

## The Battle of Jutland as reported in the Dawlish Gazette dated 10<sup>th</sup> June 1916

### THE GREAT NAVAL BATTLE.

#### HOW DAWLISH WAS AFFECTED.

Pride and patriotism have been stirred by the great daring, devotion and skill of the Battle Fleet squadron in undauntedly tackling Germany's main Fleet in the endeavour to bring it into decisive action with our Grand Fleet. Although the *coup de main* failed in its entirety, the balance of gain is greatly in our favour. Our fleet holds the seas; and we may well ponder over the inestimable blessings of this vital fact.

Now we mourn the noble dead of imperishable memory. The West suffered heavily, and our own town has not escaped scatheless. Four Dawlish families have suffered bereavement.

The Rev G A Browning, M.A., naval instructor and chaplain, son of the late Capt. G A Browning, R.N., and of Mrs Browning, of 11 Barton Terrace; and A Dew, A.B. (who had a brother killed at the Battle of Loos), went down on H.M.S. Indefatigable.

Chief Armourer Frank Morrish, eldest son of Mrs Morrish, of 4 Brook Street, and A T Jones, A B., who married a Dawlish woman (a former Miss Bond), went down with H.M.S. Defence.

Four Dawlish sailors, happily all saved, were on H.M.S. Warrior, viz., F J Hill, Petty Officer; G Voysey, Ship's Corporal; W H Heal, A.B.; and R E Brock, A.B.

Many others, as units of the Grand Fleet, took part in the fighting without being hurt.

The death of the Rev Browning evoked the keenest feelings of regret, especially amongst Churchpeople, who had had opportunity of knowing him as a high-souled Christian gentleman and an honour to his creed and cloth. The deepest sympathy has gone out to his invalid mother and his brothers, one of whom, Surgeon H Browning, R.N., has already seen much fighting in this war, and also to his aunt, Miss Kendall, who resides with the family at Dawlish. The deceased was curate at Dawlish 1900-3, being ordained priest in 1901. He was appointed chaplain in 1902 and naval instructor 1903.

Preaching in the Parish Church on Sunday morning last, the Vicar said they had suffered the loss of one whose faithful and self-sacrificing ministry was begun in their midst. They learnt to

know him as one of greater intellect than many realised, he having obtained high honours in the University as a wrangler. He consecrated those powers to the service of God, where he felt they could be of most use, viz., as a naval instructor and chaplain in the Navy.

The Dead March in *Saul* was played at the commencement of the service, as also at St. Mark's Church.

Chief Armourer Frank Morrish was a native of Dawlish, although he had married and settled down at Teignmouth. He is mourned as a devoted husband, a good son and a true comrade. Deceased would have retired on pension in the ordinary course in August last.

Sympathy has also been felt with Miss Pennell in the death of her cousin, Commander H L L Pennell, a most promising officer, who was on the "Queen Mary."

News has been received that William Hutchings, A.B., son-in-law of Mr and Mrs J Ford, of Dawlish, was killed in the recent naval battle. He leaves a widow and one child.