

**In Memory of
Chief Stoker BERNARD MULFORD
158581, (RFR/PO/A/3699). H.M.S. Queen Mary,
Royal Navy
Who died, age 44, on 31 May 1916,
Husband of Nora Mulford,
of the Volunteer Inn, Faringdon, Berks.
Remembered with honour
Faringdon War Memorial and
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL**



**Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves
Commission**

After the First World War, an appropriate way had to be found of commemorating those members of the Royal Navy who had no known grave, the majority of deaths having occurred at sea where no permanent memorial could be provided.

An Admiralty committee recommended that the three manning ports in Great Britain - Chatham, Plymouth and Portsmouth - should each have an identical memorial of unmistakable naval form, an obelisk, which would serve as a leading mark for shipping.

The memorials were designed by Sir Robert Lorimer, who had already carried out a considerable amount of work for the Commission, with sculpture by Henry Poole.

After the Second World War it was decided that the naval memorials should be extended to provide space for commemorating the naval dead without graves of

that war, but since the three sites were dissimilar, a different architectural treatment was required for each.

The architect for the Second World War extension at Portsmouth was Sir Edward Maufe (who also designed the Air Forces memorial at Runnymede) and the additional sculpture was by Charles Wheeler, William McMillan, and Esmond Burton.

Portsmouth Naval Memorial commemorates around 10,000 sailors of the First World War and almost 15,000 of the Second World War.

At the Battle of Jutland HMS Queen Mary was hit twice by the German battlecruiser *Derfflinger* during the early part of the battle and her magazines exploded shortly afterwards.