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**Allan Parsons**  
**World War I**  
**Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)**  
**Service No. 1180X**

**Born:** 05 Nov 1892

**Place of Birth:** Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

**Parents:** Edward and Emma Parsons

Meet Allan Parsons, son of Edward and Emma of Bay Roberts. Allan was 21 when he traveled to St. John's and enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve of Newfoundland and subsequently the Royal Navy of Great Britain.

The enlistment record of 22 Jan 1914 describes Allan as being 5'7", of fresh complexion with dark hair, brown eyes, and a fisherman by trade.

Allan would survive his six (6) years of service at sea with the Royal Navy during the war, return home, live his life in

Newfoundland, be married twice and pass away at the age of eighty-nine (89).

Allan's Service Record is quite extensive with a full page of entries covering six years and various postings on ships and to Naval bases.

1. 24 Aug 1914 – 05 Nov 1914: **HMS Calypso** (Training vessel positioned in St. John's Harbour)
2. 06 Nov 1914 – 20 Dec 1914: **HMS Excellent**
3. 21 Dec 1914 – 10 Mar 1915: **HMS Patia**

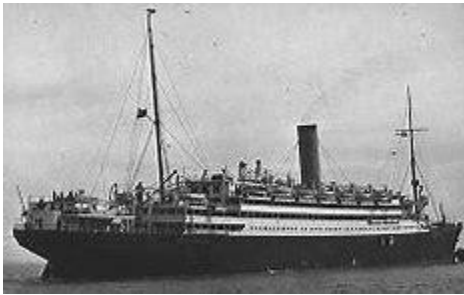


**HMS Patia, armed merchant cruiser**

4. 11 Mar 1915 – 31 Mar 1915: **HMS Victory 1**
5. 01 Apr 1915 – 07 May 1915: **HMS Victory 11**
6. 08 Apr 1915 – 08 Mar 1916: **HMS Stephen Furness** (*On December 13, 1917, the HMS Stephen Furness, an armed boarding steamer, is torpedoed by the German submarine UB-64 off the western coast of the Isle of Man, sinking before lifeboats can be lowered. The loss of one hundred lives includes five Canadians from the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve.*)
7. 09 Mar 1916 – 12 Oct 1916: **HMS Talia**

8. 13 Oct 1916 – 01 Nov 1916: **HMS Victory 1**

9. 02 Nov 16 – 26 Nov 1917: **HMS Arlanza**



**HMS Arlanza, armed merchant cruiser**

10. 27 Nov 1917 – 27 Apr 1918: **HMCS Niobe**

11. 28 Apr 1918 – 05 Jul 1918: **HMS Victory 1**

12. 06 Jul 1918 – 12 Jan 1919: “entry is illegible”

13. 14 Jan 1919 – 11 Apr 1919: “entry is illegible”

14. 12 Apr 1919 – 24 Jul 1919: **HMS Attentive 111** (John Baptist)

15. 25 Jul 1919 – 26 Oct 1919: **HMS Ganges**

16. 27 Oct 1919 – 24 Nov 1919: **HMS Pekin**

17. 25 Nov 1919 – 11 Dec 1919: **HMS Vivid 1**

18. 12 Dec 1919 – 06 Feb 1920: **HMS Briton**

06 Feb 1920 demobilized and discharged.

In his civilian life, Allan married Mary Tucker of Port de Grave in 1915, while he was serving. Together they had three (3) children, Barbara, Gertrude, and Allan as noted in the 1921 Newfoundland census. The Parsons were then living in Coley’s Point, Bay Roberts. Mary died in 1928, leaving Allan a widower with a young

family. Mary is buried at Coley’s Point in the St. John the Evangelist Cemetery.

The 1935 census record shows that Allan is now living on John Street in St. John’s West and married to Florence (from Lower Island Cove) and their family now numbers six (6) in all.

By 1945, still living in St. John’s, the Parsons family has increased by two (2), Harvey and Queenie.

Allan passed away in 1980 at age 89, while Florence passed in 1990. Both are buried in St. John’s, Newfoundland at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery.