



Herbert S. Russell

Royal Naval Reserve Newfoundland

Service No. 2192X

World War I

Born: 1897

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: Stephen and Bertha Russell

Herbert was just nineteen (19) when he enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) at Port St. John's in the spring of 1916. (This is a best estimate based on service record entries)

His service record has an unusual notation at the entry section. It says, "service continued," which gives the distinct impression that there is another part to this record, but it could not be found. So, the record found contains the following entries:

1. 01 Apr 1916 – 30 Jun 1916: HMS Excellent (as leading seaman)
2. 01 Jun 1916 – 07 Nov 1916: HMS President 111
3. 08 Nov 1916 – 01 Aug 1917: HMS President 111
4. 02 Aug 1917 – 18 Oct 1918: HMS Vivid 111
5. 19 Oct 1918 – 19 Jan 1919: HMS (Fraser Eaves)
6. 20 Jan 1919 – 28 Feb 1919: HMS Vivid 111
7. 01 Mar 1919 – 16 Apr 1919: HMS Briton
8. 16 April 1919: Demobilized

The 1921 Newfoundland general census shows Herbert living in Bay Roberts with his parents Stephen (54) and Bertha (40). There are four (4) other siblings in the household as well.

By next census of 1935, Herbert is still living in Bay Roberts but now has a wife, Maude and a son Maxwell (2).

Still in Bay Roberts, the 1945 census has Herbert now 45, wife Maude 33 and they have a family of five (5) children; Maxwell (12), Joyce (6), Donald (5), Hilda (3) and Clarence (3 mos.). Herbert's mother, Bertha now a widow is also living with them.

Herbert died in 1985 and Maude passed away in 2003. They are buried in St. Matthew's Anglican Cemetery, Bay Roberts.