



character, smartness and thought of others – all of which were guidance for me in later years.’ Joe would have been one of the oldest marines on board; as such he would have acted as a mentor to the younger members of the crew. His naval record lists his character as ‘very good’ and his ability as ‘superb’.

Vi was only 33 when Joe died but she never remarried. She lived in Portsmouth until her death in 1996, aged 86. She is buried beside her precious sons.

The 1939 Christmas card from the King and Queen, kept by Vi as a treasured memento.

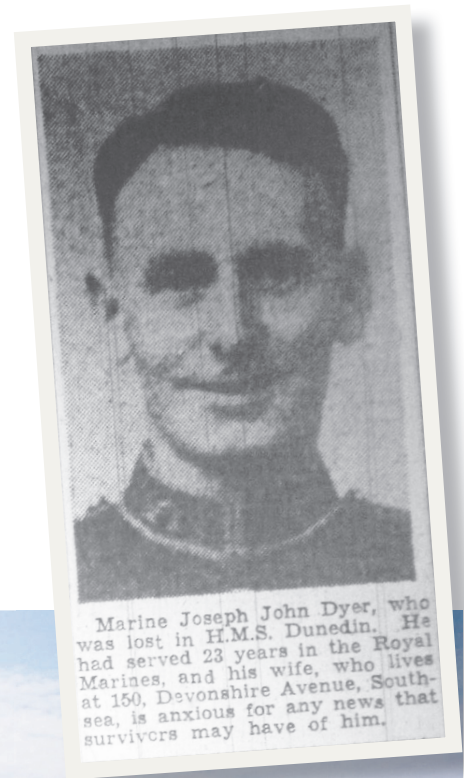
Joe’s name is inscribed on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial on Southsea Common. Each year, on the anniversary of the sinking of *HMS Dunedin*, members of The Dunedin Society meet at the memorial to honour those who lost their lives.

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The Enigma Code

Bletchley Park is the country house in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, where the German military’s Enigma Code was secretly cracked. It is believed the codes deciphered there were instrumental in shortening the duration of World War II by up to two years.

The Government Code and Cipher School moved from London in 1939 to Bletchley Park, which became home to some of Britain’s brightest mathematicians, analysts and linguists. The high level intelligence produced, codenamed Ultra, directed British war strategy and saved many lives. Visit www.bletchleypark.org.uk and read personal accounts at www.bbc.co.uk/ww2peopleswar/stories/42/a4163942.shtml and www.bbc.co.uk/ww2peopleswar/stories/80/a3300580.shtml.



The notice that Vi had published in the *Portsmouth Evening News*, 12 March 1942.

Joe’s name is inscribed on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial in Southsea, which commemorates the men of both world wars who have no known grave.

