

DANIEL GEORGE RIORDAN



[Click here to Link to his Brother, Sydney Riordan Army WW1](#)

Daniel George Riordan 1920 Dowlais, Glamorgan

Daniel George Riordan was born on 29th December 1885 in Lloyd Street, Dowlais near Merthyr Tydfil. He was baptised on 27th January 1886 in St John's Church, Dowlais.

He was one of nine surviving children of Daniel, an Irish immigrant, and Mary Ann Enon.

He joined the Royal Navy before WW1, enlisting as a "boy" on 16th September 1902 and discharged by purchase 28th July 1909, joining the RFR (naval reserve) as a condition of discharge. Military number 222570.

He served on HMS Suffolk among others (see service record for details).

He was recalled on 13th July 1914 on the outbreak of WW1 and served on HMS Barham.

He saw action at the battle of Jutland in 1916 (31st May-1st June).

Daniel's mother Mary Ann died on 23rd May 1916 age 68.

Daniel was admitted to US Military Hospital in Leith, Edinburgh on 28 October 1918 with Influenza and discharged to another Hospital in Glasgow on 5th November 1918. There were a number of other sailors, also with Flu, admitted from the Barham around this time.

After the war Daniel joined the Naval Reserve on 1st June 1919.

On 2nd August 1919 he married Rachel Lewis from neighbouring Pen y Darren.

Daniel and Rachel had one son Richard James born 20th July 1920.

Daniel finally left the Navy on 8th June 1921. He then worked as a Hewer – coal mining.

Daniel, Rachel and Richard lived at 19 Lloyd St Dowlais until about 1925 when he moved his family with that of his elder brother Sydney to Askern, Yorks, perhaps because of the economic depression and availability of work. He worked as a Hewer at Askern Colliery.

Daniel's father Daniel died on 31st January 1928 at the home of daughter Gertrude and her husband Archie Cadle in Gellyfaelog Terrace, Penydarren.

Daniel and family lived initially in Victoria Road, then in Avenue Road until 1937 then Airstone Road.

Both families moved to Woodlands a few miles away in the war period (or just after) 1939-1945.

Daniel lived at 24 Third Avenue.

Daniel then worked 'down the pit' at Brodsworth Colliery near Doncaster. He had Silicosis of the lung and had to retire from the pit in 1945. He then worked as night watchman at Bemburghs until his retirement in 1950.

Daniel George Riordan died during the night of 27th January 1965 aged 79.

Personal details: Height 5ft 4ins. Hair colour red - turning sandy with age.

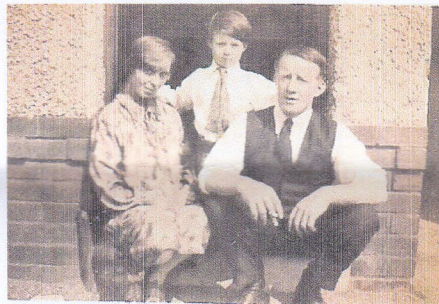
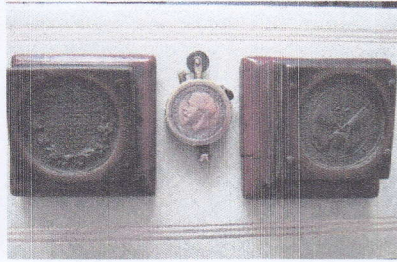
Always cheerful (always whistling) - although he did have a temper.

Played crown green bowls.

Daniel George Riordan 1885-1965 Photos



With thanks, best wishes to you,
Home's day, and wish you the
best, and the safety of the family of
the Captain's home, and wishes of the
company on the boundless deep. Ever on the
deck, and ever for nation, for nation, for nation,
sincerely yours, Will say the U.S.A. forever
to you of the Sea.



Devonport

222570

222570

Name in full } Daniel George Riordan

Date of Birth 29 December 1883
Place of Birth Methyry Tydvil Glam
Occupation Collier

P. I. C. No. 357116

3/5/19

Date and Period of C. S. Engagements.	Age.	Height. Ft. In.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	Wounds, Scars, Marks, &c.
29 December 1903 - 12/1/10	18	5-2 1/4	Auburn	Grey	Fresh	Scars, anchor left forearm Scar on back of right hand
	18	5-3 1/4	"	"	"	

Ships, &c., served in.	List and No.	Rating.	Sub-ratings.			Badges.	Period of Service.		Character.	If Discharged, Whither, and for what Cause.
			Rating.	From	To		From	To		
Impregnable	15 ^a 4199 15 ^b 2635	Bar Bicd Ord	M.	21.05.09	04.11.09	16 Sep 02 23 July 03	22 Jan 04	78.		
Vivid	15 ^a 9101	"				R-7.5.15	23 Jan 04	29 Jan 04	21.12.04	
Hague	5 517	"					30 Jan 04	20 May 04	29.12.06	
Suffolk	5 152	"					21 May 04		29.12.04	
"	"	AB					21 Aug 05	9 Apr 06	29.12.08	
Vivid	15 ^a 2868	"					10 Apr 06	14 May 06		
Vengeance	5 515	"					15 May 06	4 May 08		
Vivid I	15 ^a 10016	"					5 May 08	27 Oct 08		
Europa	12 ^a 21	"					29 Oct 08	13 Feb 09		
Vivid I	15 ^a 13076	"					24 Feb 09	27 July 09		
Repulse	12 ^a 64	"					28 July 09	14 Aug 09	V.G. Shore by purchase	
Drake	16 ^a 67	AB	S.B.				13 July 09	7 Apr 15	21.12.15	
Excellent	12 ^a 906	"					8 Apr 15	10 July 15	21.12.15	
Victoria	15 ^a 1605	"					11 July 15	18 Aug 15	21.12.16	
Barham	5 ^a 165	"					19 Aug 15		21.12.16	
"	1	2 ^a Sea					28 Feb 18	31 May 19	21.12.18	
Vivid I	15 ^a 166	"					12 Apr 21	8 June 21	V.G. - Sup Demob ²	

Joined RFR Devonport B 2866 15 Aug 09

Joined RFR Dev B 8739 1 June 1919

Clothing and Bedding Gratuities.	REMARKS.
<p>14/6</p> <p>12 80-46 Sep/14</p> <p>12 80-46 Sep/14</p> <p>12 80-46 Sep/14</p> <p>12 80-46 Sep/14</p>	<p>N. 8904 11.8.09 Approves discharge by purchase subject to joining R. F. R.</p> <p>12 paid for D. C. Repulse July 09</p> <p>(1) over 6yrs. 16.12.14</p> <p>(2) over 3yrs 1-10-17</p> <p>1/2 per year 18 Sep per.</p> <p>Re enter</p> <p>Unemployment Insurance Form sent to Ministry of Labour Register No. 11546.</p> <p>TRACED FOR GRATUITY BY No. 11</p> <p>11/11</p>

WAR GRANT PAID

Royal Navy Service Records
Public Record Office Kew

Ratings entering 1873 - 1923; ADM 188; index names Q - R 1892 - 1912 piece 1149
Index ADM 188/1149. Service Records 222500 - 223000 Piece ADM 188/392.
Original document.

Daniel George Riordan born 1885 Merthyr enlisted 1902 Number 222570.

Devonport.

Daniel George Riordan. born 29 Dec 1885. Merthyr Tydfil.
Occupation - Collier.

29 Dec 1903 (12yrs)

Height 5 ft 3 3/4 ins. Hair Auburn. Eyes Grey. Complexion fresh.
Tattoos - Heart anchor on left forearm. Star on back of right hand.

Rating - A.B. from 1905. Conduct good or very good.

Impregnable	16 Sep 1902 -	
Vivid	23 Jan 1904-	(HMS Vivid was a shore base in Devonport)
Hague	30 Jan 1904-	
Suffolk	21 May 1904-	
Vivid	10 Apr 1906-	
Vengeance	15 May 1906-	
Vivid	05 May 1908-	
Europa	28 Oct 1908-	
Vivid	24 Mar 1909-	
Repulse	28 Jul 1909-	

Shore by purchase 14 Aug 1909. Approved subject to joining RFR
Joined RFR Devonport B2866 15 Aug 1909. Rejoined RN 1914 on outbreak of WW1.

Drake	13 Jul 1914-
Excellent	08 Apr 1915-
Victory	11 Jul 1915-
Barham	19 Aug 1915-

Demob 31 May 1919.
Joined RFR Devonport B8739 1 Jun 1919.

Vivid 12 Apr 1921-

Demob 8 Jun 1921.

Daniel Riordan Pre WWI Ships and Training

HMS Impregnable 1902

HMS Impregnable. When the warship became a steam and electrically powered ship there was less and less use for the "white wings" which made the old time frigate, one of the loveliest sights in the world, and in the handling of which British sailors had been pre-eminent. Much of the true seamanship was involved in the proper use of sails and on the training ships great importance was attached to the education of youngsters in this respect in the early 20th century. She was an old 121 gun ship of 1860, initially named HMS Howe. The ship still had the figurehead of Lord Howe, and then renamed HMS Bulwark, until 1886 when she was named HMS Impregnable, the training ship under the command of Captain D. H. Bosanquet



The photograph shows the furling of sails on the Impregnable at Devonport.



Lads of HMS Impregnable on gun exercise.



HMS Impregnable as a training ship, 1896. she was based at Devonport, Plymouth and under the command of Captain D H Bosanquet, the inspecting captain of Boys training ships. She was an old 121 gun ship of 1860. initial named HMS Howe. The ship still had the figurehead of Lord Howe, and then renamed HMS Bulwark, until 1886 when she was named HMS Impregnable.

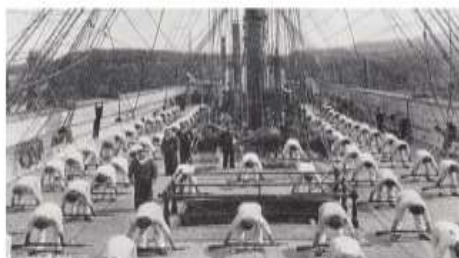
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A Drill on HMS Impregnable 1896



Instructors of HMS Impregnable.



A Drill on HMS Impregnable 1896



Captain Bosanquet, Commnder George F S Knowles and other Officers of the Impregnable (1896)



The Lads of the Training ship HMS Impregnable in 1896

Boys joined the navy between the ages of 15 and 16.5 . photo shows boys at various stages of their training. some 1100 boys in total

[Original Photographic image from quality magazine published in 1896 image size 9" x 8" approx . plus title and specifications. price ?20 plus ?5 post for UK ?10 overseas. recorded airmail order number AN2/43 order photograph here](#)



Reefing Topsails on board HMS Impregnable

HMS Vivid Training Establishment

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Vivid_\(shore_establishment_1890\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Vivid_(shore_establishment_1890))



Armada

HMS Vivid 1904 Signals shore establishment

Armada British Navy Ships Chatham Dockyard Bc



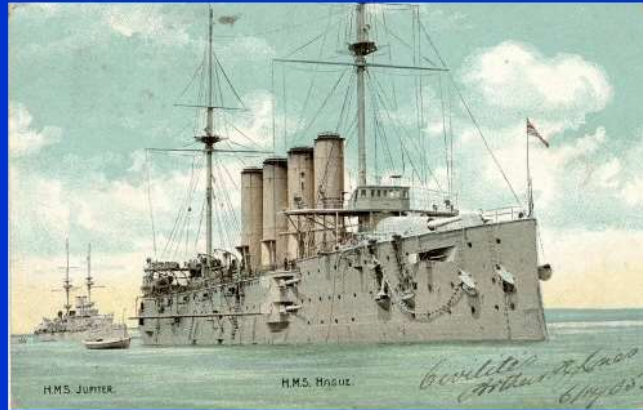
Vivien G
797 followers

HMS Hague actually HMS HOGUE

HMS Hogue (HMS Hague)

Cruiser

The Ship



Torpedoed and sunk 22 September 1914

No information found on HMS Hague as printed on postcard, but this ship is actually believed to be HMS Hogue.

[http://www.dreadnoughtproject.org/tfs/index.php/H.M.S. Hogue \(1900\)](http://www.dreadnoughtproject.org/tfs/index.php/H.M.S. Hogue (1900))

HMS Suffolk 1904

Daniel clearly sent there at completion 21/05/2014 assigned to Mediterranean not bad for a lad from Dowlais.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Suffolk \(1903\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Suffolk_(1903))

HMS Vengeance 1906



HMS. Vengeance in 1906.

<https://wartimememoriesproject.com/greatwar/ships/view.php?pid=2371>



HMS Vengeance

HMS Vengeance (1899 - 1921) was built at Vickers, Barrow, laid down on 21st August 1898, launched on 25th July 1899, Commissioned in April 1902 and Scrapped in 1921. One of the Canopus class of pre-dreadnought battleships designed by Sir William White for use in the Far East and entered service between 1899 and 1902. The lead ship was HMS Albion, which was followed by Canopus, Glory, Goliath, Ocean and Vengeance. The class had primary armament consisting of four 12-inch (305 mm) 35-calibre long guns and six 6-inch (152 mm) 40-calibre long guns.

The introduction of HMS Dreadnought in 1906 rendered the class, and all other pre-dreadnought battleships, obsolete only a few years after the last-of-class entered service in 1902. The class saw service across the globe: in home waters, on the China Station, in the Mediterranean Fleet, in the Atlantic, in Africa, at Anchorage, and in the Mediterranean where HMS Goliath and HMS Ocean were sunk during the Dardanelles campaign. The four surviving ships were reduced to subsidiary duties later in World War I and were scrapped in the early 1920s.

List of Ships in Canopus Class

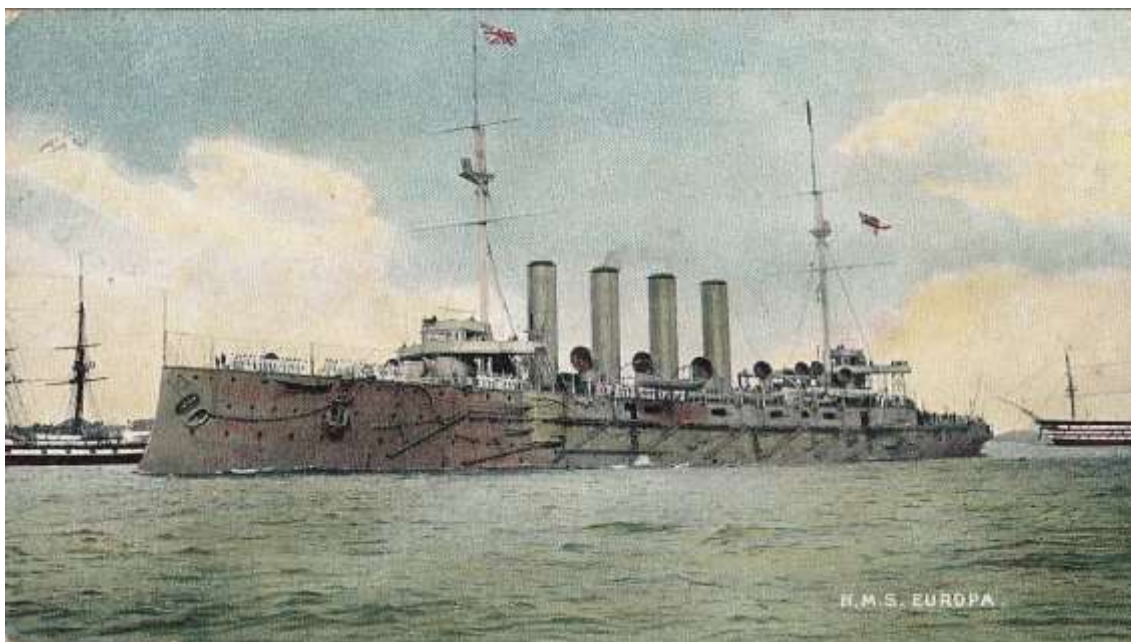
- HMS Albion
- HMS Canopus
- HMS Glory
- HMS Goliath
- HMS Ocean
- HMS Vengeance

HMS Europa 1908:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Europa_\(1897\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Europa_(1897))

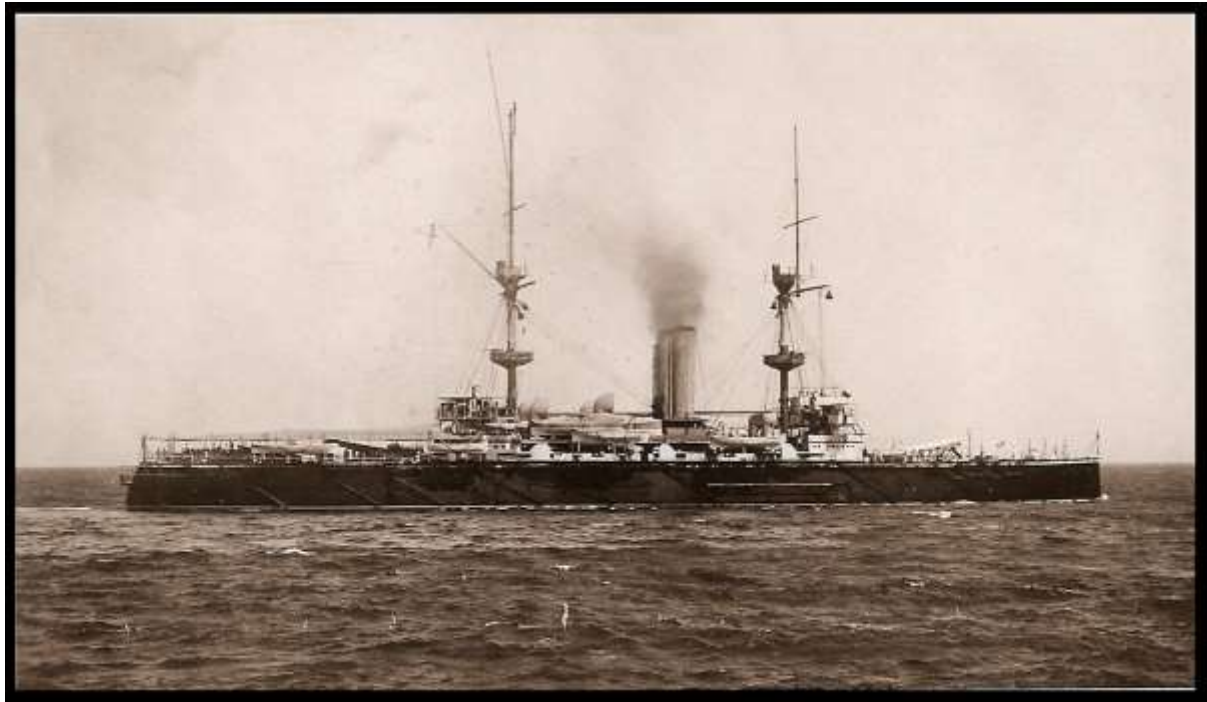
She underwent a general refit in 1902, including new boilers.^[6]

At some point a few years later she was put into reserve at Devonport whereby she was later recommissioned in November 1907 for the Home Fleet and **paid off** February 1910 but joined 3rd Fleet from November 1911 to outbreak of war.



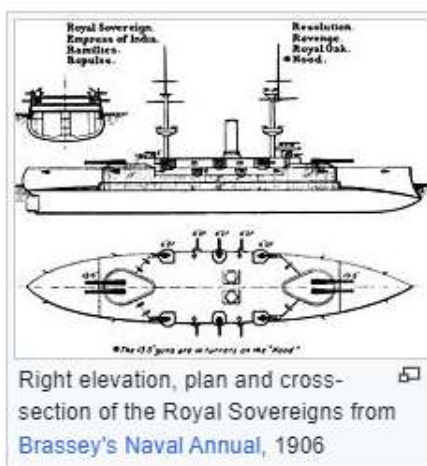
HMS. Repulse 1909:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Repulse_\(1892\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Repulse_(1892))



HMS *Repulse* was one of seven *Royal Sovereign*-class [pre-dreadnought battleships](#) built for the [Royal Navy](#) in the 1890s. Assigned to the [Channel Fleet](#), where she often served as a [flagship](#), after [commissioning](#) in 1894, the ship participated in a series of annual manoeuvres, and the [Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Fleet Review](#) during the rest of the decade. *Repulse* was transferred to the [Mediterranean Fleet](#) in 1902 and remained there until December 1903, when she returned home for an extensive refit. After its completion in 1905, *Repulse* was assigned to the [Reserve Fleet](#) until she was sold for [scrap](#) in 1911.

Design and description [[edit](#)]



Right elevation, plan and cross-section of the Royal Sovereigns from [Brassey's Naval Annual, 1906](#)

The design of the *Royal Sovereign*-class ships was derived from that of the [Admiral-class ironclad](#) battleships, greatly enlarged to improve [seakeeping](#) and to provide space for a [secondary armament](#) as in the preceding [Trafalgar-class](#) ironclad battleships.^[1] The ships [displaced](#) 14,150 [long tons](#) (14,380 t) at normal load and 15,580 [long tons](#) (15,830 t) at [deep load](#). They had a [length between perpendiculars](#) of 380 feet (115.8 m) and were 410 feet 6 inches (125.1 m) [long overall](#), a beam of 75 feet (22.9 m), and a draught of 27 feet 6 inches (8.4 m).^[2] As a [flagship](#), *Repulse*'s crew consisted of 670 officers and [ratings](#) in 1903.^[3]

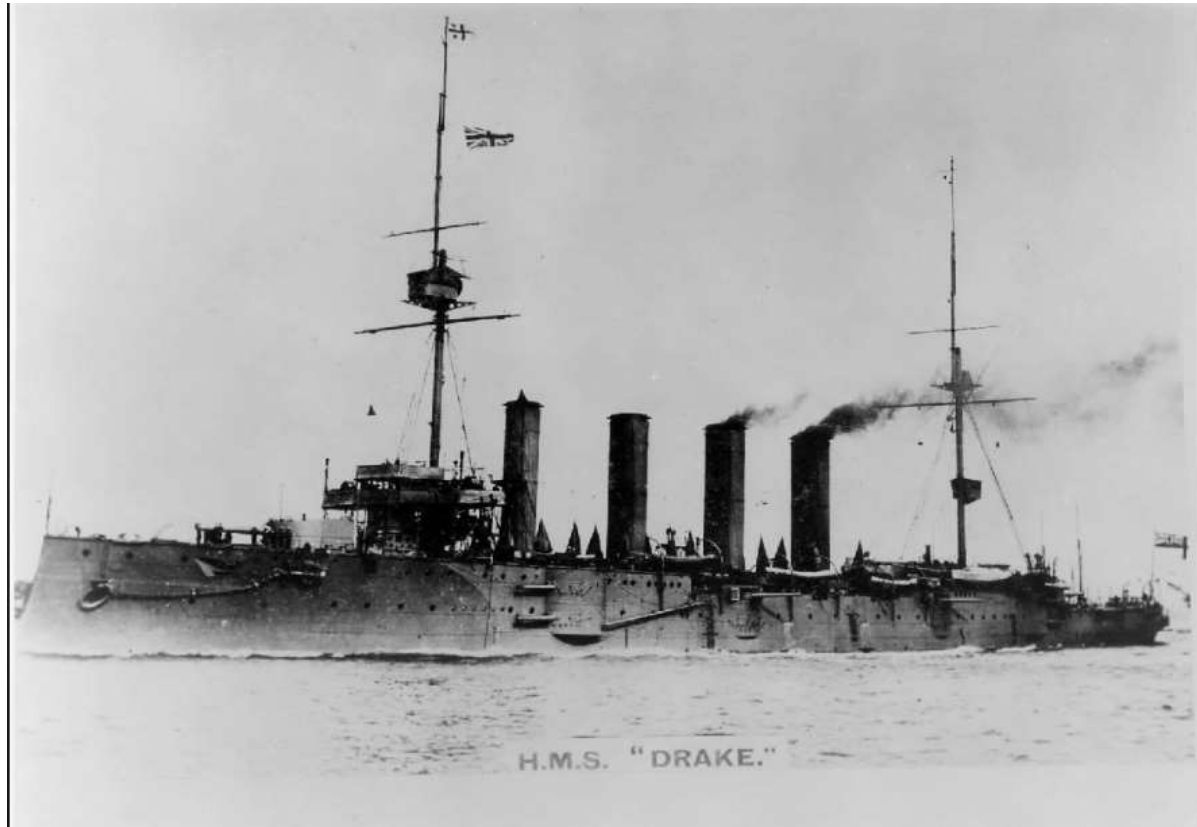
Repulse was powered by a pair of three-cylinder, vertical [triple-expansion steam engines](#), each driving one shaft. Her [Humphrys & Tennant](#) engines^[2] were designed to produce a total of 11,000 [indicated horsepower](#) (8,200 kW) and a maximum speed of 17.5 [knots](#) (32.4 km/h; 20.1 mph) using steam provided by eight [cylindrical boilers](#) with [forced draught](#). The ship reached a speed of 17.8 knots (33.0 km/h; 20.5 mph) during her [sea trials](#). The *Royal Sovereign*-class ships carried a maximum of 1,420 [long tons](#) (1,443 t) of coal which gave them a range of 4,720 [nautical miles](#) (8,740 km; 5,430 mi) at a speed of 10 knots (19 km/h; 12 mph).^[4]

Daniel Riordan: WW1 Service Ships

HMS Drake (AUG 1914)

In October 1914, under the command of [Aubrey Smith](#), the ship was used to carry Russian bullion worth eight million [pounds](#) to Britain; on arrival, *Drake* lay thirty miles off [Archangel](#), and the gold was brought to her at night.^[22]

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Drake_\(1901\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Drake_(1901))



HMS Excellent (April 1915)

- [HMS Excellent \(shore establishment\)](#) is a shore establishment in [Portsmouth](#). Originally housed in a number of hulks named HMS *Excellent* since 1830, it was formally established in 1869. It moved ashore in 1891 and remained active until 1985, when it ceased to be an independent command and was incorporated into HMS *Nelson* as part of [HMNB Portsmouth](#). The name continues to exist in reference to the aspects under the site's administrative purview. A number of ships were renamed HMS *Excellent* whilst serving as homes or tenders of the establishment. These include:

HMS. Victory (July 1915)

celebrations of the Battle of Trafalgar, she was decorated with electric lights powered by a submarine moored alongside.^[79] In 1910, the [Society for Nautical Research](#) was created to try to preserve her for future generations, but the Admiralty was unable to help, having become embroiled in an escalating arms race; thus by the time Frank H. Mason published *The Book of British Ships* in 1911, *Victory's* condition was described as "...nothing short of an insult".^{[79][80]} A few glimpses of the ship in 1918 are to be seen towards the end of Maurice Elvey's biopic of Nelson created in that year.^[81]

HMS. Barham: (Aug 1915 to May 1919)



BRITAIN'S REPLY TO GERMAN NAVAL ESTIMATES: THE QUEEN ELIZABETH CLASS OF SUPER-DREADNOUGHTS
The photograph shows Barham, fourth of the 13-inch gun battleships laid down in the Navy Estimates of 1912-13, and by which Britain again took the lead in armaments. Queen Elizabeth and Warspite were completed in October, 1914, and Valiant, Barham and Malaya early in 1915. These ships had a displacement of 27,500 tons; their length was 650 feet, beam 94 feet and draught 28 feet. Eight 13-inch and twelve 6-inch, together with twelve anti-aircraft 12-pounders, formed their armament. They were designed to develop 56,000 h.p., giving a speed of 25 knots, and had a 12-inch belt anti-ship. Each of these ships was built in two years, the same period as Colossus.

HMS Barham was one of five [Queen Elizabeth-class battleships](#) built for the [Royal Navy](#) during the early 1910s. Completed in 1915, she was often used as a [flagship](#) and participated in the [Battle of Jutland](#) during the [First World War](#) as part of the [Grand Fleet](#). For the rest of the war, except for the inconclusive [action of 19 August 1916](#), her service generally consisted of routine patrols and training in the [North Sea](#).

Daniel George Riordan Timeline

Birth

Daniel George Riordan was born on 29 December 1885 in Dowlais, Glamorgan, to Mary Ann Enon, age 37, and Daniel Riordan, age 36.

Baptism

27 Jan 1886. Address 6 Lloyd St, Dowlais, Glamorgan, Wales

Birth of brother

His brother Edgar Percy was born in January 1888 in Dowlais, Glamorgan, when Daniel George was 2 years old.

Birth of brother

His brother Alfred Ernest was born in June 1889 in Dowlais, Glamorgan, when Daniel was 3 years old.

Death of brother

His brother Alfred Ernest died in December 1889 in Dowlais, Glamorgan, when Daniel George was 4 years old.

Death of brother

His brother Edgar Percy died in September 1890 in Dowlais, Glamorgan, when Daniel George was 4 years old.

Birth of brother

His brother Edgar Ernest was born on 15 December 1890 in Merthyr Tudful, Glamorgan, when Daniel George was 4 years old.

1891 • Residence 6, Lloyd St, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan, Wales

Birth of sister

His sister Gertrude Alice was born on 20 December 1892 in Merthyr Tudful, Glamorgan, when Daniel George was 6 years old.

Residence

1901 • 6, Lloyd St, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan, Wales

Military

Daniel George Riordan joined the Royal Navy on 16 September 1902 when he was 16 years old.

Discharged by purchase 1909. Rejoined on outbreak of WW1. 13 Jul 1914.

Military serial number 222570

1909

Military

Daniel George Riordan left the Navy on 28 July 1909 when he was 23 years old.

Discharge by purchase.

1911

Residence

02 Apr 1911 • 6, Lloyd St, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan, Wales

Death of sister

His sister Emma Jane died on 27 November 1912 in Dowlais, Glamorgan, when Daniel George was 26 years old.

Death of mother

His mother Mary Ann passed away on 23 May 1916 in Dowlais, Glamorgan, at the age of 68.



Mary Ann Enon

1848-1916

JUTLAND

Admission INFLENZA 28 OCT 1918 Hms BARHAM
 MOVED 5 NOV 1918 MILITARY HOSPITAL
GLASGOW UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITALS
 14 AUG 1918 - 15 JAN 1918
 US Register of Patents at Naval Hospital
 1812-1914 CASE # 617 p 271
 #3 1918
 LEITH SCOTLAND

BATTLE of JUTLAND 31 MAY 1916 - 1 JUN 1916

Military

Wounded during the course of the 'Battle of Jutland' in the North Sea and was in hospital in 1916 • Leith, Midlothian, Scotland

Military

Daniel George Riordan joined RFR (Reserve) on 1 June 1919 in Devonport, Devon, when he was 33 years old.

Marriage

Daniel George Riordan married Rachel Lewis in Merthyr Tudful, Glamorgan, on 2 August 1919 when he was 33 years old.



Rachel Lewis

1890-1977

Birth of son

His son Richard James was born on 20 July 1920.



Richard James Riordan

1920-1975

Military

Daniel George Riordan left the Navy on 8 June 1921 in Devonport, Devon, when he was 35 years old.

Final Demob after completion of service.

1921

Age 35

Residence

Daniel George Riordan lived in Dowlais, Glamorgan, on 19 June 1921.

1921 Census.

19 Jun 1921 • 19 Lloyd St, Dowlais, Glamorgan, Wales

1926

Age 41

Residence

Daniel George, Rachel and Sidney Riordan are living in 47, Victoria Rd, Askern, Yorks in 1926. Cassie is not listed at this time.

2463	R	O	Groves, David Samuel	47
2464	HO	HO	Groves, Martha	47
2465	R	O	Riordan, Dan George	47
2466	HO	HO	Riordan, Rachael	47
2467	R	—	Riordan, Sidney Charles	47

□ 1927

Age 42

□ **Residence**

Daniel George Riordan lived in Askern, Yorkshire, in 1927.

1927 • 54 Avenue Rd, Askern, Yorkshire, England

Death of father

His father Daniel passed away on 31 January 1928 in 9, Gellifaelog Terrace, Penydarren, Glamorgan, at the age of 79.



[Daniel Riordan](#)

[1849-1928](#)

□ 1933

Age 48

□ **Residence**

Daniel George Riordan lived in Askern, Yorkshire, in 1933.

1933 • 54 Avenue Rd, Askern, Yorkshire, England

1934

Age 48

Death of sister

His sister Elizabeth (Lillie) Alberta died on 31 August 1934 in 38, Llewellyn Cres, Askern, Yorkshire, when Daniel George was 48 years old.



[Elizabeth \(Lillie\) Alberta Riordan](#)

[1874-1934](#)

□ 1937

Age 52

□ **Residence**

Daniel George Riordan lived in 49 Airstone Rd, Askern, Yorkshire, in 1937.

□ 1939

Age 54

□ **Residence**

Daniel George Riordan lived in 49 Airstone Rd Askern, Yorkshire, in 1939.

Marital Status: Married

□ 1945

Age 60

□ **Residence**

1945 • 24 Third Avenue, Woodlands, Doncaster, Yorkshire, England

Death of brother

His brother Richard Henry died on 25 January 1955 in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, USA, when Daniel George was 69 years old.



[Richard Henry Riordan](#)

[1877-1955](#)

Death of brother

His brother Hubert Jeremiah William died in 1956 in Merthyr Tudful, Glamorgan, when Daniel George was 71 years old.

[Hubert Jeremiah William Riordan](#)

[1872-1956](#)

□ 1959

Age 74

Residence

1959 • 24 Third Avenue Woodlands East, Doncaster, Yorkshire, England

Death of sister

His sister Gertrude Alice died in January 1960 in London, London, when Daniel George was 74 years old.



[Gertrude Alice Riordan](#)

[1892-1960](#)

Death of brother

His brother Sydney Charles died on 17 October 1964 in Doncaster, Yorkshire, when Daniel George was 78 years old.



[Sydney Charles Riordan](#)

[1884-1964](#)