

Dorothy Remick

Civilian of The Terrace, HM Dockyard

Died April 22nd 1941, aged 43

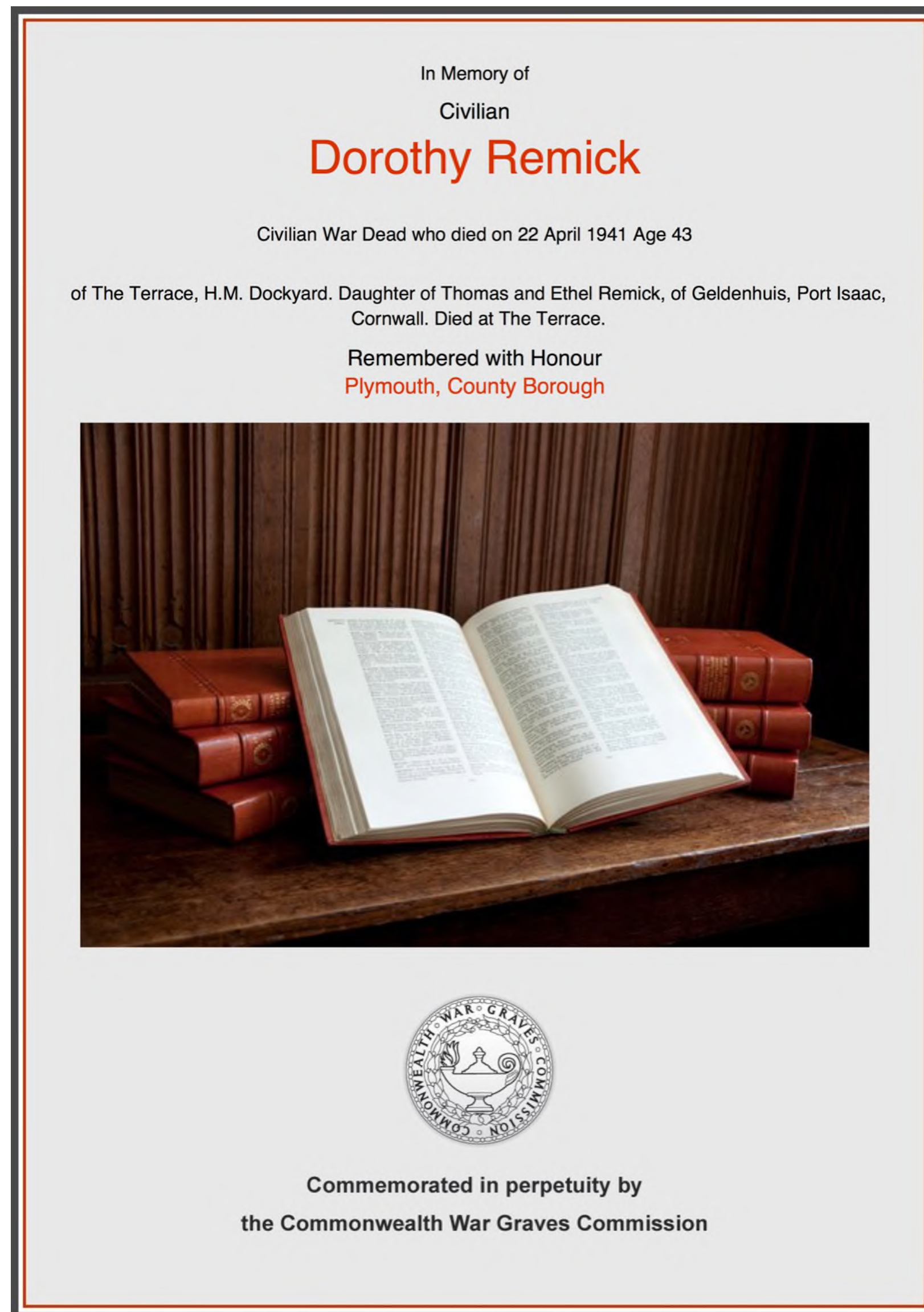
Commemorated on Plymouth, County Borough Memorial

Daughter of Thomas and Ethel Remick, of Geldenhuis*, Port Isaac, Cornwall



Dorothy was born in April 1898, the eldest daughter of Thomas and Ethel Remick. In 1941 she was working as maid to Surgeon Commander T Gwynne Jones RN and his wife Dr Christabel Gwynne Jones in Plymouth. On the night of April 21st/22nd, Plymouth was subject to another severe air raid. Surgeon Commander Gwynne Jones was on duty when the raid began and escaped injury, but his wife and Dorothy were at the family home in The Terrace, HM Naval Dockyard, where Dorothy was killed and Christabel Gwynne Jones was mortally wounded, dying in the Royal Naval Hospital five days later. They were two of the 590 people killed in the blitz on Plymouth and Devonport in March and April 1941.

* The name Geldenhuis is Afrikaans for 'Golden House'. Thomas was a carpenter who had gone to South Africa between 1903 and 1907 and worked in the gold mines. The story has always been that Ethel used the money he sent back to buy the cottage and they gave it this name. Family recollection is that Ethel used her own money to buy the property at the suggestion of her father-in-law. The family is not clear when or why the property was renamed. It seems most likely it was as a result of Thomas' return from South Africa.



Sources:

Dorothy Remick: <http://www.devonheritage.org/Places/Plymouth/Plymouth5PtoR.htm>

Obituary of Dr Christabel Gwynne Jones: <http://www.kingscollections.org/warmemorials/kings-college/memorials/gwynne-jones-ne-charlesworth.-dr.-christabel-lillie-margaret>

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