

## George Vernon Carlin

Lieut-Commander (S) H.M.S. Hood., Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve

Died 24 May 1941

Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2369072/carlin,-george-vernon/>

George was the son of John James Cresswell Carlin and Annie Carlin nee Clayton. Their marriage was registered in the East Retford R D in the December quarter of 1897.

Daughter Constance Marjorie was born on 28 December 1898 her birth was registered in Nottingham.

On the 1901 census the family were living at 67, Lamcote Street, Nottingham John was an Assistant Librarian.

George was born in 1903, his birth being registered in Nottingham in the December quarter.

By the time of the 1911 census the family has moved to 15, Conway Avenue, Carlton, John continues to be an Assistant Librarian working in Nottingham City Libraries.

George was educated at Nottingham Boys High School where he joined the Officers Training Corps., and then went to Oxford where he joined the RNVR and also gained an M.A.

From Oxford he became a Housemaster at the Royal Masonic Junior School Bushey in Hertfordshire.

On the outbreak of war he immediately volunteered for active service joining the Navy as a sub-lieutenant.

On 10<sup>th</sup> October 1940 he joined the crew of HMS Hood. Listed as 'Paymaster Lieut. Commander' <http://www.hmshood.com/crew/memorial/c/CarlinGV.htm>

The ship was then based at Scapa Flow. In May 1940 they were patrolling off the coast of Iceland when on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 'Bismarck' and 'Prinz Eugen' were sighted in Denmark Strait between Greenland and Iceland

From <http://www.hmshood.com/history/timeline4.htm>

**24 May:** Hood sunk in the Battle of the Denmark Strait. In the engagement, Hood, Prince of Wales and Bismarck all received damage. At 0600, Hood sank following a catastrophic conflagration/explosion most likely resulting from a deep penetrating hit from Bismarck. Out of a crew of 1,418 only three (Ordinary Signalman Ted Briggs, Midshipman William Dundas and Able Seaman Robert Tilburn) survived. Despite

*the loss of Hood, the action DID achieve the result of effectively cancelling the German sortie: Though Prinz Eugen escaped, Bismarck was later defeated and sunk with a heavy loss of life. No convoys were lost to either ship.*

George Vernon Carlin is commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial

A photograph of the panel on which his name is commemorated is on

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/56689179/george-vernon-carlin>

## Memorial Information

Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 60, Column 3

George Carlin is also memorialised at the Hood Chapel, Church of St John the Baptist, Boldre, Hampshire

From <http://www.hmshood.com/crew/memorial/c/CarlinGV.htm>

**Naval Officer Missing**  
Lieut.-Commander George Vernon Carlin, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. C. Carlin, 15, Conway-avenue, Carlton, is reported as "missing, believed killed."  
This gallant officer was 37 years of age, and proved brilliant at school, being educated at the High School, Nottingham, and St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford, where he obtained his M.A. degree.  
Early in life he took an interest in our defence forces, and while a pupil at the Nottingham High School he joined the Officers' Training Corps; and at Oxford became a member of the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve. On the outbreak of the present war he at once volunteered for active service, and joined the Royal Navy as a sub-lieutenant, quickly gaining promotion.  
Prior to the war Lieut.-Commander Carlin was housemaster at the Royal Masonic Junior School, Bushey, Herts. It is hoped by his many friends in Carlton and Nottingham that better news will be received in the near future to the effect that he is still alive, even if it be as a prisoner of war.  
Mr. J. J. C. Carlin (the Commander's father) has resided in Carlton many years, where he is extremely well known. For a long period he took an active part in the management of the Carlton Rifle Club, and prior to his retirement some years ago was an assistant librarian at the Nottingham Central Library.

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Probate

Nottingham Evening Post Thursday  
September 25 1941.

*Paymaster Lieut.-Commander George Vernon Carlin MA RNVR of 15 Conway Avenue Carlton who died on May last in HMS Hood son of Mr JCC Carlin left £4,389.*

### Naval Officer's Will

The sum of £4,389 was left by Paymaster Lieut.-Commander George Vernon Carlin, M.A., R.N.V.R. The deceased died in May last, being in H.M.S. Hood, which was sunk in the Atlantic during the great fight with Germany's newest battleship.

The deceased was a son of Mr. J. J. C. Carlin, of 15, Conway-avenue, Carlton, who for many years was connected with the Nottingham Free Libraries.

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