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REFERENCE LIST OF BODIES WASHED ASHORE (> on Colonsay) IN ARGYLL, AND BURIED IN:

Kilchattan Old Churchyard, Colonsay Island, Argyll.

Oronsay Priory Burial Ground, Oronsay Island, Colonsay & Oronsay.

Eilean-nan-Ron (Isle of Seals), Colonsay and Oronsay. (OFF ORONSAY ISLE)

(Cragaig Burial Ground, Ulva Island, Kilninian & Kilmore, Mull.

(Note:- Identical particulars of "Unknown" in

(Kilvickeen Old Churchyard, Kilfinichen, Mull.

((Possible duplication being investigated).

Glasgow (St. Kentigern's) R.C. Cemetery.

Eastwood Old Cemetery, Renfrewshire.

[A faint note to the left of the list of graveyards above reads:]

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established if

... was first

(bu)ried at Cragaig

... reburied at

Kilvickeen or

still at Cragaig. If

at Kilvickeen

please..... where found, dates of burial &c. Send P/UK/1A for Cragaig, in case

... Copy of letter received from County Medical Officer, Argyll, attached. [not seen, KB]

Also Argyll Police schedules of particulars for bodies "Colonsay No. 1" to

"Colonsay No. 17", and "Tobermory No. 7". [not seen, KB]

File Kilchattan Old Chapel, / Colonsay / Argyll

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EXPLANATORY NOTES:-

1. The Police numbered all records of bodies washed ashore in the order in which they were found, and linked the numbers with the names of Police Districts. These names and numbers should be included in burial lists meantime.
2. For easier reference where official grave numbers are not yet known, or where there are none, the Police reference names and numbers are shown as the grave numbers. Later, the graves can be numbered consecutively.
3. Dates of death can not be given with authority, as most of the bodies had been in the sea for days or weeks. The approximate periods of immersion estimated by the Doctors who saw the bodies are shown in most cases. They may enable dates of death to be fixed through records of Shipping losses, or recorded approximately.
4. The following Police schedules of particulars are enclosed for information, and should be returned to the Glasgow Office when checking is completed, so that the documents may be returned to the Medical Officer of Health.

"Colonsay No. 1" body:- "Eilean-nan-Ron", (>"Isle of Seals") Isle shore grave, Colonsay & Oronsay.

Orlando SOTTOCORNOLA, Italian Internee, Buried 12.8.40. Doctor states:- "Several months in water". \* Found on Island of Eilean-nan-Ron, off South West coast of Oronsay Island 11.8.40, on part of Oronsay Island farm. Parish of Colonsay and Oronsay. Head Waiter, Criterion Restaurant, Picadilly Circus, London W.1.

Next-of-Kin:- (Widow) Mrs. xxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx, xx, xxxxxx Street, London SW.1.

Grave not a recognised burial place and, Island being uninhabited, it is recommended for exhumation and re-interment elsewhere, either privately, or in the Service Plot in Kilchattan Old Churchyard, in the neighbouring Island of Colonsay.

\*Probably drowned 2.7.40 on S.S. "Arandora Star."

"Colonsay No. 2" body:- Kilchattan Old Churchyard, Colonsay, Argyll.

UNKNOWN SEAMAN?, Merchant Navy. Found at Ardskenish Bay, Colonsay Island, 11.8.40. Buried 13.8.40. Grave No. "Col/2" Wore heavy blue tweed trousers. Might have been a civilian? Doctor states:- "Certainly over 2 months in water".

"Colonsay No. 3" body:- Glasgow (St. Kentigern's R.C. Cemetery).

Guiseppe DELGROSSO, No. 14700, Italian Internee.

Found at "Prior's Leap", Lower Kilchattan, Colonsay, on 16.8.40. Buried on shore 17.8.40 [Local tradition is that he was at first buried nearby, where a cairn now stands]. Later exhumed and re-interred in St. Kentigern's R.C. Cemetery, Glasgow, in/

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"Colonsay No. 3" body:- Continued

/ in lair No. 37, Section 10. (P.P.M. erected). Widow:- Mrs. xxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx, xx, xxxx Street, Hamilton, Lanarkshire. Doctor states:- "Must have been in water at least two months".

"Colonsay No.4" body:- Kilchattan Old Churchyard, Colonsay, Argyll.

Wilfred SAGRAMATI (7293? Or 58305?), Italian Internee.

Found at Machrins Bay, Colonsay, 16.8.40. Buried 17.8.40. Grave No. "Col/4-5-6". From Waith Mills Interment [sic] Camp, Bury. Doctor states:- "Body in sea at least one month". Might be "Arandora Star", sunk 2.7.40?

"Colonsay No. 5" body:- In same grave as No. 4 body (SAGRAMATI) "Col/4-5-6".

UNKNOWN INTERNEE, found at "Port Mhor", Colonsay, 18.8.40. Buried 19.8.40. Doctor states:- "In water at least a month or 6 weeks." Probably "Arandora Star", sunk 2.7.40.

"Colonsay No. 6" body:- In same grave as Nos. 4 and 5 bodies, "Col/4-5-6".

UNKNOWN? SEAMAN. Merchant Navy. Found at Kiloran Bay, Colonsay, 19.8.40. Buried 21.8.40. Doctor states:- "In water at least 6 weeks or 2 months". Might be "Arandora Star"

"Colonsay No. 7" body:- Kilchattan Old Churchyard, Colonsay, Argyll.

Able Seaman James KELLACHER, R.N.V.R., H.M.S. "Enterprise".

Found east of Kiloran Bay, Colonsay, 19.8.40. Buried 22.8.40. Grave No. "Col/7". Of 18.A. Great King Street, Edinburgh. Doctor states:- "Not more than 2 or 3 weeks in water".

"Colonsay No. 8" body:- Kilchattan Old Churchyard, Colonsay, Argyll.

UNKNOWN SAILOR, Petty Officer, R.N. (R.C. Religion) Grave No. "Col/8". Found Kiloran Bay, Colonsay, 19.8.40. Buried 22.8.40. Doctor states:- In Naval dress. Probably a Petty Officer. Body badly decomposed."

"Colonsay No. 9" body:- Kilchattan Old Churchyard, Colonsay, Argyll.

Leading Steward James McINTOSH, H.M.S. "Transylvania". Found at "Port-na-Fleuchin", Uragaig, Colonsay, 20.8.40. Buried 23.8.40, Grave No. "Col/9". Of 39, Cowdernill Circus, Knightswood, Glasgow. Doctor states:- "Body badly disfigured".

"Colonsay No. 10" body:- Kilchattan Old Churchyard, Colonsay, Argyll.

UNKNOWN SEAMAN ("J.H."), Merchant Navy. H.M.S. "Transylvania". Found at Inver, Kilchattan, Colonsay, 20.8.40. Buried 23.8.40. Grave No. "Col/10". Doctor states: "In water 6 weeks to 2 months."

"Colonsay No. 11" body:- Kilchattan Old Churchyard, Colonsay, Argyll.

Chief Petty Officer Frederick NORTHGATE, R.N. Found at Inver, Ardalanish Point, Machrins, Colonsay, 20.8.40. Buried 23.8.40. Grave No. "Col/11". Usual residence:- 4, Malpas Road, Dagenham. Doctor states:- "In water for at least six weeks".

"Colonsay No. 12" body:- Kilchattan Old Churchyard, Colonsay, Argyll.

UNKNOWN SAILOR (Petty Officer) R.N. Found at Dungallon, Colonsay, 20.8.40. Buried 23.8.40. Grave No. "Col/12". Two Naval collars in pocket; one with name "J. Phinn", other with name "G. Tinglay". Doctor states:- "In water a month to 6 weeks".

"Colonsay No. 13" body:- Kilchattan Old Churchyard, Colonsay, Argyll.

Stoker Petty Officer Robert STEWART, (MM 31,) R.N.R. (Religion – R.C.) Found/

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FULLER PARTICULARS OF PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BURIAL.  
Ref: P/UK/8c dated 16.9.44 and SWD/1211 dated 23.7.46

Ref: A/20981

WAR BURIALS REPORT FORM – SERVICE WAR DEAD

Name of Cemetery: "EILEAN-NAN-RON" Burial Ground  
("ISLE OF SEALS")

Civil Parish: Colonsay and Oronsay  
County: Argyll

Signature [illegible] Inspector  
Date: 14<sup>th</sup> August, 1946

[Note: an inappropriate form was used, so the column headings were ignored and the following details were simply typed and/or written across the page – KB]

Rank~ NOT KNOWN

RECOMMENDED FOR EXHUMATION & REINTERMENT IN SERVICE PLOT IN KILCHATTAN OLD CHYD,  
COLONSAY

"Colonsay No. 1" body:-

Italian Internee Head Waiter Criterian Restaurant, Picadilly Circus. London, W.1.	ORMANDO SOTTOCORNOLA,	**	Found 11.8.40 Buried 12.8.40	ISOLATED AND UNFENCED GRAVE ON SMALL UNINHABITED ISLAND. (PART OF ORONSAY ISLAND FARM ON ADJOINING ISLAND.) NEAREST B.G. :- KILCHATTAN OLD CHURCHYARD, COLONSAY, ARGYLL (SERVICE PLOT.)	"COL/1"
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Body found on shore at "EILEAN-NAN-RON", 11.8.40, (a small Island off South end of Colonsay Island).

Widow:- Mrs. Xxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxx, xx, xxxxxxxx Street, London S.W.1.

Doctor's report states "Must have been several months in water".

That may be wrong, as many Italians, and Germans, went down with the  
\*\* S.S. "Arandora Star" on 2.7.40.

[N.B. The brass plate and wooden cross on this grave has been renewed by islanders from time to time, most recently ca. 1998 – KB].