



**Lorenzo Roberts**

**World War I**

**Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)**

**Service No. 1161X**

**Royal Canadian Navy**

**Service No. 1748**

**Born:** 1893

**Place of Birth:** Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

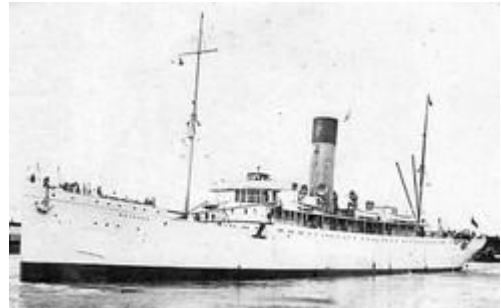
**Parents:** Abraham and Mary Roberts

Lorenzo enlisted in the summer of 1914. He was 21 years old at that time.

Service Record:

1. 24 Aug 14 – 05 Nov 14: **HMS Calypso**
2. 06 Nov 14 – 28 Dec 14: **HMS Excellent**

3. 29 Dec 14 – 11 Apr 17: **HMS Motagua**



**HMS Montagu**

**HMS MOTAGUA** – December 1914 to May 1918, Northern Patrol (10th Cruiser Squadron, including mined and damaged), Central Atlantic convoys (including collision with USS Manley)

4. 12 Apr 17 - 09 Nov 17: **HMS Victory 1**
5. 10 Nov 17 – 15 Jan 18: **HMS Brilliant**



**HMS Brilliant**

**HMS Brilliant** was an *Apollo*-class cruiser of the British Royal Navy which served from 1893 to 1918 in various colonial posts and off the British Isles as a hastily converted minelayer during the First World War.

6. 16 Jan 18 – 04 Feb 18: **HMS Wellington**
7. 05 Feb 18 – 11 Apr 18: **HMS Victory 1**
8. 12 Apr 18 – 24 Apr 18: **HMS Pembroke**

9. 25 Apr 18 – 13 Jul 18: **HMS Briton**

Transferred to the RCN (Royal Canadian Navy) as AB (able seaman). Service No. 1748

10. 14 Jul 18 – 03 Sep 18: **HMCS Niobe**

11. 04 Sep 18 – 06 Sep 18: **Patrol Depot**

12. 07 Sep 18 – 30 Nov 18: **HMCS Seagull**

13. 01 Dec 18 – 20 Dec 18: **HMCS Niobe**

Transferred back to the RN (Royal Navy)

14. 21 Dec 18 – 07 Apr 19: **HMS Briton**  
and shore demobilized in Apr 1919.

Upon Release from the navy, Lorenzo returned to Bay Roberts and according to the Newfoundland general census of 1921 is found living in Country Road, Bay Roberts. The census entry has him as Lorenza (29), but this is a simple spelling error. He is married to wife Jessie (29), and they have two children, (both girls,) Elizabeth and Dana.

The 1935 census contains no record of Lorenzo or his family but the 1945 census lists him, now at 52 years and living in Country Road, Bay Roberts. His wife's name is Marion, she is fifteen (15) years his junior and his second wife (?). There is one child listed, Arthur is 19.

Lorenzo passed away in 1982 and Marion in 1994. They are buried in the St. John the Evangelist Anglican Cemetery in Coley's Point, Newfoundland