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Philip Delaney
Royal Naval Reserve Newfoundland
Service No. 849X
World War I

Born: August 1893

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts

Parents: Stephen and Mary Delaney

Philip was just seventeen (17) years old when he enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) at the port of St. John's. His term of service would be a brief one and in fact his service record contains only a single entry.

HMS Calypso: 07 Aug 1914 – 28 Nov 1914

During this brief time, Philip was diagnosed with subacute rheumatism and rheumatic fever (resistant to treatment). He was subsequently invalided and released as medically unfit for further service.

Although released from the Naval Reserve, it is worthy of note that he was prepared to step up and do what he felt was his part in the war effort, but circumstances dictated otherwise.

In civilian life, Philip is found in the 1921 Newfoundland general census living in Bay Roberts with wife Mary Margaret (nee Walsh) and one (1) year old son Alphonsus. Living with them at this time was his mother, Mary Ellen (61) and sister Veronica (29)

The 1935 census entry shows things have changed. Philip (46), Mary (35) and their eight (8) children are now living in Bell Island. There is no mention of his mother or sister in the notations made.

Still in Bell Island, the 1945 census listings show that Philip and Mary now have the (10) children ranging in ages from four (4) to twenty-five (25) at home with them.

Philip passed away in 1966 and wife Mary in 1978. They buried in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Bell Island.