



## **PERSONAL** **INFORMATION** **SHEET**



**Name: Gonville Royce JONES**

**DOB: 22 February 1917**

**Rank: Petty Officer**

**Service Identity Number: D/JX138348**

**Service/Regiment/Corps: Royal Navy**

**Unit: HMS Tamar**

**Died: 2 October 1942**

### **Personal history before the war:**

Gonville was born in Pontypool, Monmouthshire, Wales to Lemuel Rowland Jones and Elizabeth Ann Jones (nee Parry) of Griffithstown, Monmouthshire, Wales. He was Baptised on 16 May 1917 in the Parish of St. Hilda, Griffithstown.

His sister Phyllis Eileen was born 14 Sept 1920 when Gonville was 3 years old. His brother Clifford Colin was born 3 Aug 1923 when Gonville was 6 years old with his sister, Daphne, being born on 13 Oct 1926 when he was 9 years old. His brother Keith Colin was born on 9 Dec 1929 when Gonville was 12 years old. He had two further brothers who also joined the Royal Navy.

### **Wartime experience:**

Little is known about Gonville's wartime experience beyond that he was posted to HMS Tamar and documentation identifies that his date of capture was 25 December 1941.

His younger brother, Bernard Roland, died during the sinking of HMS Glorious during the evacuation of Norway on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1940 aged 21.

It is understood that he would have been initially imprisoned at Shamshuipo POW camp until the 26 January 1942 when all of the naval personnel would have been moved to North Point POW camp. Gonville would have returned to Shamshuipo shortly before being boarded onto the Lisbon Maru on the morning of the 27 September 1942 which was tied up off of Stonecutters Island. He would have most likely been located with the other 310 naval personnel in hold 1 although some were relocated to hold 2 due to overcrowding.



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## Personal history post war (if survived):

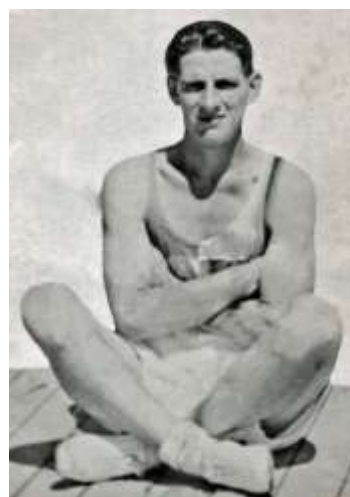
Sadly Gonville did not survive the sinking of the Lisbon Maru; he was 25 years old when he died.

Gonville is remembered on the Plymouth Naval Memorial (Panel 63, Column 3) and the Pontypool Royal Naval Memorial (see below).

## Additional photos:



Pontypool Royal Naval Memorial



Gonville's brother – Bernard Roland Jones

The above information was provided by Graham RA Jansen who is the 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin (twice removed) of Gonville Royce Jones.



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