measured. While it is a disaster of our age that there should have been demanded ^{these} ~~this~~ tremendous sacrifices, it is to the glory of our country that the call to duty has never been made in vain. To their families goes out our heartfelt sympathy. May their welfare be our constant care.contd

Let us therefore at this service of dedication re-dedicate ourselves to the continued service of our country, our Commonwealth and our Empire. Let us always be ready to preserve the freedom which these men so truly bought. ~~Let~~ Let us foster the courage and comradeship which triumphs over every disaster. Thus shall we be true to England and to those who rest among the very brave, the very true." "

Queen unveils memorial: (turns back)

"I now unveil this memorial to the men and women of the Portsmouth Command."