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**Robert Mark Norman**

**Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)**

**Service No. 1746X**

**World War I**

**Born:** 27 April 1883

**Died:** 1941

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

**Parents:** Unavailable

Robert apparently liked his middle name since when he enlisted on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1915, he gave his name as Mark and that's how he is identified on his Naval Service Record.

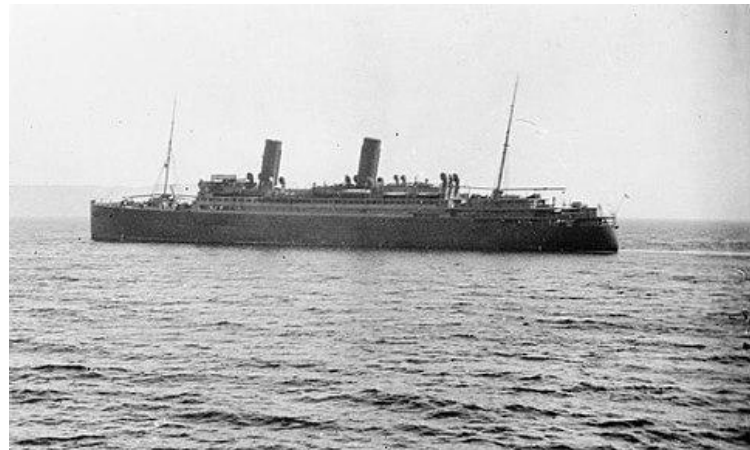
Mark enlisted at the Port of St. John's and according to his attestation papers, he was thirty-two (32) years old, stood just 5' 3", was single, of fresh complexion with light hair and blue eyes.

He enlisted for just one year, but his service record tells a very different story. In fact, he

served at total of just over four (4) years in all from 15 April 1915 to 24 May 1919.

Official Service Record for Mark Norman 1746X reads as follows:

1. 16 Apr 1915 – 20 May 1915: HMS Calypso. The Calypso was a training vessel stationed in St. John's Harbour and was later renamed the Briton.
2. 30 May 1915 – 21 Aug 1915: HMS Victory 1
3. 22 Aug 1915 – 19 Nov 1916: HMS Cormorant
4. 20 Nov 1916 – 24 May 1917: HMS Pembroke 1
5. 25 May 1917 – 13 Nov 1917: HMS Vivid 111
6. 14 Nov 1917 – 05 Jun 1918: HMS Briton
7. 06 Jun 1918 – 12 Feb 1919: HMS Calgarian (?)



**SS Calgarian** was an Allan Line steam turbine ocean liner that was built in 1914 and converted into a Royal Navy armed merchant cruiser. Until 1916 she served with the 9th Cruiser Squadron, patrolling off West Africa and then off the east coast of the United States. She spent the remainder of her career making transatlantic crossings between Canada and Britain.

An Imperial German Navy U-boat sank her off Rathlin Island, Ireland on 1 March 1918. Three torpedoes hit her, and her sinking killed two officers and 47 ratings.

8. 13 Feb 1919 – 11 Apr 1919: HMS Vivid 111
9. 12 Apr 1919 – 24 May 1919: HMS Briton
10. 24 May 1919: Shore demobilized and discharged from duty

The 1921 Newfoundland general census lists Mark at age 38 and his wife Maud at 20 living in Bay Roberts.

By the following census taken in 1935, Mark and Maud's family now includes three (3) children; Pearl age 11, Robert 9 and Eva 5. They are still residents of Bay Roberts

The 1945 census for Bay Roberts shows Maud listed as a widow. Mark having passed away in 1941 due to myocarditis. The three children are still at home with their mom, Maud.

As noted, Mark passed away in 1941 due to a heart condition and is buried in the New St. Matthews Cemetery at Bay Roberts.

Maud passed in 1979 and is buried in the same cemetery at Bay Roberts.