

J V K Kelly

CWGC - ABLE SEAMAN JACK VERDUN KEVERN KELLY

Service Number: P/SR 8185

Royal Navy

H.M.S. Hood.

Died 24 May 1941

Age 22 years old

Buried or commemorated at

[PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL](#) Panel 48, Column 2.

United Kingdom

Additional Info Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest John Kelly.

Notes- Able Seaman Jack Kelly served in the Royal Naval Special Reserve. He was 22 when he perished with 1,414 of his shipmates when HMS Hood was lost during combat with the German battleship Bismark in the Denmark Strait on 24th May 1941.

In May 1941, *Hood* and the [battleship Prince of Wales](#) were ordered to intercept the [German battleship Bismarck](#) and the [heavy cruiser Prinz Eugen](#), which were en route to the Atlantic, where they were to attack convoys. On 24 May 1941, early in the [Battle of the Denmark Strait](#), *Hood* was struck by several German shells, exploded, and sank with the loss of all but 3 of her crew. Due to her publicly perceived invincibility, the loss affected British morale.

Jack is listed alongside the rest of his crewmates on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial.