



NATHANIEL BISHOP
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ROYAL NAVY.

Nathaniel was born on 29 December 1898 to parents Henry and Ellen (nee Petten) of Port de Grave, Newfoundland.

Growing up into Port de Grave, where making a living normally meant fishing, it is quite understandable that when young Nathaniel enlisted to serve in WW1, he chose to be a seaman in the Royal Naval Reserve.

He enlisted at Port St. John's on 19th of April 1916 for the duration of the war, he was just 18. Once paperwork and medical examinations were complete, he was assigned service No. 2077 and sent to the HMS Briton for basic training. The Briton being the training vessel or more precisely a training hulk and barracks moored on the harbour's south side.

Nathaniel served three years in all, from April 1916 to April 1919, when he was demobilized at the end of the war.

Nathaniel had done his service and now returned home where in 1921, he married Fanny Evelyn Petten and together they raised a family. The census of 1935 shows them living in "Pick Eyes" Port de Grave and they now have four children.

Nathaniel died in 1997 and is buried in Port de Grave at the Pentecostal Cemetery there.

According to his service record, Nathaniel served on board the HMS Pekin from September 1916 to July 1917.

HMS Pekin The name of the auxiliary patrol shore base at Grimsby 1907-19. One trawler No.24 carried this name as tender at the base.



Interesting Note:

The place names of small communities in Newfoundland are simply eye catching. For example, Nathaniel was born in Hibb's Hole, married Evelyn from Blow Me Down and together they lived in Pick Eyes (all smaller communities of the larger Port de Grave).