JOHN ANGUS ORR-EWING

Lieutenant

H.M.S. *Turbulent*, Royal Navy
died on
Thursday 1st June 1916
aged 22

John Angus Orr-Ewing
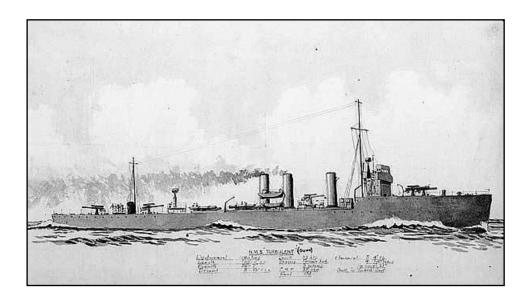is commemorated on the
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL

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.
John Orr Ewing is commemorated on Panel 11.

THE NAVAL FIGHT

In the list of naval casualties appears the name of Lieutenant John Orr-Ewing of *HMS Turbulent*. In April last year he gained his second stripe and was appointed second-in-command of the *Turbulent*, one of the newest destroyers and went down with her and all her officers and crew fighting gloriously.

HMS Turbulent

John Angus Orr Ewing was born in Bath in 1893, the second son of Malcolm and Ida Orr Ewing. John entered Osborne in 1907 and served first on *HMS Agamemnon.* In 1911 John was living with his parents at Glen Kin, West Malvern and was a midshipman. He transferred to HMS *Nottingham* in 1912. At the outbreak of war he was appointed to *HMS Zulu,* which was a torpedo boat destroyer, and in October the following year transferred to *HMS Alarm* another torpedo boat destroyer. In April 1915 he was promoted Lieutenant and was appointed second-in-command of one of the newest destroyers, the *Turbulent* which was sunk, with the loss of 90 crew, fighting at Jutland. John Orr Ewing is commemorated on the Portsmouth War Memorial and the West Malvern Memorial.