



Joseph Snow (1898-1967)

Joseph Snow was born in 1898 at Fishing Ships Harbour in Labrador. He was one of a twins born to Henry and Rachel Snow. Joseph survived, while his twin brother died at birth.

Joseph's family then moved back to Bay Roberts, where he grew up. He spent much of his childhood there and went to school in Bay Roberts.

The First World War broke out when Joseph was just 16 years old. Like many other young men at the time, it was natural for him to want to enlist. Most people saw the war as a chance to travel and see the world.

On May 4, 1915, Joseph enlisted with the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve. He was only sixteen at the time, so he had to lie about his age to sign up. He told them he was 18 years old.

Joseph Snow began training on the ship "H.M.S CALYPSO" that was docked in the St. John's harbour. He completed his first month of training on this ship, before being sent to the Portsmouth Area of England for further training as a Gunner.

From August of 1915 to November of 1916, he served on the cruiser "H.M.S CORNWALL", then from June 1917 to November 1917, he was assigned to serve on the battleship "H.M.S CAESAR".

He spent another year stationed at depots in England and did further gunnery training, before being transferred as a gunner on the minesweeper "PENARTH." His service on this ship lasted from June 1918 to August 1918.

His service ended when he was demobilized on May 27 in 1919.

After his service in the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve, he returned home in Bay Roberts where he spent the rest of his life. In November of 1919, He married Violet French. Together they raised a family of five children, four daughters and one son.

During this time, he developed an interest in carpentry, and spent a lot of time working as a carpenter. He also spent some of his retirement fishing.

Joseph Snow passed away at his home in 1967, at the age of sixty-nine. He is remembered by family and relatives.

Gunnery School
(Joseph on the far right.)



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Pip, Squeak and Wilfred
Presentation.

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