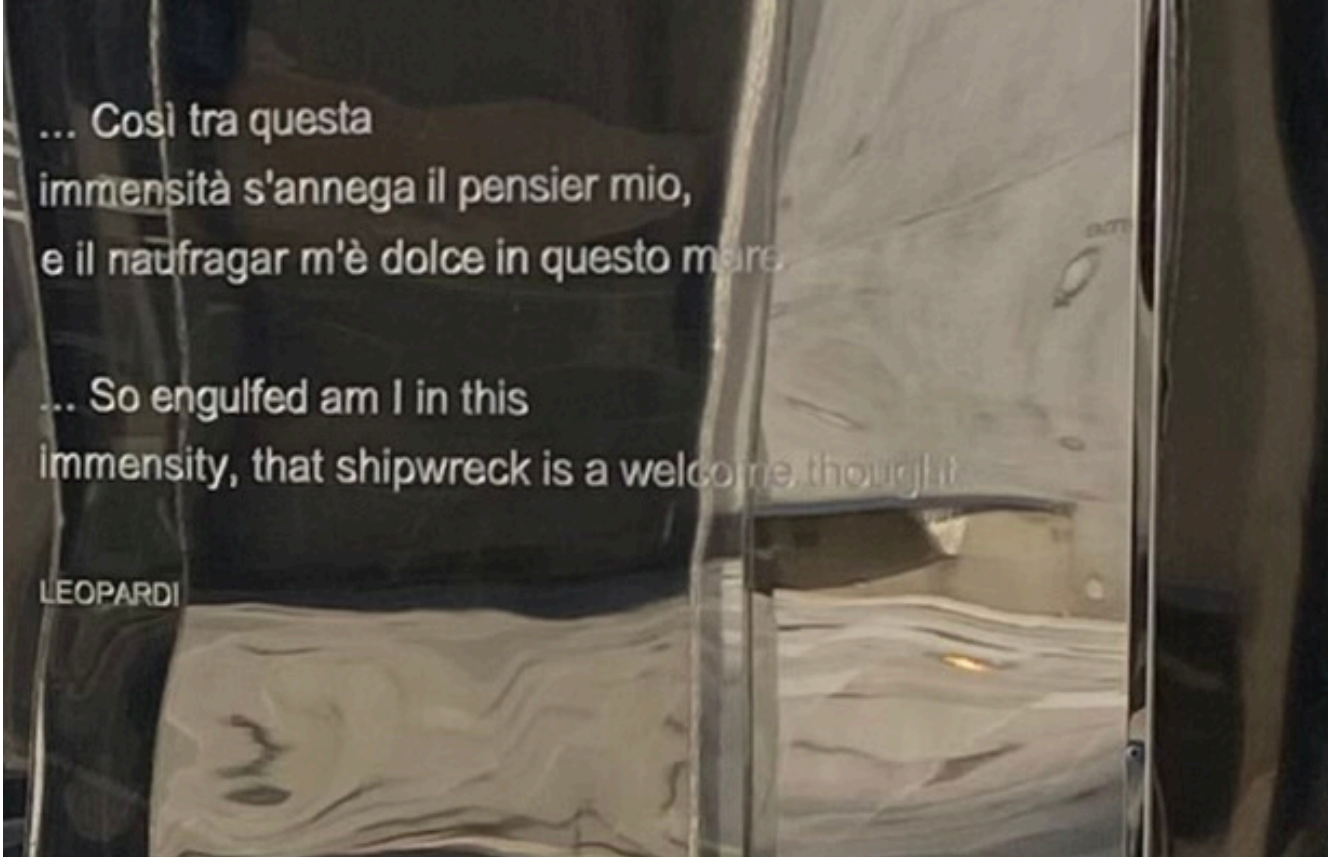


Arandora Star



Detail from the Garden's mirrored plinths with a quotation from the nineteenth century Italian poet Giacomo Leopardi. Opened in 2011, the Italian Cloister Garden and Arandora Star Memorial commemorates all the men lost in the sinking. The memorial lists all the Italian members of the Scottish community who died.

The bodies of many of those who drowned have never been recovered nor identified. A small number were found on the coasts of the Western Isles. Memorials to those lost and practices of remembrance continue in the shadow of this absence.

I corpi di molti di coloro che annegarono non sono mai stati recuperati né identificati. Un piccolo numero fu ritrovato sulle coste delle Ebridi Occidentali. Monumenti alla memoria e pratiche di commemorazione continuano a esistere all'ombra di questa assenza.



Gravestone of Vilfrido Sagramati in Kilchattan Old Churchyard on Colonsay.



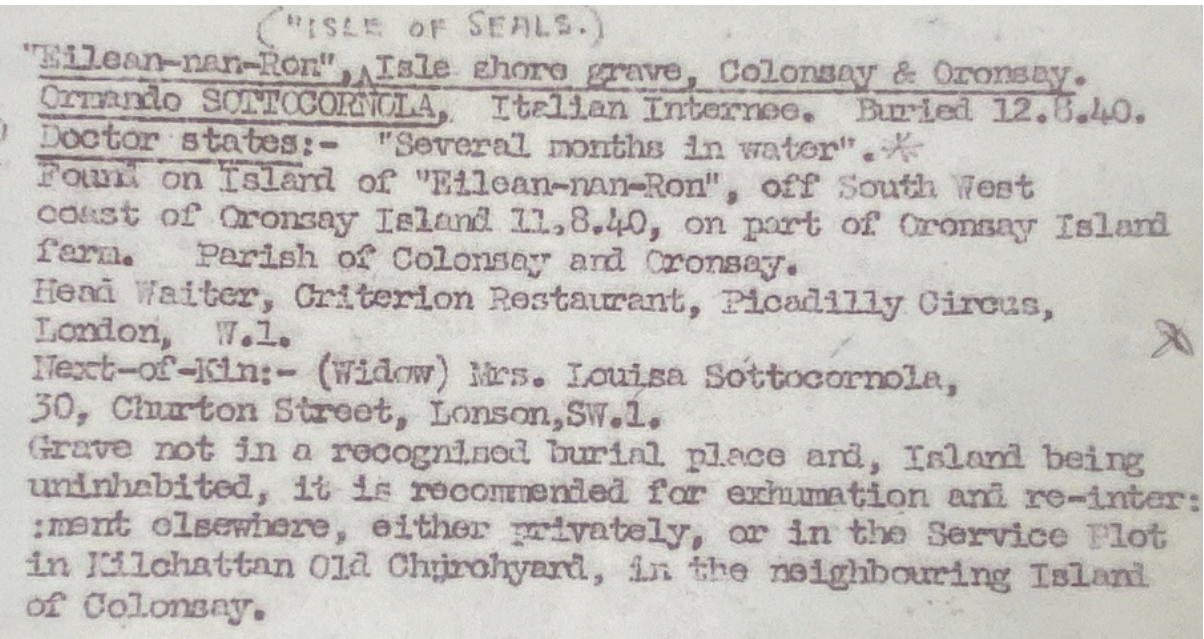
A lifeboat from the ship was washed up on Knockvologan beach on Mull. Almost entirely engulfed by sand, it remains an evocative memorial.

In July 1940, the Arandora Star, the requisitioned luxury liner, was torpedoed by a German submarine off the north-west coast of Ireland. Around 1600 men were on board: British servicemen, crew, German prisoners of war, Jewish refugees, and 707 Italian men who had been categorised as enemy aliens. The ship had been on route to Canada when it was hit. It is estimated that almost half of the men died including 442 Italians, 93 of which had been living in Scotland.

Nel luglio del 1940, l'Arandora Star, un transatlantico di lusso requisito, fu silurato da un sottomarino tedesco al largo della costa nord-occidentale dell'Irlanda. A bordo si trovavano circa 1.600 uomini: militari britannici, membri dell'equipaggio, prigionieri di guerra tedeschi, rifugiati ebrei e 707 uomini italiani classificati come nemici stranieri. La nave era diretta in Canada quando fu colpita. Si stima che quasi la metà degli uomini perse la vita, tra cui 442 italiani, 93 dei quali vivevano in Scozia.



For several years, members of the local community on Mull have gathered on the beach on July 2nd to remember the sinking.



An official extract detailing the recovery of Edmondo Sottocornola on Eilean nan Ròn off Colonsay.