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**Joseph Alvan Norman
World War I
Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)
Service No. 1762X**

Joseph was born in Bay Roberts on the 5th of February 1895 to parents Samuel and Sarah.

On May 7th, 1915, Joseph would enlist in the Royal Naval Reserve as a seaman. He was 20 years old at the time.

His official enlistment papers show he listed his occupation as Lighthouse Keeper. It also notes that he had requested that an allotment of 50 cents a week be deducted from his pay and sent to his mother Sarah in Bay Roberts.

Another interesting item written on the document that states that accepted into the RNR, Joseph agrees to “....undergo 28 days of drill immediately on-board HMS Calypso.”

Joseph was accepted into the Royal Naval Reserve, assigned Service No.1762X. He

underwent basic training on board the HMS Calypso and then shipped to England for additional training and/or assignment.

From his service record covering the four-year period from enlistment on May 7th, 1915, to demobilization on May 23rd, 1919, Joseph was assigned to seven or eight different vessels and on shore base locations.

Once the war ended, Joseph returned to civilian life in Bay Roberts. The 1921 census shows that Samuel is living at home with his parents, and he has a wife, Rosina, all the way from Rotherhithe (South-East London) England.....his war bride.

They both appear in subsequent 1935 and 1945 census reports for Bay Roberts. There is no notation or record of any children.

Joseph passed away at 62 from heart problems on January 20th, 1958, just 5 months after Rosina passed in late 1957.