



**George Henry Tucker**  
**Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)**  
**Service No. 892X**  
**World War I**

**Born:** 24 November 1884

**Died:** 29 May 1932

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

**Parents:** John and Ann Maria Tucker

George Henry Tucker was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 1884 in Ship Cove, Port de Grave to parents John and Ann Maria Tucker.

George re-enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) as a qualified (ordinary) seaman on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1913. He

already had training as a seaman aboard the training ship Calypso. Having had previous training, George was automatically issued a new certificate R.V. 2N.

When he enlisted, George was married to his wife, Winnifred, who hailed from the neighbouring community known as Pick Eyes. The couple had married in 1910, with their first child, a daughter Edna, born that same year. At 29, George was already an able seaman perhaps from his work on the ocean. George was one of the earlier recruits as his service number of 892X indicates.

Physically, George stood 5ft. 7inches tall, was of fresh complexion and had brown hair and eyes.

George enlisted for a five-year period and according to entries contained in his official service record he served as follows:

1. **HMS Calypso** (training vessel): 03 Oct 1914 to 05 Nov 1914
2. **HMS Virginian**: 06 Nov 1914 to 11 Dec 1916



**HMS VIRGINIAN**

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

3. **Pembroke 1** (British Isles Naval Base) 12 Dec 1916 to 24 May 1917
4. **HMS Bristol** (Light Cruiser): 25 May 1917 – 14 June 1917

5. **HMS Caesar:** 15 June 1917 – 21 Nov 1917
6. **HMS Vivid III :** 22 Nov 1917 – 16 May 1918
7. **HMS Gibraltar:** 17 May 1918 – 03 Feb 1919



**HMS Gibraltar**

8. **HMS Vivid III:** 04 Feb 1919 – 28 Mar 1919
9. **HMS Briton** (Training vessel, formerly the Calypso): 29 Mar 1919 – 13 May 1919

He was demobilized in May 1919.

The 1921 Newfoundland Census shows George, now 36, back home in Ship Cove (Port de Grave) and notes fishing as his occupation. The family had then grown to four children, 3 boys and a girl. Edna born in 1910: Albert in 1912: Ronald in 1914 and Walter in 1920. More children would follow and together George and Winnie would have a total of nine (9) children

George died a relatively young man at the age of 47 on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1932. The cause of death was tuberculosis. He is buried in St. Luke's Old Cemetery in Port de Grave.

Winnie remained in their Ship Cove home according to the 1935 Newfoundland general census and passed away there in 1941

Upon further review, it is believed that George's family may have moved to the St. John's area, but this is simply a theory supported only by the discovery of two gravesites at Mount Pleasant Cemetery (St. John's).

Of George's sons, the possible location of two with the correct name, Albert and Walter and birth years gives some credence to this notion.