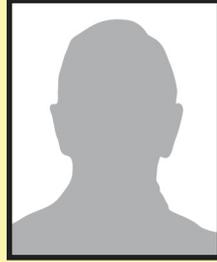




ROYAL NAVAL
VOLUNTEER RESERVE



Sub-Lieutenant (S) HUGH
FAIRCLOUGH LE LACHEUR

Born on 13th July 1918 in
Pitt, Nr Hursley, Hampshire.

Lost when HMS Barnham was
torpedoed and sunk on 25th
November 1941.

Aged 23.

HUGH FAIRCLOUGH LE LACHEUR was born on 13th July 1918, son of Edward Tom Le Lacheur, a merchant banker of Kew, and Dorothy Constance Le Lacheur (née Fairclough), of Wades House, Barton Stacey, Hampshire.

Hugh was the youngest of three children. His siblings were Dorothy Joan and Geoffrey Tom, a solicitor in Kensington.

(On 6th June 1942 Dorothy Joan married Richard Echlin Grayburn, a Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers, who was killed in action in 1944 and is also commemorated in this church.)

Hugh joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve on 12th July 1940 and was made a Temporary Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant (S). The bracketed (S) in his rank indicates 'supply' which dealt with logistics and finance.

In 1941 he was a member of the ship's company of the battleship HMS Barham, part of the Mediterranean fleet.

On 25th November, whilst patrolling off Crete, the battleship was torpedoed and sank within 5 minutes. There were over 450 survivors but Hugh was not amongst them.

His body was never recovered.

He is remembered on Panel 60, Column 3, of the Portsmouth Naval Memorial.

