

## EVAN-THOMAS, Sir HUGH (1862 - 1928), admiral

**Name:** Hugh Evan-thomas  
**Date of birth:** 1862  
**Date of death:** 1928  
**Spouse:** Hilda Evan-Thomas (née Barnard)  
**Parent:** Cara Evan-Thomas (née Pearson)  
**Parent:** Charles Evan-Thomas  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** admiral  
**Area of activity:** Military  
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fifth son of Charles Evan-Thomas, of Gnoll, Neath, and Cara Pearson Born at Llwynmadoc, Brecknock, 27 October 1862. He entered the navy in 1876, joining the *Britannia*. He served for three years on the *Ramillies* with a chosen band of officers, every one of whom afterwards became a renowned admiral. He was promoted commander in 1897, being appointed to the *Victory* for charge of the signal school at Portsmouth. He became captain in 1902. From 1905 to 1908 he was private secretary to **Lord Cawdor**, first lord of the Admiralty. He then took command of the *Bellerophon* in the home fleet until 1910, when he was appointed captain of the naval college, Dartmouth. He was later appointed second in command of the first battle squadron with his flag on the *St. Vincent*. In August 1915 he was transferred to the command of the 5th battle squadron, flying his flag in the *Barham*. In this post he took a notable part in the battle of Jutland, 31 May 1916. He was promoted vice-admiral in September 1917. He retained command of the 5th battle squadron until October 1918. In 1919 he was created K.C.M.G. He was made admiral in 1920 and appointed commander-in-chief at the Nore. In 1924 he retired. He married, 1894, Hilda, daughter of Thomas Barnard, of Cople House, Beds.; they had no children. After his retirement he lived at Charlton, near Shaftesbury, where he died 30 August 1928.

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