

HMS Latona

HMS Latona. Apollo class second class Cruiser. Built at barrow by naval Armaments and construction Company. and laid down 1889, launched 22nd May 1891 and completed 1893. HMS Latona was one of 21 cruisers of the class. which had been ordered under the naval defence act of 1889. Considered to be poor sea going ships and in poor sea conditions their fighting capability would be decreased severely with the waist guns not being able to cope with the conditions to be used successfully. sometime between 1907 HMS Latona along with her sister ships HMS Apollo, HMS Intrepid, HMS Iphigenia, HMS Andromache, HMS Naiad and HMS Thetis were converted to minelayers. HMS Latona, served with the Newfoundland Fisheries squadron from February 1905 until returning to Portsmouth in May 1906 here she was laid up out of commission in 1906 until the conversion in 1907. Completed by June 1908 at Portsmouth Dockyard and during the initial years of the war operated from Dover and Sheerness but in 1915 became a depot ship in the Mediterranean. after World War One she was finally scrapped in 1920 at Malta

Displacement: 3400 Tons Speed: 20 knots, Crew: 273 Armament: Two 6 - inch Guns Six 4.7-inch QF guns, Eight 6 pounder and One 3 pdr Quick Firing Guns. Four machine Guns. Four 14-inch Torpedo Tubes



HMS Latona, 1916.

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