



Albert Morgan Porter
World War I
Royal Naval Reserve
Service No. 1053X

Albert was born to Abraham and Margaret Porter of Blow Me Down, Port de Grave on 15th of February 1894.

Early in WWI, 22nd of October 1913, Albert, then 20 enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve at the Port of St. John's.

He enlisted for a five-year period, which in fact ended up being five- and one-half years, almost. Albert was used to the sea, having given his occupation as fisherman.

Albert's service record with the Royal Navy began on enlistment, 22nd of October 1913 and ended on 19 March 1919. During that time, he was posted as follows:

- a) HMS Calypso
- b) HMS Vivid 1
- c) HMS Columbella

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- e) HMS Pembroke
- f) HMS Briton
- g) HMS Niobe
- h) HMS Briton



HMS Columbella

The HMS Columbella was an armed merchant cruiser that saw service from November 1914 to May 1916, September to October 1918 as part of the Northern Patrol (10th Cruiser Squadron) North Atlantic Convoys.

Upon demobilization in 1919, Albert returned home to his beloved Port de Grave to resume a less hectic, more normal life.

This is what he did and 1921 shows him now with a wife, Fannie (of Long Pond), and a small child of 6 months (Herbert). His mom is living with them, and she is now 65.

By 1935, the family has now grown to seven children in all.

1945 shows Albert now a widow after losing his wife as a single parent raising a rather large family.

Albert died in November 1963 at the age of 68 years, 10 months. He is buried in Port de Grave in St. Luke's (Old) Anglican Cemetery.