



Alfred Alexander Andrews

Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)

Service No. 2190X

World War I

Born: 18 Feb 1889

Died: 12 Oct 1971

Place of Birth: Ship Cove, Port de Grave, Newfoundland

Parents: Samuel and Elizabeth Jane

Alfred was in his mid 20's when he enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve at St. John's.

His service record beginning in the spring 1916 contains the following entries (and notes the ships/naval bases he was posted):

1. **HMS Victory 1:** 01 Apr 16 to 15 Apr 16.
2. **HMS Excellent:** 16 Apr 16 to 26 Jun 16
HMS Excellent is a Royal Navy "stone frigate" (shore establishment) sited on Whale Island near Portsmouth in Hampshire, England

3. **HMS President 111:** 27 Jun 16 to 10 Dec 16
HMS President 111 was **not a ship**, but a shore base near London, President III was the accounting base for Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships in WW II, or DAMS, which is what they were called in WW I. It was where the pay records etc. were maintained for those sailors who were serving as gunners aboard Merchant Ships.
4. **HMS President 111:** 17 Dec 16 to 06 May 18
5. **HMS Pembroke:** 07 May 18 to 21 May 18
6. **HMS Briton:** 22 May 18 to 17 Apr 19 Demobilized
Alfred was officially shore demobilized in 1916 but then re-mobilized one day later.
He was promoted to acting leading seaman on 21st of June 1916.

Alfred appears in the 1921 Newfoundland general census as living in Shearstown. He is married to Elsie Caroline (a girl from Shearstown), and they have two (2) children, Violet age 2 and Eli, just 9 months.

At some point, the Andrews moved to Ontario, more specifically Hamilton, Ontario, where they lived and raised their family. Elsie died in 1946 at the age of 55-56 and Alfred passed away on October the 12th 1971. They are buried in the Woodland Cemetery in Hamilton.