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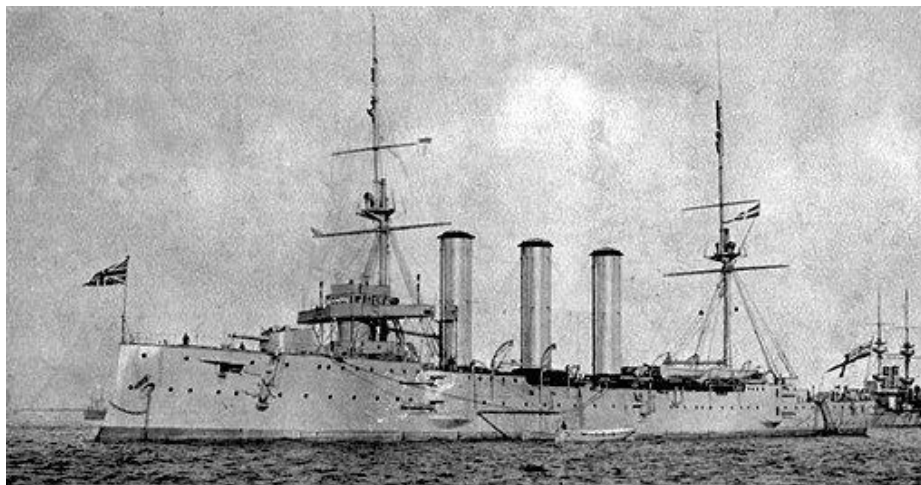
Dingle's East Cornwall Almanac 1916 - The Great War

“November 5th. The Secretary of the Admiralty reported that rumours and reports had been received from various sources of a naval action having taken place in the Pacific off the Chilean coast. It was stated that the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig, Dresden and Nuremburg concentrated near Valparaiso, and that the engagement was fought with a portion of Admiral Cradock's squadron on November 1st. The Germans report that the Monmouth was sunk and the Good Hope was severely damaged. The news caused a very painful impression in South East Cornwall as the Monmouth was a west-country ship, and carried a crew of 537. From Saltash the men serving on her included B. James, 2nd class P. O., aged 35, who was married and had one son, aged 3 years; C. Redman, able seaman, single; C. W. Newton, stoker, aged 21, single; J. Remick, P. O., married two children.”

“November 12th. The Secretary of the Admiralty announced that, in the absence of further information, the loss of H. M. ships Good Hope and Monmouth must be presumed. The Good Hope was the flagship and had on board Rear-Admiral Sir Christopher G. F. M Cradock, K.C.V.O., C.B., and his staff. Her complement consisted of 900 officers and men.”



HMS Good Hope



HMS Monmouth

From my 'research'.

Petty Officer. **Benjamin Pryor JAMES**.189105, H.M.S. Monmouth. Royal Navy Killed in Action on 1st November 1914. Born in Saltash on 8th October 1880.

In the 1891 Census he was 11 years old, living with his widowed mother and siblings at Silver Street, Saltash.

From WW1 Naval Casualties: his wife Jessie (and son) lived at 25 James Street, Devonport.

Stoker 1st Class. **Cyril Wilfred NEWTON**. K/17335, H.M.S. Monmouth., Royal Navy who died on 1st November 1914 age 21.

Son of Erving and Bessie Newton, of 3 Essex Terrace, Saltash.

Able Seaman. **Charles Edward REDMAN**. 181465, H.M.S. Monmouth, Royal Navy who died on 1st November 1914 Age 35.

Son of Emmanuel and Margaret Ann Redman, of Saltash, Cornwall.

Petty Officer. **Jonathan REMICK**.188412, H.M.S. Monmouth, Royal Navy died on 1st November 1914 age 33.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Remick, of Port Isaac, Cornwall. Husband of Emily.

The 1911 Census shows he was then aged 31, had been married to Emily for 3 years and, at that time, they had one daughter. Their home was 78 Fore Street, Saltash.

All four are 'Remembered with Honour' on the Plymouth Naval Memorial; the Borough of Saltash Great War Memorial outside St Nicholas and St. Faith Church, Saltash; on the War Memorial in St. John's Chapel inside St. Nicholas & St. Faith Church. Saltash and they are 'Commemorated in perpetuity' by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.



Plymouth Naval Memorial

Borough of Saltash Great War Memorial outside St. Nicholas & St. Faith Church, Saltash



circa 1920 photograph (without dates)



2018 photograph (with dates)



Great War Memorial in St John's Chapel, inside St. Nicholas & St. Faith Church, Saltash.

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