

# EDRED BUCKINGHAM

## 1876 - 1916

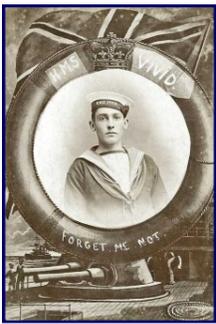
### Chief Engine Room Artificer First Class 269315 HMS Nottingham



Edred was born in 1876 to Jabez and Marina Buckingham, of Lewarne and was baptised in St. Torneys, North Hill Parish Church, on 1st January 1877.

Jabez was an accomplished and well respected local millwright and engineer. Some of his machinery, which is still in full working order, can be seen today in Addicroft Mill in Linkinhorne.

Edred was apprenticed to his father as a millwright and it is likely that Edred worked on this machinery.



In 1898 Edred Buckingham enlisted in the Royal Navy. He was posted to HMS Vivid, the Royal Naval Shore Training Establishment at Keyham (known since 1934 as HMS Drake). The family lived in Keyham in 1911. By 1901 he was stationed in Malta.

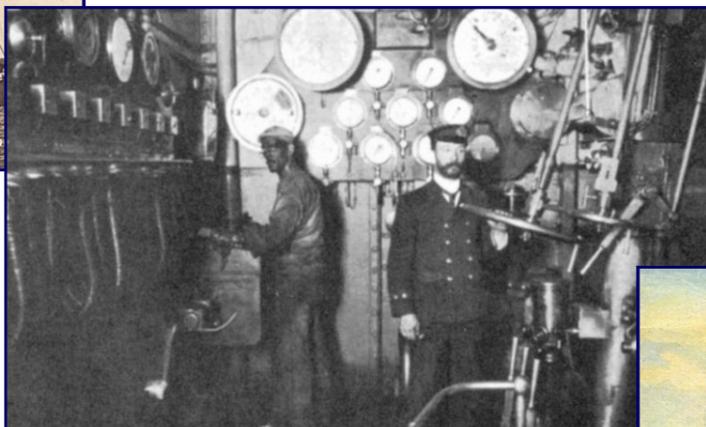
Edred married Bessie Christina Harvey of Broadwoodwidger. Their daughter Lilian was born in 1905.



In 1914 Edred was posted to serve on a light cruiser, *HMS Nottingham*.

### World War One

At the start of the First World War it had been hoped to use *Nottingham* to reinforce the East Indies squadron, but there were not enough good light cruisers available in home waters, so she stayed with the 1st Light Cruiser Squadron in home waters.



The Battle of Jutland - May 31 1916

*HMS Nottingham* was present at the battle of Heligoland Bight in August 1914.

In June 1915 she was attacked by *U17* and *U6*. Both German submarines fired torpedoes at her, but missed.

She was also present at the battle of Jutland, taking part in the night clash between the 2nd Light Cruiser Squadron and the German 4th Scouting Group. She kept her searchlights turned off, and avoided coming under fire, suffering no casualties during this clash.

On 19 August both the High Seas Fleet and the Grand Fleet were once again at sea.

No battle followed, but the British suffered losses. Amongst them was the *Nottingham*. Just before 6am she was hit by two torpedoes from *U52*. Despite the efforts of the *Dublin* to keep the submarine away, at 6.25am a third torpedo struck home and ten minutes later the *Nottingham* had sunk. 38 men were lost, mostly during the initial impact.



Among them was Edred Buckingham. He was 40 years old.

His name appears on Panel 14 of the Plymouth Naval War Memorial and on North Hill Parish War Memorial.

He left all his effects to his wife, valued at £434.

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