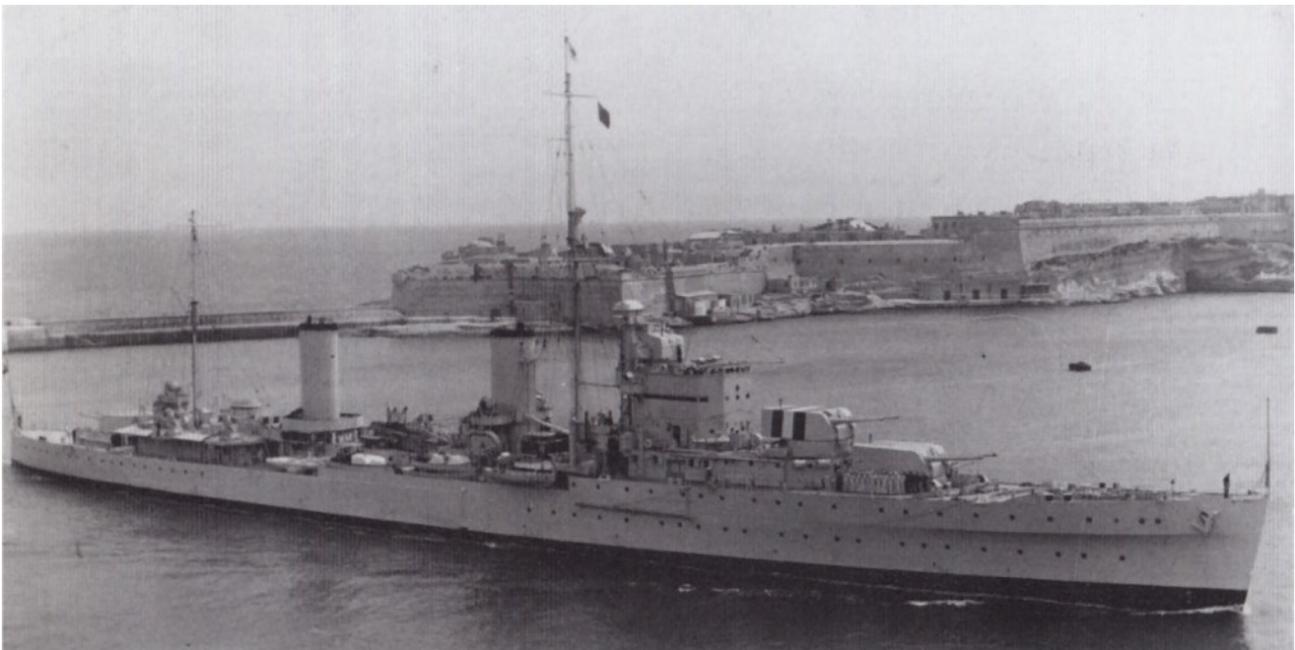


**Lieutenant Commander Alan John  
Henderson Carslaw R.N.**

**1908-1940**



Son of Mr and Mrs Francis Henderson Carslaw of Abingdon, Berkshire.  
1926 Midshipman on HMS Repulse.  
1929 Sub Lt Completed Exams at Greenwich.  
1934 Lieutenant, at HMS Osprey, Portland.  
1935 Married Ruth Parry of Caterham valley in July.  
1939 Lt Comdr 1st March.  
Served on HMS Galatea, Mediterranean Fleet.  
Died of illness 18 Feb 1940 age 32.  
Buried at St Peters Church Tandridge. (North of the Church a granite headstone)



**HMS GALATEA - Arethusa-class Light Cruiser**

*10th February 1940:*

*Passage to UK to Joined HM Cruisers ARETHUSA, AURORA and PENELOPE in Squadron.  
Diverted on passage to UK for temporary duty in Western Approaches Command.*

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## **Donald Wilfred Rayfield Royal Marines** **1922 - 1941**



CH/X 103990 Donald Wilfred Rayfield, the Royal Marines Enlisted in the Chatham Division Royal Marines Light Infantry (X) for Hostilities Only service during WW2.

Served on HMS Ark Royal, then as a storeman in Portsmouth, he died of wounds received in a tragic accident when a friend and fellow marine loaded and accidentally fired a revolver that Donald Rayfield had been cleaning. He died that evening in the

Royal Haslar Hospital, Gosport. Age 19.

Son of John and Elizabeth Rayfield of Brougham Green. Buried at St Peter's Tandridge North of the Church.



### **HMS Ark Royal**

*In 1941, HMS Ark Royal was primarily tasked with ferrying aircraft to Malta and escorting vital supply convoys in the Mediterranean while operating as part of Force H. Her other key task was playing a crucial role in the hunt for and sinking of the German battleship Bismarck, May 1941, in the Atlantic. The carrier was torpedoed and sunk in November 1941 while returning from Malta to Gibraltar.*

*Reference Hampshire Telegraph Friday 07 November 1941 page 9.  
Naval-History.Net Ark Royal.*



## Pilot Officer Hugh Charles Adams RAF



Hugh Charles Adams was born in Nottingham on 16th April 1918, the son of John Coker Adams (1876-1952 barrister-at-law) and Grace Adams (née Clough 1889-1964) of Chaddleworth, Berkshire, formerly of Meadow Green, Welwyn Garden City.

He attended Cheam School, Surrey before going on to Sherborne School (The Green House) from September 1932 to December 1936 where he was House Prefect, in the 2nd XI (1936), 1st Class Gym and Gym Squad (1935-36).

In January 1938, Hugh Charles Adams, of Chathill Cottage, Lower Tandridge Lane, Oxted, joined the RAF Voluntary Reserve. Called up in September 1939, he completed his training and joined 501 Squadron as a Sergeant-Pilot. In early May 1940 he was flown to France with other squadron personnel in a Bombay transport, which crashed when it landed at Bethenville. Adams was among those injured, and was repatriated to England, rejoining 501 on the 17th of July. Adams destroyed a Me109 on 2nd September and was then himself shot down in combat south of Ashford in Hurricane V7234. On the 6th he was shot down and killed in action over Ashford. His aircraft, Hurricane V6612, crashed at Clavertye, near Elham. Adams was 22. He is buried in St Peter's churchyard, Tandridge, Surrey. His commission was gazetted on the day he was killed and in the casualty list he was down as 'Killed in Action' as a Sergeant.



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A Commemoration of those Tandridge residents buried at St Peter's and abroad.

**14712379 Private Derek Vivian Winter,**  
**The Somerset Light Infantry**  
**1924 - 1944**

Son of Mr and Mrs Ronald and Alma Winter 9 Park-view, Tandridge. Derek was educated at Crowhurst School. Apprenticed to an upholsterers firm in Sevenoaks prior to joining the Somerset Light Infantry. Derek was the youngest of 3 brothers all serving. The eldest, Jack a Sapper in the Royal Engineers and Charles a Lance Corporal in the King's Royal Rifle Corps. Their sister Sheila was serving with the ATS. Derek had recently been posted to Italy with the second battalion.



The 2nd Somersets, with the rest of the division, arrived in Italy in March 1944 and served in the Italian Campaign as part of the British Eighth Army in many battles such as that of Monte Cassino, one of the worst battles of the Italian Campaign, in 1944, where they played an important role alongside 2nd King's and fought in Operation Diadem and on the Gothic Line from August–September 1944.

Derek died 03 November 1944 aged 20, from wounds received in battle. Most likely the intense and brutal battle of Coriano Ridge or the battle of Rimini. He is buried at the Coriano Ridge War Cemetery Plot 16 row C grave 6.

*Reference*

*Surrey Mirror 24th November 1944 page 7.*

**Charles Dowsett**

**Eric Taylor**

**Ronald Baker**

No details found of these last three names.