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S.S. Anglia

SS Anglia was built in Dumbarton, near Glasgow, in 1900 for the London & North Western Railway's route between Holyhead and Dublin. Soon after the outbreak of war, it was commandeered by the Admiralty and converted to an armed boarding steamer, named HMS Anglia. In April 1915 it was refitted as an auxiliary hospital ship, HMHS Anglia, and shuttled between Boulogne and England to collect wounded soldiers. It was manned by its regular Holyhead crew, three nurses, three Army doctors and 28 men from the Royal Army Medical Corps.

The ship's captain and first officer received a gold pin set from King George V as a reward for the care he received on board, after injuring himself in a fall from his horse while inspecting troops in France.

On 17 November 1915, HMHS Anglia struck a mine near Dover while carrying 390 wounded soldiers, medical staff and a crew of 56, mostly from Anglesey. The ship took just 15 minutes to sink. Many people were rescued by HMS Ure, but five army officers, 128 soldiers, a nurse and nine Royal Army Medical Core men lost their lives, along with 25 crew – of whom 23 were from Holyhead.

The anchor was salvaged from the wreck and remains as a memorial on Newry Beach, near the Maritime Museum to all the town's mariners killed in the World Wars.

