

BERNARD JOSEPH McCARTHY

**Able Seaman
D/JX 155640**

**H.M.S.Matabele
Royal Navy**

**died on
Saturday 7th January 1942
aged 20**

BERNARD JOSEPH McCARTHY
is commemorated on the
PORTSMOUTH MEMORIAL

*Additional information in the
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Register*
Son of Vera W. McCarthy, of Ledbury, Herefordshire.

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

Bernard McCarthy is commemorated on Column 3. Panel 65.

