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Joseph Bradbury
World War I
Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)
Service No. 749X

Born: 19 October 1888

Place of Birth: Coley's Point,
Newfoundland

Parents: James and Eliza Bradbury

With the rather low service number of 749X, Joseph was one of the first one thousand Newfoundlanders to enlist in the Royal Naval Reserve of the first world war.

According to his Service (Ledger) Record, he began his service on 07 Aug 1914 and ended with his discharge on 27 May 1919, a period of almost five (5) years.

The official handwritten entries in his record are as follows:

1. 07 Aug 14 – 05 Nov 14: **HMS Calypso**

2. 06 Nov 14 – 29 Nov 14: **HMS Vivid 1**
3. 30 Nov 14 – 27 Mar 16: **HMS Columbella**



HMS Columbella

HMS "Columbella" was launched in 1902 by D&W Henderson Ltd, Glasgow, as SS "Columbia": the 8497 tons flagship of the Anchor Lines.

SS "Columbia" was used on the company's service from Glasgow to New York until she was requisitioned by the Admiralty and converted for use as an Armed Merchant Cruiser in the Royal Navy.

4. 28 Nov 16 – 24 May 17: **HMS Pembroke 1**
5. 25 May 17 – 14 Jun 14: **HMS Briton**
6. 15 Jun 17 – 21 Mar 18: **HMS Caesar**
7. 22 May 18 – 18 Apr 18: **HMS Vivid 111**
8. 18 Apr 18: Promoted to acting leading seaman
9. 19 Apr 18 – 10 Feb 19: **HMS President 111**
10. 11 Feb 19 – 11 Apr 19: **HMS Vivid 111**
11. 12 Apr 19 – 24 May 19: **HMS Briton**. Shore Demobilized and discharged.

Once out of the service and back in civilian life, Joseph is found in the 1921 Newfoundland general census living in Coley's Point. He is married to Elizabeth (nee: Ivimey), and they have a baby girl, Millicent who is just 1 week old at the time the census was taken.

By the time of the next general census in 1935, Joseph, now 47 and Elizabeth, 45, are still living in Coley's Point and just have the one child.

With 1945 census, Joseph and Elizabeth are grandparents. Their daughter Millicent has married Ralph Dale and they have a son, Edward who is two (2) years old.

Joseph passed away in December 1947 and Elizabeth in 1979. They are buried in St. John the Evangelist Anglican Cemetery at Coley's Point.