James Thompson
World War I
Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)
Service No. 677X

Born: 21 June 1889

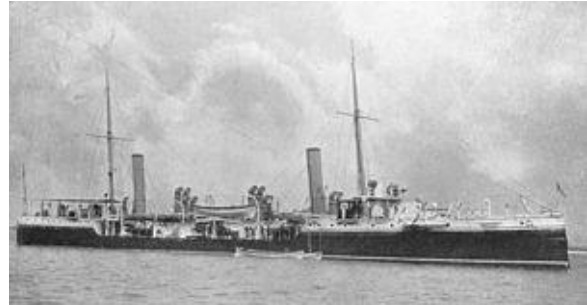**Place of Birth:** Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Parents: James and Rachel Thompson

James was in his mid twenties when he enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve Newfoundland in the summer of 1914. He is described in his papers as being 5'5" tall, of fresh complexion and having brown hair and eyes.

His official service ledger record provides information as to his postings on various ships or at naval facilities/dockyards. His record contains the following entries by date:
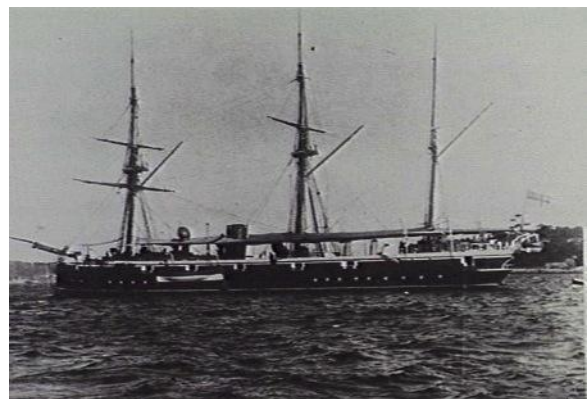
1. 19 Aug 14 – 18 Nov 14: **HMS Calypso**

2. 19 Nov 14 – 04 Mar 15: HMS Vivid 1
3. 05 Mar 15 – 31 Mar 15: **HMS Halcyon**

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4. 01 Apr 15 – 31 Dec 15: **HMS Coleen**

HMS *Royalist* was a *Satellite*-class corvette launched 1883. She was hulked as a depot ship in 1900, renamed HMS *Colleen* in 1913.

5. 13 May 15 – 25 May 17: **HMS Pembroke 1**
6. Promoted to PO (Petty Officer) 26 Jul 16
7. 26 May 17 – 09 Dec 17**: HMS Briton**
8. 26 Dec 18 – 19 Mar 19: **HMS Briton**

Service in the Royal Canadian Navy:

1. **10 Dec 17 – 30 Apr 18: HMCS Stadacona**
2. **01 May 18 – 20 Dec 18: HMCS Guelph**
3. **21 Dec 18 – 25 Dec 18: HMCS Niobe**
4. Reverted back to the RN (Royal Navy) on 26 Dec 1918.

The 1921 Newfoundland general census shows a James Thompson living in Coley's Point, Bay Roberts area. He is married to Salomie Snow (they were married in 1913) and they have two (2) children.

By the time of the next census in 1935, James now 44 and Salomie, also 44 have eight (8) children. They are still residing at Coley's Point.

The census of 1945 shows the Thompsons living in Botwood. There are just six (6) children living at home with them now.

Salomie passed away in 1949 at the age of 55-56 and is buried in the Salvation Army Cemetery at Botwood, Newfoundland.

With the passing of his wife, Salomie, James seems to disappear from all official documentation and following extensive research cannot be located. This biography will be updated when/if new information is located.