



John Greenland Cave
World War I
Royal Naval Reserve
Service No. 2433X

Born: 22 Jul 1896

Died: 23 May 1954 (Age 57)

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: George and Francis (Helen Francis Fanny Russell) Cave

John enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve on the 20th of March 1918. He was 21 at the time and the war was ending.

John's enlistment paper provides the following information: he was single, 5 feet 6 inches tall, signed up for the duration of the war, signed his own name to the paper and was a fisherman by occupation.

Prior to enlisting, John was a member of the Merchant Marine as noted by the service number 10016.

His service record as member of the Royal Naval Reserve Newfoundland has only two entries:

1. Assigned to the HMS Briton 20-March-1918 to 1 June-1918 for basic training.
2. Assigned to the HMS Briton 2 June 1918 to 10 April 1919.

John did not see action overseas. He was demobilized and discharged from service on the 10th of April 1919.

John returned home to Bay Roberts following his time in the service and it is assumed he returned to his former occupation as fisherman.

The 1921 Newfoundland general census shows John living at home with his parents and younger brother Arthur. At the time John was 25, Arthur 22, parents George and Francis 63 and 59, respectively.

The following year, John married Elizabeth Dawe of Cupids on November 21 at Salmon Cove. They had a son George born in 1927.

By the time of the next census in 1935, John is now married to Myra (nee Loveridge) Cave and young George at age 7 is with them.

In the 1945 census, the couple have two more children, Florence who is 10, David is 8 and George is now 18.

John would pass away at age 57 on May 24th, 1954, at the General Hospital St. John's of stomach cancer. He is buried in the Salvation Army Cemetery, Cat Hills, Bay Roberts. His obituary from The Daily News dated 29 May 1954 is found below.

Mr. John Cave Passes Away

BAY ROBERTS, May 25—Sunday morning, May 23, the town of Bay Roberts was saddened to learn of the death of Mr. John Cave, which occurred at the General Hospital at 2 a.m. Sunday morning. The late Mr. Cave had recently undergone a serious operation, and was in his 58th year.

Left to mourn their sad loss are his widow, the former Myra Parsons of Country Road; one daughter, Florence, Nurse-in-Training at the Grace Hospital; two sons, George and David, at home; two sisters, Violet, Mrs. Isaac Launderers, and Muriel, Mrs. Lesley Pardy, both in Mass., U.S.A., one brother, Arthur Cave at Toronto; as well as a large circle of relatives and friends.

The late Mr. Cave was a Veteran of the Royal Navy in World War I, and was well known and liked for his pleasant and obliging manner.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, Tuesday, May 25, to the Salvation Army Citadel and Cemetery, and will be accompanied by members of the Bay Roberts Branch of the Canadian Legion.

We join with the community in extending deep-felt sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives.