

**RIVETT-CARNAC,
James William**



Second son of Rev. Sir Clennel George Rivett-Carnac, 6th Bart (1850-1932), and Emily Louisa Crabbe (1854-1894). Brother and heir presumptive of Sir Henry George Crabbe Rivett-Carnac, 7th Bt. (1889-1972). Married (20.04.1922, St Mark's, North Audley Street, St George Hanover Square district, London) Isla Nesta Blackwood (15.08.1899 - 22.03.1974), 2nd daughter of Major Harry Blackwood, JP, of Kincurdy, Rossshire; two sons, one daughter.

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12.02.1891
Windsor district
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09.10.1970
Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk

	Midsh.	17.01.1907	
	A/S.Lt.	?	
	S.Lt.	19.12.1910, seniority 15.05.1910	
	Lt.	01.10.1912	
	Lt.Cdr.	01.10.1920	
	Cdr.	30.06.1926	
	Capt.	30.06.1934	
	Cdre. 2nd cl.	> 10.1939, < 04.1939	
	R.Adm.	08.07.1943 (retd 03.05.1947)	
	A/V. Adm.	06.1945	
	V. Adm. (retd)	03.05.1947	
	CB	18.12.1945	wind up Europe 45 [investiture 28.01.47]
	CBE	28.11.1944	Operation 4 Neptune [investiture 16.03.45]
	DSC	08.03.1920	for 0 distinguished services as First and Gunnery lieutenant of HMS Cleopatra
	MID	04.05.1944	Operation 3 Torch
	MID	18.01.1944	dissolution of Force H 11.43
	LegH	?	liberation of France
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Education: RN College, Dartmouth.

15.09.1905		entered RN
1914	-	1919 served European War
(1919)		First Lieutenant & Gunnery Officer, HMS Cleopatra (Baltic)
15.03.1923	-	(01.1925) HMS Carysfort (cruiser) (Atlantic Fleet)
08.11.1926	-	15.11.1926 Admiralty
15.11.1926	-	(07.1927) Training and Staff Duties Division, Admiralty [HMS President]
19.07.1929	-	(02.1931) HMS Kent (cruiser) (China)
24.06.1931	-	(09.1932) Naval Assistant to the First Sea Lord [HMS President]
29.09.1933	-	(01.1934) HMS Queen Elizabeth (battleship) (Mediterranean) (borne as additional)
29.04.1935	-	(07.1935) Senior Officers' Technical Course, Portsmouth [HMS Victory]
15.10.1935	-	(02.1936) Commanding Officer, HMS Coventry (cruiser) (Reserve Fleet, Portsmouth)
14.11.1936	-	01.01.1940 Commanding Officer, HMNZS Leander & Commodore Commanding New Zealand Squadron
(03.1940)		no appointment listed
26.03.1940	-	02.04.1940 Admiralty [HMS President]
02.04.1940	-	14.07.1941 Director of Training and Staff Duties Division, Admiralty [HMS President]
22.07.1941	-	10.09.1943 Commanding Officer, HMS Rodney (battleship)
09.1943		Rear-Admiral,

					Force H (Salerno)
			1944		Chief Naval Administrativ e Officer (CNAO) to Allied Naval Commander Expeditionar y Forces (ANCXF) & Flag Officer British Assault Area (FOBAA) (designate) [HMS Odyssey] (Normandy landings)
			03.1945 -	(04.1946)	Rear- Admiral / Vice-Admiral (Q) British Pacific Fleet [HMS Beaconsfield , from 01.12.1945 HMS Golden Hind II]
			(04.1947)		no appointment listed

Chairman, Thingoe RDC, 1958-1961. DL Suffolk, 1958.