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Albert Parsons
Royal Naval Reserve
Service No. 1216X
World War I

Born: November 1, 1893

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts

Parents: Moses and Elizabeth Parsons

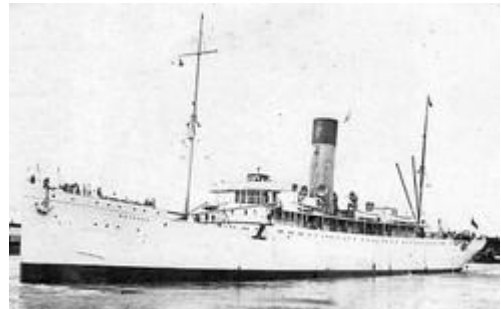
Albert enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) at Port St. John's on Friday September 18, 1914. Described on his enlistment papers as a 5 ft. 7-inch, dark hair, blue eyed, single 21-year-old who signed up for five years.

Note: *For information purposes, Albert gave his birth year as 1893 and this corresponds with him being 21 at the time, he enlisted but later (1921) Newfoundland census entry give 1895 as the birth year and his headstone lists him as having been born in 1896.*

Albert's service covers the period from enlistment (1 Sept 1914) to his discharge (21 March 1919), a total of four years and seven months.

His Official record provides the following postings:

1. HMS Calypso: 18 Sept 1914 – 15 Oct 1914
2. HMS Excellent: 16 Oct 1914 – 5 Nov 1914
3. HMS Excellent 6 Nov 1914 – 288 Dec 1914
4. HMS **Motagua** (?) 29 Dec 1914 – 14 Jun 1917



HMS MOTAGUA

December 1914 to May 1918,
Northern Patrol (10th Cruiser
Squadron, including mined and
damaged), Central Atlantic convoys
(including collision with USS Manley)

5. HMS Briton: 15 Jun 1917 – 2 Dec 1917 (RCN)
6. HMS Niobe: 3 Dec 1917 – 20 Dec 1918 (RN)
7. HMS Briton: 21 Dec 1918 – 21 Mar 1919. The shore demobilized.

At the bottom of Albert's file are 2 notations (kind of like a footnotes):

1. "Temporary release to take up position as an officer aboard Merchant ship 21/12/17."

2. "Statement of service in RCN (No.1649)." RCN is the Royal Canadian Navy.

Once discharged and back home in Newfoundland, Albert returned to Bay Roberts and his former life. He is found in 1921 now 25 married to a lady from Trinity Bay named Louise. They have two children, both boys, Clifton, and Albert. They are living with his parents.

By the 1935 census, the family has increased to five children, all boys. The census entries for the entire family are incorrect and this is acknowledged by a notation that says the ages were penciled in after the fact. For example, Albert is noted as being 59* and Louise 57*, when in fact they are 40 and 39, respectively.

The 1945 census the corrected version of the ages for everyone. Albert is 50, Louise 49, sons Clifton 26, Lester 24, Baxter 23, Frederick 19, and Lewis 15. Surprisingly Albert's mother Elizabeth is still alive and living with them, she is 89.

Albert passed away in 1973 at age 77 and Louise in 1977 at 80. They are buried in the Pentecostal Cemetery in Bay Roberts.