## Richard Tosswill

Was the son of Charles Gibson and Dorothy Ellen Tosswill.

He was born on 8 October, 1907 at Paddington, London

He Married 4 August, 1934, at St Peter's, Eaton Square, Westminster district, London Miss Cynthia Alers-Hankey (05.07.1914 - 12.2003), daughter of Humphrey Bickerton Munster Alers-Hankey (1874-1959), and Kathleen Isabel ... (1886-?);

They had one son & one daughter.

He died on 22 December, 2001 in North East Hampshire

## Naval Career

15 May, 1921 Entered RN

Midshipman	15.09.1925
Acting Sub Lieutenant	01.01.1928
Sub Lieutenant	01.07.1928
Lieutenant	01.08.1929
Lieutenant Commander	01.10.1937

12 April, 1939 to December, 1939 Navigating Officer, HMS Belfast (cruiser)

23 January, 1940 to June, 1941 Navigating Officer, HMS Illustrious

Commander 30.06.1941

28 July, 1941 to August 1942
Trade Division, Admiralty [HMS President]

October, 1942 No appointment listed 26 October, 1942 to December, 1943 Staff Officer (Operations) to Flag Officer-in-Charge, Malta [HMS St Angelo (RN base, Malta)] (OBE)

11 January, 1944 O.B.E.

Operation Husky (invasion of Sicily July, 1943 [investiture 27.02.45]

17 April, 1944 to April, 1946 Executive Officer, HMS Belfast (cruiser)

Captain 30.06.1947

30 September, 1952 to 9 April, 1954
Commanding Officer. HMS Superb & Commodore, Second-in-Command, America
and West Indies Station

Commodore 2nd class c. October, 1952 - 9.04.1954

Retired as a Captain 7 July, 1956

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