



Arthur William Russell

Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)

Royal Navy

Service No. 772X

World War I

Born: 15 September 1890

Place of Birth: Coley's Point, Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: Edward and Jane Russell

Arthur enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) at the port of St. John's in August 1914. He enlisted for the duration of the war and went on to serve almost five (5) years in the Royal Navy.

Here are the hand-written entries as found in his official service record. The entries provide a timeline and ship and/or naval facility where he was posted at the time.

1. 17 ug 1914 – 05 Nov 1914: **HMS Calypso** (Training vessel stationed in St. John's Harbour)
2. 06 Nov 1914 – 25 Nov 1916: **HMS Virginian**



HMS VIRGINIAN – December 1914 to November 1918, Northern Patrol (10th Cruiser Squadron), North Atlantic convoys.

3. 26 Nov 1916 – 24 May 1917: **HMS Pembroke 1**
4. 25 May 1917 – 14 Jun 1917: **HMS Briton**
5. 15 Jun 1917 – 29 Nov 1917: **HMS Caesar**



HMS CAESAR – May 1914 to December 1916, Channel Fleet, North America and West Indies Station

6. 30 Nov 1917 – 05 May 1918: **HMS Pembroke**

7. 06 May 1918 – 20 Jan 1919: **HMS President 111**
8. 21 Jan 1919 – 11 Mar 1919: **HMS Vivid 111**
9. 12 Mar 1919 – 01 May 1919: **HMS Briton**
10. 01 May 1919: Shore demobilized and discharged.

Once out of service and back home, Arthur appears in the 1921 Newfoundland general census. He is living in Coley's Point and married to a lady by the name of Rose from Bareneed. (Rosie or Rosalie. The name changes slightly with each census entry). The correct spelling is Rosely.

The 1935 census gives a picture of a family of five. Arthur, Rosie and three (3) children; Herbert, Alvera and Clayton. They are living in Coley's Point.

By the next census taking in 1945, all is virtually the same, except Alvera is no longer at home and Rosie is now termed Rosalie.

On September 21, 1953, Arthur passed away at the 63. He is buried in Grace United Church Cemetery at Coley's Point.