

REGINALD FRANCIS FARLEY

Private
PO/19364

H.M.S. *Andes*, Royal Marine Light Infantry
died on
Wednesday 23rd October 1918
aged 19

REGINALD FRANCIS FARLEY
is commemorated on the
POTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL
France

*. Additional information in the
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Register*
Son of George and Mary Farley, of Forty Cottage, Colwall, Malvern.

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. Portsmouth Naval Memorial commemorates around 10,000 sailors of the First World War and almost 15,000 of the Second World War. The Memorial is situated on Southsea Common overlooking the promenade. The Memorial commemorates 26,000 war casualties. The globe which tops the column is supported by the figures of the four winds above the prow of ships.

Reginald Farley is commemorated on Panel 30.



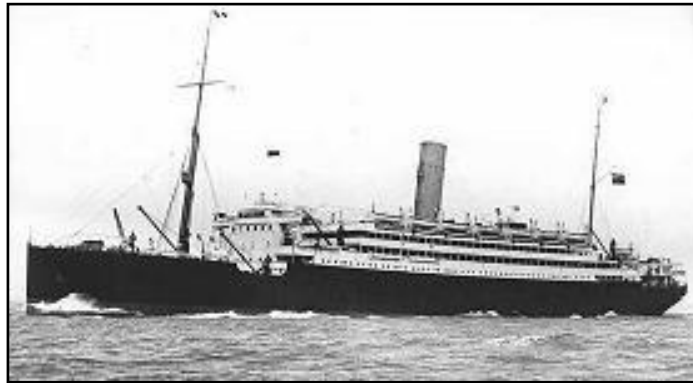
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DEATH AT SEA

From information received locally the virulence of the influenza epidemic in New York is far greater than in our country. While there Private Reginald Frances Farley of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, which he joined 2 ½ years ago, the younger son of Mr G Farley, Forty Cottage, Crescent Road, was attacked and removed with others to hospital. As his ship had to sail on Friday October 18th, the patients were removed on board, but he passed peacefully away on the following Wednesday, the cause being pneumonia following influenza. He was buried at sea with a full service funeral. He was only 19 years of age and much sympathy is felt for his father and his fiancée. His officer speaks of him as follows, "He was very patient through it all. I always found him smart, trustworthy, willing and everything a Marine should be."



HMS Andes – the ship on which Reginald Farley served

Reginald Francis Farley was born in Colwall in April 1899. He was one of the three children of George and Mary Farley. In 1901 Reginald and his parents were living with their grandfather John Farley in Back Street, Colwall. His father George was a coal carter at this time. By 1911 the family were recorded as living in Back Lane, Colwall and Reginald aged 11 was a school student and his father now described his occupation as labourer. Reginald enlisted at the age of 17 and joined the Royal Marine Light Infantry. He died of pneumonia and was buried at sea. He is commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial.