

## Jack Marriott (Royal Navy officer)

Captain **John Peter Ralph Marriott** [CMG](#) (28 November 1879 – 21 December 1938) was a British [Royal Navy](#) officer.

Marriott was the son of Major Charles Frederick Marriott of the British Army and his wife Isabella (née Jerningham). He married Margaret Murray, daughter of the oceanographer [Sir John Murray](#), and they had two sons, John and Peter. In 1894, he joined the Royal Navy as a [Naval Cadet](#), and he was promoted to [lieutenant](#) on 1 April 1902.<sup>[2]</sup> As a junior officer he was posted to the [sloop HMS Beagle](#) on 1 July 1902,<sup>[3]</sup> serving on her in the [South Atlantic](#). Later, he served in the [light cruiser HMS Hyacinth](#), [flagship](#) of the [East Indies and Egyptian Squadron](#), the [armoured cruiser HMS Drake](#), [flagship](#) of the [5th Cruiser Squadron](#), and the cadet training cruiser [HMS Cornwall](#). For two years he served on the staff of the [Royal Naval College, Osborne](#).

In June 1914, he was promoted [Commander](#) and became [executive officer](#) of the cruiser [HMS Charybdis](#). In [Gallipoli](#), he was attached to the staff of the [Australian and New Zealand Army Corps](#), and was [mentioned in dispatches](#). He then became Naval Assistant to the [First Sea Lord](#), [Rosslyn Wemyss](#) (whose flagship the *Charybdis* had been), at the [Admiralty](#) in [London](#), with the rank of Acting [Captain](#).

Representing Britain at the signing of the [Armistice](#) in a railway carriage in [Compiègne Forest](#) on 11 November 1918, he was witness to the end of World War I and a marked victory for the Allies. He was confirmed in the rank of [Captain](#) in December 1918. He later attended the [Paris Peace Conference, 1919](#). In 1920 he was appointed [Naval Attaché](#) in [Tokyo](#). He voluntarily retired in 1922 following the "[Geddes Axe](#)", hoping that by so doing he would save from compulsory retirement an officer who was less able to afford it. He was recalled for special service in [Egypt](#) during the period of tension over [Abyssinia](#).

For his war service, he was appointed [Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George](#) (CMG) in the 1920 New Year Honours<sup>[4]</sup> and also Chevalier of the [Légion d'honneur](#), Commander of the [Order of the Crown of Italy](#), Officer of the [Order of the Nile](#) and the [Order of the Rising Sun](#).