

David Owen Jones

1896 - 1967



31st December 1915

A report in the Cambrian News states that the following:

Joined the Colours.

'On Tuesday there actually joined the Royal Navy at Devon port David Owen Jones, Cadwgan Plc'

S.-459 (late S.-536). (Revised—December, 1912).

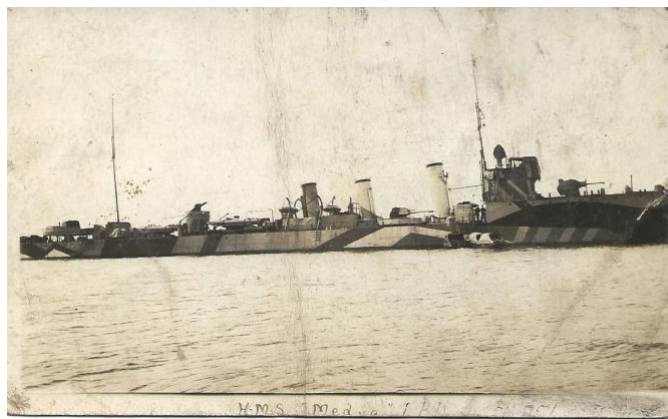
The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off if the man is discharged with a "Bad" character or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Admiralty. If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

CERTIFICATE of the Service of •••

David Owen Jones. in the Royal Navy.

Port Division	<i>Devonport.</i>	Official Number	<i>J47949.</i>
Date of Birth	<i>14th March 1896</i>	Nearest known Relative or Friend, (Relationship, Name, and Address)	
Where born	Parish <i>Penryn.</i> Town or County <i>Aberayron, Cardigan.</i>	<i>Maria - Hannah</i>	
Usual place of Residence	<i>2 Ardwygan Place, Alderney.</i> <i>Aberayron, Cardigan.</i>		
Trade brought up to	<i>Shoemaker (Dressmaker)</i>		
Religious Denomination	<i>Methodist.</i>		
Can Swim	<i>Yes. 3 Feb 16</i>		
Man's signature on discharge to pension			
Conditions Service and Special Service Engagements <small>(This space should be used in the case of a Sea C.A. crew, to note the date on which he receives a first award of Rating or Rating Certificate.)</small>		Medals, Clasp, &c.	
Date of actually volunteering	Commencement of time	Period volunteered for	Date received or forfeited
<i>3rd January 16.</i>	<i>16.</i>	<i>16.</i>	
			Nature of Decoration
			<i>R.O. Cardigan and Alderney</i>

Certificate kept by David Owen's niece Margaret Bevan



HMS MEDEA

The **Medea class** were a [class](#) of [destroyers](#) that were being built for the [Greek Navy](#) at the outbreak of [World War I](#) but were taken over and completed for the [Royal Navy](#) for wartime service. All were named after characters from [Greek mythology](#) as a result of their Greek heritage The *Medeas* were a private design roughly similar to their various Royal Navy [M-class](#) contemporaries. They had three funnels, the foremost of which was taller, and unusually, the mainmast was taller than the foremast, giving rise to a distinctive appearance. They shipped three single [QF](#) 4 inch guns, one on the [forecastle](#), one between the first two funnels and the third on the [quarterdeck](#).

Name *David Owen Jones*

Ship's Name	List and No.	Rating	From	To	Cause of Discharge
<i>Vind</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Out Jmn</i>	<i>3 Jan 16</i>	<i>3 Feb 17</i>	
<i>Proburgh</i>	<i>16</i>		<i>16 March 16</i>	<i>13 April 16</i>	
<i>Vind</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>20 Aug 16</i>	<i>3 Sept 16</i>	
<i>Maidstone (Medea)</i>	<i>17</i>		<i>14 Sep 16</i>	<i>16 Oct 16</i>	
<i>Lucina (Medea)</i>	<i>18</i>		<i>17 Oct 16</i>	<i>27 Aug 16</i>	
<i>Vind</i>		<i>A.B.</i>	<i>28 Aug 16</i>	<i>20 Sept 17</i>	<i>Shore on demob</i>

David Owen Jones served on the ships that are listed above

David stayed on in the navy for a short period after the war and then returned to Aberaeron and with the assistance of his mother Hannah opened a Cobbler's Business in Coedmore changing the frontage to include a shop window. During the Second World War he was a Special Constable/Air Raid Warden and patrolled in the area with another retired mariner Captain Poulgrain. He never married and stayed in Coedmore for the rest of his life



Hannah Jones



Hannah outside the home and shop, Coedmore

(With thanks to Evelyn, Jean and Margaret (of the Parry families) for the photos and information; Elinor Gwilym 2024)