



**Jacob Bussey**

**Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)**

**Service No. 1742X**

**World War I**

**Born:** 23 June 1896

**Died:** 03 October 1918

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

**Parents:** William and Patience Bussey

Nineteen (19) year old Jacob made his way from Port de Grave to St. John's for the specific purpose of enlisting in the war effort. Being from a predominantly fishing area, Jacob enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) as a seaman, a role he knew well.

According to his Attestation (enlistment) papers and service record, the date was the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 1915. His signed up for one year, gave his trade as fisherman and his religion as Church of England.

Once the mandatory medical examination was complete and Jacob found physically fit to serve, he was assigned R.N.R. service No. 1742X and then off to basic training.

Jacob's Service Record contains the following entries by date and ship/naval facility postings:

1. 08mApr 1915 – 29 May 1915: HMS Calypso (The training vessel for the Navy)
2. 31 May 1915 – 17 Jul 1915: HMS Victory 1
3. 18 Jul 1915 – 03 Nov 1915: HMS Excellent
4. 04 Nov 1915 – 04 Mar 1916: HMS President 111
5. 05 Mar 1916 – 17 Jul 1916: HMS ?? Castle
6. 18 Jul 1916 – 09 Nov 1916: HMS Excellent
7. 10 Nov 1916 – 10 Nov 1916 Demobilized and Re-mobilized
8. 11 Nov 1916 - 22 Jun 1918: HMS President 111
9. 22 Jun 1918 – 22 Jul 1918: HMS Excellent
10. 22 Jul 1918 – 03 Oct 1918: S.S. Burutu sunk in collision and Jacob was lost.

Jacob married Dora West of the Yorkshire town of Middleborough, England in May 1918, just several months before he was tragically killed in a collision at sea. He is buried in his wife's town at the Middleborough Linthorpe Cemetery there. Jacob was entitled to three (3) medals for his service:

1. The 1914 – 1915 Star
2. The British War Medal
3. The Victory Medal

