

## HMS EXETER

There is no definitive list of the crew of HMS Exeter, during the Battle of the River Plate in December 1939. This page is based on a list compiled by former Association member Jim Smith, The list now contains some 467 crew names, with additions added by family and friends, and research in various newspaper articles. The full complement for the Exeter was approximately 630.

Names in **BOLD** = **killed in action**. ⌘ = **decorated** for services during the battle.

### Surname - Forename - Rank - Decoration

ABRAHAMS, Cyril, L Tel  
ACKERMAN, R E, EA  
ADAMS, Thomas W,  
ADDYMAN A G, EA  
**AINGE** Walter A, age 39, Chief Petty Officer  
ALDER G T C, LTO  
ALLEN R H, Pay Lieutenant  
ALLEN, John, Musician Royal Marines Band  
AMY Arthur, LSA  
ANNAL Thomas George, unknown  
ANSTEAD C,  
ARNOLD E, Royal Marines  
ATTWOOD Harry, Sgt Royal Marines  
ATWILL Ron, Lieutenant  
AUKENHURST K, Royal Marines  
AYRES J, Tel  
  
**BACK** Frederick Edwin Ernest, Engine Room Artificer 4th Class  
BAGLEY Leonard C, Bandmaster 2 ⌘ Mentioned in Despatches  
BAKER Frank Reginald LTO  
BALL Alfred J, Able Seaman ⌘DSM  
BALLANCE J H, Lieutenant, Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve  
BECKFORD W G, Wt Mech  
BELL Frederick Secker, CAPTAIN ⌘CB  
BELL Stephen Leonard, Seaman  
BERNTSEN Ernest Basil, Officers Steward  
BEST J, Stoker  
**BETHELL** Frank, age 19, Able Seaman  
**BETHELL** Joseph, age 19, Able Seaman  
BEVIS Vincent, Stoker Petty Officer  
BIDGOOD L, Supply  
BLACKMAN R,  
BLACKMORE C G,  
BLAKE A B,  
BLAKE James, Able-Seaman  
**BLANDFORD** Bert, Royal Marines  
BOILING R, ERA  
BOND Frank L, Engine Room Artificer 4 ⌘DSM  
BONHAM, Mentioned in Despatches  
BOOTHROYD,  
**BOWES** Raymond M, Ordinary Seaman  
BOWMAN-MANIFOLD John, Lieutenant Commander (N)  
BOWN E,  
BRADBURY Charles, Telegraphist  
BRADBURY W, Stoker

BRAY G,  
BRIERLEY Frank, Chief Stoker D/KX 79771  
**BRIGHT** Daniel, Stoker Petty Officer  
BRODERICK, ER, Able Seaman  
BROOKS, ER, Able Seaman  
BUCKLE, Musician Royal Marine Band  
BUDGE,  
BURN S,  
BURNS G,  
BURNS R, Officers Steward  
**BURRAS** Stanley W, Stoker First Class  
BUTCHER, Royal Marines

CALLEJA Hugo, Petty Officer/Cook  
CAMERON Archibald, Midshipman  $\approx$ DSC  
**CAMPBELL** Frederick P, Stoker 1  
CARTER Albert H, Seaman Gunner  
CARTER Sidney A, Master-At-Arms  $\approx$ DSM  
CARTTES S,  
CAULDWELL R,  
CAUSTON Jack Edward, Probationary Paymaster Sub Lieutenant, RNVR (pictured right)  
CHALKLEY Herbert V, Acting Petty Officer  $\approx$ DSM  
CHANDLER R, ERA  
CHAPMAN T Cd Eng  
CHEDGEY G LTO  
CHEESEMAN,  
CLARKE George C Royal Marines  
**CLARKSON** Richard Mortimer Roy, age 18, Able Seaman  
CLIFT MWM, EA  
CLOAKE J,  
CODMAN RW, Able Seaman  
COGSWELL Reginald J Warrant Officer  
COLLARD William, Chief Petty Officer  
COLLIER, Musician Royal Marines Band  
**COLLINS Anthony C P**, Chief Shipwright 2  $\approx$  Mentioned in Despatches  
COMLEY William, Royal Marines  
CONYON J,  
CONNOR F, Royal Marines  
CONNOR Horace Arol, Signalman  
COOK A E, Dir Gnr  
COOPER Horace Samuel, Able Seaman  
CORMACK John T, Stoker Petty Officer  
COWANS, ERA  
CRAGG George Robert  
CRITCHLEY M,  
CROCKER George I, Chief Stoker  $\approx$  Mentioned in Despatches  
**CROKER** Alfred John, age 25, Marine Royal Marines  
CROSS Victor, Able Bodied Seaman  
CROWE Thomas H, Seaman  
CROWLEY George  
CURNOW Frances John, Chief Engine Room Artificer  
CUSSEN John, Surgeon Commander  $\approx$  Mentioned in Despatches  
  
DAKIN Eric,  $\approx$ DSM

DALLAS-SMITH Peter, Midshipman  
DALLAWAY Stanley J, Gnr ♂ Mentioned in Despatches  
DANCE S T, Musician Royal Marines Band  
DANN H, Sub Lieutenant, Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve  
DAVEY A,  
DAVIES F,  
**DAVIES** Gilbert L, Able Seaman  
DAVIES Stanley, Able Seaman  
DAY E, Seaman  
DAY H, Seaman  
DAY Percy George, signalman  
DEAR H,  
DEVINE Richard Victor, signalman  
DINGLE K,  
DOUGLAS-DON Robert W D, Mentoned in Despatchess ♂DSO  
**DOVE** Gilbert H, Acting Petty Office  
DOUST Ernest A, Snr Master ♂ Mentioned in Despatches  
DRAKE,  
DURHAM R , Seaman  
**DYER** Frederick W G, Shipwright 3  
EARP H,  
EAST R D, MA Tempy. Instr Lieutenant  
EDDEY W, EA  
EDMONDS, Norman, Able Seaman  
EDNEY Ivor Harold, Leading Stoker  
EDWARDS Arthur, Petty  
EDWARDS, Royal Marines  
EMBLETON Chas James, Stoker  
EMMETT Stephen Anthony, Stoker  
ENGLAND Philip A, EA 1 ♂ Mentioned in Despatches  
EVAN George Alwin, Seaman  
EVANS R  
FLETCHER Frederick, Royal Marines  
FARTHING F C, LTO  
FLOWERS W, Seaman  
FOGWILL Reginald Albert, Seaman  
FOWLER George CW, Lieutenant Cdr (O)  
FRANCIS H W, Seaman  
**FREDERICKS J T**, Seaman  
FREEMAM Peter James, Gunner (AB)  
**FRENCH** Frederick T, Able Seaman  
FRENCH, Boy  
FROST L G, Able-Seaman  
FULLERTON Roy G , age 29, Able-Seaman.  
FUTCHER, Tel

GARDNER LH, Corporal Royal Marines Band  
GARRARD J S,  
GARRETT V,  
GASKELL J L, Ck  
**GEORGE** Evan I, Leading Stoker - died 15th December  
**GIBSON** Stanley C, Able Seaman  
GIBSON, Musician Royal Marines Band  
GILPIN L, Ck

GLEADELL Owen, Stoker  
GLOVER Kenneth Edgar, boy 1st class  
GOODE T, EA  
GOODHALL F, Tel  
GOODWIN Horace Robert, Stoker First Class  
GOURD C, Chief Petty Officer Wtr  
GRAHAM R,  
GRAHAM Robert R, Commander, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.  
GREEN James, Petty Officer - Chief Quartermaster  
GREEN William E, Chief Quarter Master ⌘DSM  
GREEN L, Seaman  
GROVE George Frederick, Ship's Chaplain  
GWILLIAM W G, Seaman ⌘CGM

HALLAS Charles F, Petty Officer ⌘DSM  
HALLIDAY Leonard Francis  
HAMBLIN Victor A, Seaman  
HARDING, Royal Marines  
**HARRINGTON** Stanley P, Marine Royal Marines  
HARRIS C,  
HARRIS David, Stoker PO  
**HARRIS Hugh**, Petty Officer Telegraphist  
HARRISON Tyson, Stoker Petty Officer  
HARRIS S T, Sig  
HATTON J,  
HAUGHTON F, Chief Ordnance Artificer. Mentioned in Despatches  
HEARSON G, Cdr (E)  
HEENAN Robert Lawrence, Lieutenant, Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve Met  
HEGGIE R M, Surgeon Lieutenant, Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve  
HICKS A, LSA  
**HIGGINBOTTOM** Alan, Chief Yeoman of Signals  
**HILL** Leonard C, Able Seaman - died from wounds 14th December 1939  
HILL Richard, Gunner  
**HILL** Ronald B, Boy Bugler RM  
HINDLE F,  
HOARE D J,  
HOARE E,  
HOCKINGS Henry Herbert, Corporal Royal Marines, from Exmouth  
HOGG Donald, Stoker  
HOLMES Charles Edwin, Petty Officer Stoker  
**HONEY** Leslie F L, Leading Signalman  
HORSLEY W, unknown  
HOWARD Horace, Stoker  
HOWELL Bernard L, Photographer  
HUXSON, Royal Marines  
HUNT, Royal Marines  
HURLEY,  
HUTTON J, Torpedoman

IVEY W G,

JACKSON E, Corporal Royal Marines Band - met girl in Falklands after the Battle and married her.  
JAMES Thomas L, Steward  
JAMIESON, Percy, Musician Royal Marines Band

JEFFERIES James Emmanuel, Able Seaman **New**  
JEFFERY W,  
JEFFERY W J, Seaman  
JEFFREY A D, OA  
JENNINGS Richard B, Lieutenant Commander (G)  $\text{DSC}$   
JOHN James Edward L, WO Gunner  
JOHN Henry B, MBE Pay Cdr  $\text{Mentioned in Despatches}$   
JOHNS R,  
JOHNS William, E Ch OA 1  $\text{Mentioned in Despatches}$   
JOHNSON Leslie Robert, Royal Marine  
JOLLIFFE Charles  
**JONES** Albert S, Stoker Petty Officer  $\text{Mentioned in Despatches}$   
JONES C J, Seaman  
JONES Edward (Ted), Musician Royal Marines Band  
JONES J H, Royal Marines  
JONES R M, Rev  
JOPLIN Walter, Stoker

**KAVANAGH** Michael T, Telegraphist  
KEARS William Norman, Able-Seaman  
KEELING J H, Able-Seaman  
**KELLY** Albert E, Stoker 1  
KEMBALL H N E, Lieutenant  
KENT W H, Royal Marines  
KENWARD, Musician Royal Marines Band  
KING D,  
KNIGHT Frederick,  $\text{DMS}$

LAMB Geoffrey Silverwood, Lieutenant (Pilot)  
LANCASHIRE Roger W G, Surgeon Lieutenant  $\text{DSC}$   
LANGMEAD E,  
LANSDOWNE Cyril, H L Tel, Mentioned in Despatches  
**LEGG Frank**, Petty Officer Cook  
LEWIS C G,  
LEWIS D S G, Stoker 1 (pictured right with broken neck)  
LLEWELLYN, Petty Officer Ck  
LOCKER G,  
LONDON James, Stoker  
LONSDALE Leonard H, Chief Mechanician  
LOVELL A,  
**LUMSDEN** Arthur R, Telegraphist  
LYNN John Thomas, Acting Gunner (T)

**MACLEOD** William, age 25, Stoker 1st Class  
MACNAMARA W,  
MAGEE (McGee?), Musician Royal Marines Band  
MAKIN James, Able Seaman  
MANNING George, age 37, Stoker 1st Class  
MANSON Tom, Corporal Royal Marines  
**MARSH** William George Robert, age 21, Corporal Royal Marines  
MARSHALL A S, Sig  
MARSHALL Stanley, Marine  
MARTIN R B Commander (Staff Officer)  
MASON,

MATHER James, Seaman  
McAUSLAN,  
McBARNET Donald T, Lieutenant RN ☒ Mentioned in Despatches  
**McDONNELL** Francis, H Able Seaman  
**McEVOY** James P, Marine Royal Marines  
McGARRY James, Engine Room Artificer 2 ☒DSM  
McGEE W,  
McGINN Jock,  
MCGREGOR  
MEDLEY, Reginald, Royal Marines  
MELLORS Albert, Leading Seaman  
MELLOW Godfrey, Able Seaman  
MELLOW G,  
MICHAEL H,  
MILEHILL H,  
**MILLS** Edward, Marine Royal Marines  
MILLS G,  
MINHINETT John L, Stoker 1 ☒DSM  
MITCHELL H B, Seaman  
MOFFATT James Andrew, Able Seaman  
MOFFETT W, Stoker 2  
MOLONEY J, Stoker 2  
MONK L,  
**MONKS** Christopher, Stoker 2  
MORGAN John David, Marine 11277  
**MORSE** Clyde Anthony Leeds, Acting Sub Lieutenant ☒ Mentioned in Despatches  
MOTT John W, Sub Lieutenant (E) ☒ Mentioned in Despatches  
MOYNIHAN Denis, Able-Seaman  
MUDGE G, Petty Officer Ck  
MULBERRY ME,  
MULVENNY,  
MURPHY Ernest, Seaman

NAPIER

**NAYLOR** Thomas H, Able Seaman  
NEWMAN Harold E, Chief Petty Officer Tel ☒ Mentioned in Despatches  
NICHOLS S,  
NOBLE R, Stoker  
NODDER F,  
NORTHCOTT Patrick, Seaman  
NORTHCOTT W P, Royal Marines

O'BRIEN P, Stoker 1 ☒CGM  
**O'LEARY** Patrick J, Stoker 1  
OLIVER Frederick, Stoker  
O'NEIL L,

**PARRY** David John, Telegraphist  
PARSONS A W C, Sgt Royal Marines  
PARSONS Basil Francis, Petty Officer Stoker  
PAYNE OD,  
PEARCE L, Seaman  
PEARSALL J K, Lieutenant  
PEATE John Henry, Able Seaman  
PENN-GASKELL Leslie De Nedham William, Paymaster Shipman ☒Mentioned in Despatches

PETTIT S, Royal Marines  
PETT Bryan T, Stoker 1  
PETT L A, Stoker  
**PHILLIPS** Alfred V, Acting Leading Seaman - died 14th December  
PHILLIPS Thomas G, Engine Room Artificer 3 ⌘DSM  
PIERCE L B, Seaman  
PITMAN Harold Head, Petty Officer  
POINTON TCS, Lieutenant (E)  
POPE C L, Sig  
POPE Charles D, Sick Berth Chief Petty Officer ⌘DSM  
POSTLE L,  
POWELL H M, Able-Seaman  
POWTON C  
**POWTON** Richard F, Chief Petty Officer Cook  
PRIEST E L, Seaman  
**PROBERT** Ben, Gunner  
PUDDIFOOT George Welch, Sgt Royal Marines ⌘ Mentioned in Despatches  
**PULLYLBANK** L W L, Leading Supply Assistant, D/MX 50647  
PUNCHARD Edwin George, Engine Room Artificer (Stoker)

QUINCY Gordon J,

RAMSDON,  
**RANDLE** Frank, Stoker PO  
RAYMOND Angus Keith, Leading Airfitter (Airframe)  
READ Ernest Edwin, Marine  
REAGAN, Tel  
REAY F, Stoker  
**REMICK** Tom, Chief Yeoman of Signals  
RENDLE Charles E, Warrant Shipwright ⌘DSC  
**RICHARDS** Brynmoor, Able Seaman  
**RICHARDS** Glyndwr, Leading Seaman  
RICHARDSON A Duncan, Tel  
RICHARDSON D A, Pay Sub Lieutenant, Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve  
**RICKORD** John S, Midshipman, Mentioned in Despatchess  
**RIGLAR** Arthur Samuel, Telegraphist  
ROBERTS Ron M, Stoker  
ROBERTS, Chief Petty Officer  
ROBBINS J,  
ROBINS I, Seaman  
ROBINSON F, Seaman  
ROBINSON S,  
ROGERS C, Stoker PO  
ROLFE J S, Seaman  
ROOKE R,  
ROOSKEY Joseph A, Chief Mechanician 2 ⌘DSM  
ROPE, Musician Royal Marines Band  
ROSS A M, Captain Royal Marines  
ROTHWELL Victor, Seaman  
**RUGMAN** Richard, Chief Stoker  
RUSE R, Ch ERA  
RUSSELL A,  
**RUSSEL** Wilfred A, Royal Marines ⌘CGM

SALMON,  
SAMPSON E, Seaman  
SARTAIN, Musician Royal Marines Band  
SCANLAN C J, Seaman  
SCHOFIELD Harold, Stoker (brother of Norman below)  
SCHOFIELD Norman, Telegraphist  
SCOBLE Clifford J, SBPO ☒ Mentioned in Despatches  
SCOOLAR J, Able-Seaman  
SCOTT, Able Seaman  
SCOTT-KERR JHA, Mentioned in Despatches  
SEFTON, Royal Marines  
SERCOMBE,  
SHANNON Eric, Ck  
SHAUGHNESSY Patrick First Class Stoker  
SHAW E, Stoker  
SHEFFIELD C, ERA  
SHELTON Robert, Stoker  
SHOESMITH Eric A, Acting Leading Airman ☒DSM  
SHORTEN J, Cd Gnr  
SILCOCKS, PO Ck  
SIMMS CE, Cdr ☒DSO  
SIMONS A,  
SKERRY A E, Royal Marines  
**SMALL Richard J**, First Class Blacksmith 3  
SMITH Charles J, Commander (T) ☒DSC  
SMITH, John Ernest **FM**  
SMITH George E, Plumber 3 ☒DSM  
SMITH H, Royal Marines  
SMITH Harold Edward, Gunner  
SMITH Joab, Able Seaman  
SMITH Stephen, Petty Officer ☒DSM  
SMITH William (Bill), Able Seaman  
SOLT W, Stoker PO  
SOPER M, Stoker  
SPARKS Martin H, Seaman  
SPARKS William John, Able-Seaman  
**SPENCER** Harry, Able Seaman  
SPIERS W R, PO  
SPILLER, Corporal Royal Marines  
SPLAINE S,  
**SQUIRE Ernest B**, Boy Bugler  
SQUIRES,  
STABB Douglas Harold, Stoker 2 DKX/92833  
STAVERS R,  
**STEELE** Robert M, Stoker Petty Officer  
STEPHENS A C, Engine Room Artificer 4th Class ☒DSM (Conception Earthquake Medal in Bronze)  
STEPHENSON Cecil Robert, stoker  
STILES E, Ck  
STONE John, Signalman  
STRIKE Daniel J, Wtr  
**STUBBS** Agean, Marine Royal Marines  
STURDEE ARB, Mentioned in Despatchess  
SUMMERLING L F, Steward

SURKITT Trevor, Gunner  
SWATTEN F, Royal Marines

**TAYLOR** Robert,  
**TEAGUE** Samuel B P, Chief Petty Officer Stoker  
TELFER, Joe, Petty Officer Gunner  
**THOMPSON** James E, Stoker 1  
TILBURY Robert  
TIMMS W, Canteen  
TINDLE L, Stoker  
TOASE Aiden E, Lieutenant Royal Marines ⌘DSC  
TOPE I, Seaman  
**TOVEY** George E, Stoker Petty Officer  
TOWELL W, Seaman  
**TREGIDGO** Alfred Frederick Francis, Chief Petty Officer D/J 89888  
TREGARTHEN, Tel  
TREGLOYNE T, Musician Royal Marines Band  
TREHANE G L, FAA  
TRIM, Royal Marines  
TROTT Basil, Seaman  
TROUT  
TRUMAN W, Petty Officer  
TURNER T W, Seaman  
TWEDDELL T, Seaman  
TWITCHIN Morris E G, AB Torpedo operative  
TYE, Sig  
**TYLER** Donald Howard, Paymaster Sub Lieutenant

VAUGHAN, Musician  
VENNING  
VINCENT, William

WADE W,  
WAKEHAM C F, Seaman  
WALFORD Albert, Seaman  
WARDER Simeon Henry Harris, Leading Seaman  
WARREN OD,  
WATTS Joseph Westcott, Chief Petty Officer Steward ⌘ Mentioned in Despatches  
WAY A,  
WEAVER E,  
WEEKS E, Stoker  
WHITE R B,  
WHITING D, Sig  
WHITEHEAD A, Seaman  
WHITEHEAD C, Seaman  
WHITEMORE E, Royal Marines  
WICKHAM D T, Lieutenant  
WICKHAM K J, Lieutenant (E), Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve  
WILDE Arthur B, Sergeant Royal Marines ⌘DSM  
WILKINS L W, Seaman  
WILLIAMS E,  
WILLIAMS J D, Sig  
WILSON E, FAA  
**WILSON** Patrick, Stoker 1

WINSTANLEY F,  
WINTER, ERA  
WRIGHT William, Stoker  
WOOD J S,  
**WOODS** Humphrey Ropner Duncan, Captain Royal Marines  
WOODS William  
WOODWARD Griffith George, CERA ☞Mentioned in Despatches  
YOUNG

The following names are of those who served in Exeter during the commission December 1936 - August 1939, and were *probably* on board for the Battle of the River Plate in December

ARBERRY, Seaman  
BLACKBURN, Boy  
ELSTON, L Stoker  
FAULKNER, Seaman  
GILL, Stoker  
HICKS, LSA  
HIGMAN, OA  
HOCKINGS, Seaman  
LANGUARD, Leading Stoker  
LOVESAY, Leading Steward  
LOWTHER, Stoker PO  
LUKEHURST, RM  
MOORCROFT, Leading Seaman  
MORGAN, Leading Stoker  
MOUNTJOY, Leading Stoker  
NORTHEY, Stoker at HMS Drake. He was killed  
PICKERING, Stoker  
ROBINS, Petty Officer  
SOADY, Stoker  
EMMOTT, J Able Seaman  
FLEMING, J P, Able Seaman  
HAYES, F W, Petty Officer  
PULLAR G O, Leading Seaman  
RAVENS CROFT, J T, Stoker PO  
ROBERTS, LF, Able Seaman  
WILSON, G B, Leading Seaman