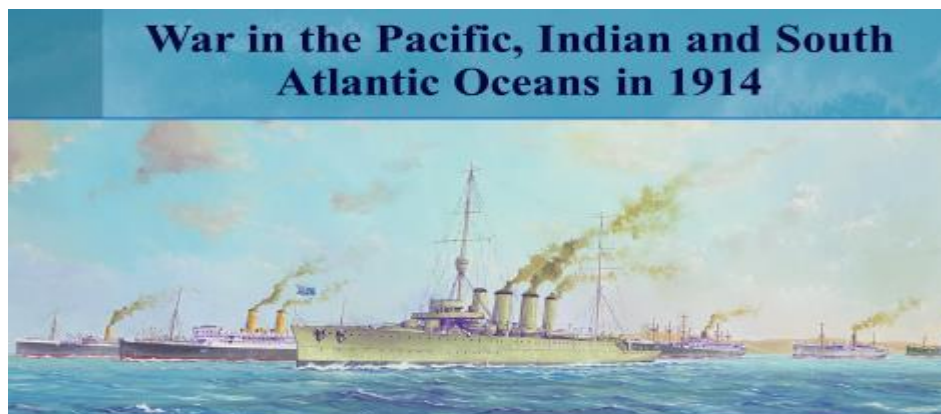




ANI Lunchtime Webinar



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As the First World War was declared, the German East Asia Fleet, under the command of Vice Admiral Von Spee, crossed the Pacific in an attempt to return to Germany.

With the exception of the light cruiser Emden which remained to conduct "cruiser warfare", the German fleet shelled Papeete then sailed on to Chile inflicting the first naval defeat for the Royal Navy since the Napoleonic wars at the Battle of Coronel. Ordered to return to Germany the fleet was lost in the Battle of the Falklands.

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