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**George William Thompson**  
**World War I**

**Royal Canadian Navy**  
**Service No. 1542**

**Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)**  
**Service No. 775X**

**Born:** 18 Feb 1881

**Place of Birth:** Bay Roberts

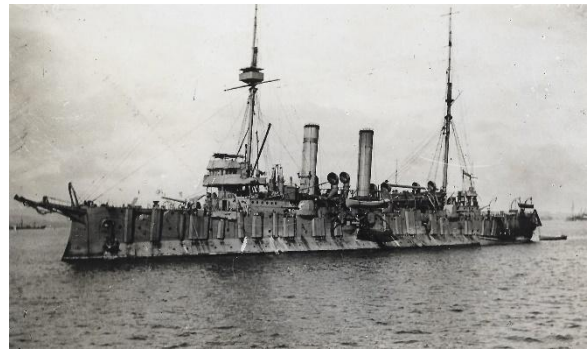
**Parents:** George and Annie Thompson

George enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) in the summer of 1914, he was in his early thirties (33) at the time.

His four years and eight months of service saw him assigned to several British ships, several months service in the Royal Canadian Navy and wounded in action on 12 Aug 1915.

The official entries contained in his Service Ledger Record are as follows:

1. 07 Aug 14 – 18 Nov 14: **HMS Calypso** (Training Vessel)
2. 19 Nov 14 – 28 Jun 15: **HMS Vivid 1**
3. 29 Jun 15 – 06 Feb 16: **HMS Grafton**  
*12 Aug 1915: Wounded in action while serving on the Grafton.*



**HMS Grafton**

4. 07 Feb – 09 Apr 16: **HMS Vivid 1**  
Promoted to leading seaman.
5. 10 Apr 16 – 04 May 16 & 05 May 16 – 31 Jan 17: **HMS Princess**



**HMS Princess**

6. 01 Feb 17 – 10 Apr 17: **HMS Hyacinth**



### **HMS Hyacinth**

7. 11 Apr 17 – 02 Nov 17: **HMS Vivid 111**
8. 06 Nov 17 – 20 Jan 18: **HMS Briton**

Transferred to the RCN (Royal Canadian Navy). Assigned service No. 1542.

9. 24 Jan 18 – 31 Jul 18: **HMCS Niobe**
10. 01 Aug 18 – 21 Dec 18: **HMCS Seagull**
11. 21 Dec 18 – 25 Dec 18: **HMCS Niobe**

Transferred back to the Royal Navy.

12. 26 Dec 18 – 08 Apr 19: **HMS Briton**, demobilized and discharged.

Out of service, George is found in the 1921 general Newfoundland census married and living in Coley's Point. George and his wife Victoria have five (5) children.

By 1935, George, now 54 and Victoria 47 have a family of eight (8) children.

The 1945 census of Newfoundland shows George (62) and Victoria (57) still living in Coley's Point with five (5) children at home with them.

George passed away in May 1957 and Victoria in September 1961. They are buried in the Salvation Army Cemetery at Coley's Point.