



KENNETH TUCKER
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Kenneth Tucker
Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)
World War I
Service No. 1187X

Born: Nov 1897

Place of Birth: Port de Grave,
Newfoundland

Parents: John and Selina Tucker

At 19 years of age, Kenneth enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) at Port St. John's. His enlistment papers are dated 12 February 1914 and provides some information about Kenneth. He was from Port de Grave, stood 5' 4" tall, was of fresh complexion, had light brown hair and blue eyes. He gave his trade as fishing.

Kenneth's Service (Ledger) Record, which spans five (5) years in all contains the following entries:

1. 04 Aug 14 – 05 Aug 14: **HMS Calypso** (Training Vessel).
2. 06 Nov 14 – 06 Dec 14: **HMS Vivid 1**
3. 07 Dec 14 – 03 Dec 15: **HMS Oropesa**
*H.M.S. Oropesa was a **commercial liner** converted for use as an Armed Merchant Cruiser in the Royal Navy. She was renamed H.M.S. Champagne in December 1915.*
4. 04 Dec 15 – 31 Jan 16: **HMS Vivid 1**
5. 14 Jan 16 – 12 Jun 17: **HMS President 111** (HMS President 111 was not a ship, but a **shore base near London**, President III was the accounting base for Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships in WW2, or DAMS, which is what they were called in WW1. It was where the pay records etc. were maintained for those sailors who were serving as gunners aboard Merchant Ships.)
6. 13 Jun 17 – 09 Jul 17: **HMS Pembroke**
7. 10 Jul 17 – 09 Dec 17: **HMS Briton**
8. 10 Dec 17 – 17 Mar 18: **HMS Vivid 111**
9. 18 Mar 18 – 16 Jan 19: **HMS President 111**
10. 17 Jan 19 – 25 Feb 19: **HMS Vivid 111**
11. 09 Mar 19 – 16 Mar 19: **HMS Briton**
12. Shore demobilized.

Once out of the service, Kenneth returned to his civilian life and presumably went back to

fishing. The general Newfoundland census 1921 finds Kenneth (23) married to a young lady from Blow Me Down by the name of Ella (21).

The 1945 general census shows Kenneth and Ella living in Port de Grave, now with a family of four (4), three boys (Albert, John & Kenneth) and a girl (Florence).

Kenneth died in 1965 and Ella in 1995. They are buried in St. Luke's Anglican Cemetery at Port de Grave, Newfoundland.